



Knowing Christ...Making Christ Known



October 4, 2020

WELCOME TO



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OUR MISSION -

"TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE CHRIST KNOWN"

Visiting today? Welcome!

October 4, 2020

Notes for Today's Services

**We hope that you will be able to join
with us in worship through the live streaming
on the website templelutheran.org**

OFFERING - *During today's service we cannot collect an offering for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. At Temple Lutheran Church, we acknowledge financial stewardship to be an act of discipleship, done in response to the Good News of God's love. As you hear God's Word today and consider the ways God has blessed you, we invite you to share only what God is calling you to share. We thank you for your generous gifts, and assure you that your donations will help to transform lives as we come to know Christ, and make Christ known throughout Havertown and the world. Please mail checks to the church.*

While we are all social distancing, the work and expenses of the church continue. Please consider e-giving as a way to continue meeting your pledge to Temple during this time. Contact our Financial Secretary at finsecretary@templelutheran.org for information or the form to do this.

TODAY'S READING ROMANS 1:18-32

¹⁸For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and wickedness of those who by their wickedness suppress the truth. ¹⁹For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰Ever since the creation of the world his eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been understood and seen through the things he has made. So they are without excuse; ²¹for though they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their senseless minds were darkened. ²²Claiming to be wise, they became fools; ²³and they exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling a mortal human being or birds or four-footed animals or reptiles.

²⁴Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the degrading of their bodies among themselves, ²⁵because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

²⁶For this reason God gave them up to degrading passions. Their women exchanged natural intercourse for unnatural, ²⁷and in the same way also the men, giving up natural intercourse with women, were consumed with passion for one another. Men committed shameless acts with men and received in their own persons the due penalty for their error.

²⁸And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind and to things that should not be done. ²⁹They were filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, covetousness, malice. Full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, craftiness, they are gossips, ³⁰slanderers, God-haters, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, rebellious toward parents, ³¹foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. ³²They know God's decree, that those who practice such things deserve to die — yet they not only do them but even applaud others who practice them.

VIRTUAL CAFÉ! will happen directly after service using the link found below! This is a new Zoom meeting and will be held on Sundays, every week from 10:20am to 11:35am.

[Virtual Café Link](#)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

For Healing and Encouragement Angie, Paul Arata, Jane Bachensky, Geoff Bailey, Keith Bailey, Fernando Batista, Brendan Bell, John Burd, Nancy Butler, Jack Byers, Mike Carr, Linda Clack, Jane Corso, Marion Crawford, Noah Davis, Bobbie Delaney, Gordon Dersheimer, Declan Devlin, Chase Doyle and Adam, Mary England, Christie Ennis, Bill Faust, Shane Faust, David Fitch, Kristine Ferguson-Franklin, Lois Ann Forgress-Oler, Lois Gabbott, Patty Gardner, Todd Gasper, Greg Hallquist, Mike and Sandy Harms, Florence Homer, Craig Jamgochian, Gina Kapusniak, Kim Komar, Louis F. Lamoreux, Jean Long, Madison Lynn, Kevin Mack, Pat Mannion, Janet Marinari, Bridget Marley, Mary Ann Mittleman, Sister Judy Moellet, Audie Murphy, Betty Pagan, Carmen Palacios, Linda Palisano, Marita Reardon, Susan Rush, family and friends of Freddy Seefeldt, Merry Snyder, Karen Spangler, Vera Spangler, Benny Strain, Gaetan Termini, Dick Torti, Joyce Van, Frankie Vlassopoulos, Lily Walker, Barbara Ward, Philip White, Linda Wilke.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:



ALL SAINTS DAY—Sunday, November 1

Live Streamed Worship at 9:30; In-Person at 8:30 & 11:00

Please give the office names of those who have died in the past year that you would like to remember.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

In the sure and certain hope of the resurrection, we will be remembering departed loved ones during the services on November 1st. If you would like to have a loved one who died during the past year included in this

commemoration, please let the office know.



Thank you to everyone who is making live streaming the Sunday Service possible. For the musicians –Sarah Foss, Florrie Marks, Amanda Quillen and Mark Wallace, for the audio-visual tech man – Kyle Barger, for the creative children's activities – Juli Pierdomenico and Pastor Timothy Johansen.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, November 4, 2:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Call Sue Cook, Red Cross or [click](#) to make an appointment. Giving blood saves lives!



SUNDAY SCHOOL

On-line Sunday School is before the live-stream service from 9am-9:30am with Miss Jeanne via a Zoom link:

[Sunday School on Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 759 0842 5637
Passcode: XpcX0X



In-person Saturday meets on **Saturday** mornings at **Paddock Park**. (new location)

9:30-10:15: Kindergarten – 5th Grade

10:30-11:15: Middle School/High School Youth Group

Bring your own chairs and blankets! Health precautions include wearing a mask and remaining 6 feet apart at all times.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to text or email me. I look forward to seeing you on Saturday!

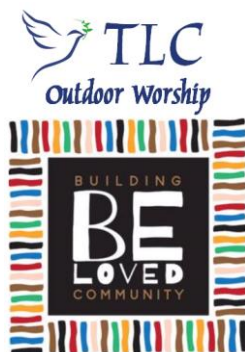
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IN-PERSON WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY WEDNESDAYS

Please join us Wednesday at 7 PM for worship in the parking lot of the old Brookline School on Earlington Road (and Sagamore). We'll gather together for a scripture lesson and a prepared reflection, then we'll break into small groups for check-ins and Bible Study. Please come prepared to wear a mask the whole time and abide by appropriate social distancing guidelines. If you have any questions, email Rob Mannix: robmannix@gmail.com



RESOURCES AVAILABLE

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14



I believe there are some things we all can do together to address racial division and injustice in our society today. It is five-fold, and can be found in 2 Chronicles 7:14.

First: let's clearly define the issue... "If my people who are called by name ..."

We must understand that we are all God's children, made in His image, formed from the dust of the earth. And if we hate a Black or Brown person for the color of their skin, we are hating ourselves. Some scientists and theologians alike have agreed that the first people on the planet were Black people as the earliest remains were found in Africa. Therefore, I believe every race came out of the Black race. While that may be difficult to process or believe, the truth is we all share a common DNA, and we all require the same basic things in order to survive. We are all "called by His name." God sees each one of us as redeemed and worthy, and we all need to see ourselves the way God sees us. Our true identity is found in who our Heavenly Father is to us, not in how society treats us, or what they say about us.

Nikita Johnson

P.S. If you'd like to talk, we have a team of people standing by. Reply to this email and you'll get connected with one of us.

[Resources – TLC Family](#)
[Doin' the Work](#)

IMPORTANT DATES



In October, we have many important dates to announce, including two online congregational meetings that beg your attendance.

October 11 at 11 a.m. – Congregational Meeting virtually on Zoom. We will be discussing much needed work on our flat roof and stone masonry. We will also see a presentation from Noel Smyth about installing solar panels on the church's roof. There will be a vote regarding the replacement of the flat roof.

October 18, also at 11 a.m. – Congregational Meeting virtually on Zoom. We will learn more about our redevelopment agreement with Grace Lutheran Church, Broomall and our efforts to come alongside them as they seek growth and revitalization. We will also be voting on a new Welcome Statement which would allow Temple to officially become a Reconciling in Christ Congregation (committed to extending unconditional welcome to *LGBTQIA+ folks*).

Meeting Link for Both Meetings

We'll use the same Meeting ID and Password for both meetings. Don't have a computer or smart phone? That's okay. There's a dial-in option through your phone!

Computer/Smart Phone
Meeting ID: 879 1714 5239
Password: temple

Telephone
Phone #: (646) 558-8656
Meeting ID: 879 1714 5239
Password: 079557



Return to
IN-PERSON
worship

Sundays at 8:30 a.m.
Starting October 4
Registration Required

We will also start in-person worship in the sanctuary at 8:30 a.m. on October 4. In-person worship will be expanded November 1 to 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masks and social distancing will be required and there will be other accommodations to responsibly promote public health. Reservations are required.

In-Person Worship Sign-up

Don't have a computer or smart phone and want to sign up? Call or text Pastor Tim or call the church office by Thursday. All slots taken and not able to sign up – email the office so you can be signed up for the next week. All slots on October 25 will be reserved for the confirmands and their families and guests.

Note: We will be keeping our 9:30 online worship service indefinitely. We are dedicated to accommodating as many people as possible in these wild COVID times.



Homebrew Oktoberfest - To Go

COVID-19 can't stop us from serving up delicious German food and homebrew!

Drive by for schnitzel, homemade bratwurst, sauerkraut, pretzels and homebrew beer and cider. All to Go!

Temple Lutheran Church
501 Brookline Blvd.,
Havertown

Saturday, October 24
4:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Plates starting at \$10

Thank you for your continued support!

www.templelutheran.org

PLEASE WEAR YOUR FACE MASK

Homebrew Oktoberfest 2020
Temple Lutheran

For fun, we will be having a Homebrew Octoberfest TO GO this year – a drive by, take-out meal of delicious German dishes, prepared by Kevin Rieck and many others. 4-7 PM. That will be Saturday, October 24.

STAYING CONNECTED IN COMMUNITY

Life has ups and downs and we all go through challenging times.

Especially now, when social distancing has brought in an additional level of human distancing, we can often find ourselves craving human interaction and support. This group has been initiated for exactly

this purpose, to build human connections, especially in the face of the current adversity. TLC's "Staying Connected in Community" aspires to be a safe group that welcomes everyone to share their experiences and challenges, and to listen and connect with others while recognizing both our common humanity and the divine light we share. "Staying Connected in Community" will be meeting virtually every 3rd Thursday of the month, with group gatherings starting at 7:45 pm and discussion between 8-9.30pm.

Next meeting will be Thursday, October 15. Zoom link is below.

For more details, please contact Lisa Schneller at

lisaschneller23@gmail.com



Staying Connected in Community



COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

We are collecting light weight items, "store bought" treats such as raisins, dried fruit and nuts, gum, lollipops, popcorn, peanuts, pretzels, crackers, cookies, Halloween candy, small packs of coffee, tea or hot chocolate, instant soup.

NO POTATO CHIPS or CRUSHABLE SNACKS, PLEASE.

Please put items in the tub by the glass doors.



BLESSED TOMORROW - CARING FOR CREATION TODAY

Joy Baxter – Blessed Tomorrow and ELCA Creation Care Ambassador

Sat. October 10th, 2020 9am Zoom

In Genesis 2:15, God calls on us to care for God's creation. How do we do that? In my 1 1/2 hour presentation I hope the interconnections between our faithful missions of feeding the hungry, caring for the poor, racial justice, and creation care will become clearer.

The goals of the presentation are to...

- Provide information about our changing environment & climate
- Help you make the connection between faith & climate
- Empower you with solutions

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82778541078?pwd=eFlxbjFWcGF0SzJYRG5wMEpXSHh6QT09>

Meeting ID: 827 7854 1078

Passcode: 185166

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Find your local number:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kcaQxXqxFP>



CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR FOSTER CHILDREN

through Bethany Adoption and Foster Care Agency.

Now is the time to sign up to buy gifts for children living in foster care right here in the Delaware Valley. Sign up today and let us know how many children you would like to sponsor. Each child will provide a "wish list" of gifts that cost up to \$25. Wish lists will be provided to you in November, and gifts will be gathered at Temple Lutheran Church in early December. *This is a great opportunity to invite your friends, neighbors and family members to participate in the mission of Temple Lutheran Church!* Sign up using the link below through October 26 or call the church office. Questions: Check with Vanessa Wallace

[Christmas Gifts for Foster Children](#)



We are also filling gift bags for the women at Chester Eastside Ministries. Please provide your own bags (7" wide, 9" high) or contact the church office. [Click](#) for a list of suggested items. Please return bags by December 6. Thank you.

BED LINEN ITEMS FOR HOMELESS

TLC Food Pantry is collecting the following New or Gently Used items for distribution to the homeless in Philadelphia:



Flat sheets
Pillows
Pillow cases
Towels
Comforters

No ripped, torn, or visibly soiled items please.
Please put donations in the tub by the glass doors.

GIVING TO TEMPLE

While we are all social distancing,
the work and expenses of the church continue.

There are now many ways you can now give to TLC

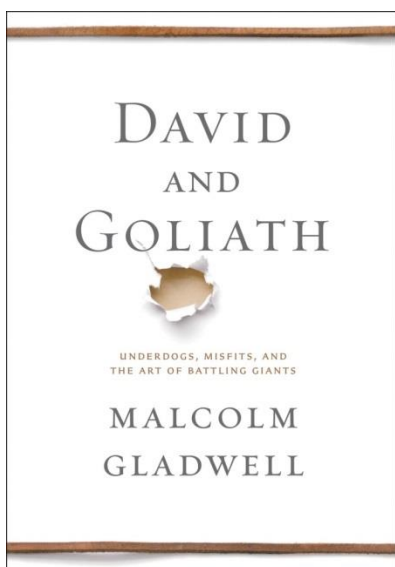
- Mail a check to the church office
- Authorize payment through your bank
- Sign up for electronic giving with Nancy Hallowell

Questions? Contact [Nancy Hallowell](#)

- Use the PayPal link on the website or in Temple Connections or below



BOOK CLUB



Our next book for the TLC Bookclub will be ***"David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits, and the Art of Battling Giants"*** by Malcolm Gladwell.

"In his #1 bestselling books *The Tipping Point*, *Blink*, and *Outliers*, Malcolm Gladwell has explored the ways we understand and change our world. Now he looks at the complex and surprising ways the weak can defeat the strong, the small can match up against the giant, and how our goals (often culturally

determined) can make a huge difference in our ultimate sense of success. Drawing upon examples from the world of business, sports, culture, cutting-edge psychology, and an array of unforgettable characters around the world, *David and Goliath* is in many ways the most practical and provocative book Malcolm Gladwell has ever written." - Goodreads

Please join us on Monday, October 5 at 8PM for great discussion and fellowship. Even if you haven't read the book, you are very welcome to join! For more details on how to join the video chat, contact Despina at despina.kontos@gmail.com



FOOD PANTRY

Check the website <https://tlcfoodpantry.com>

Needed: Paper products (particularly paper towels), detergent, hand soap (bars) and coffee both instant and ground.

VIRTUAL 5K SUPERHERO RUN

Run anytime before October 31.

**CHILD GUIDANCE
RESOURCE CENTERS**

VIRTUAL 5K

SUPERHERO RUN

Making healthy choices, one stride at a time

- Run anywhere!
- Tek-tee & Festival-in-a-Box sent to your home!
- Lots of prizes: top fundraising team, best Superhero costume, most steps taken in one day & more!

Run anytime before October 31!
Prizes will be drawn at 3pm, 11/1 on FB Live!

Wherever we run, we choose to run with heroes. Join us!

To register: bit.ly/CGRC5K

This event is funded by the Delaware County Office of Behavioral Health, Drug and Alcohol Division.

CALENDAR

Tuesdays	8:30 p.m.	AA Meeting
Wednesdays	7:00 p.m.	Outdoor Worship at Old Brookline School, Earlington & Sagamore Rds.
Thursdays	7:00 p.m.	Sober with Sitters (AA with Childcare)
Saturdays	In-person	Saturday School, Grange Field
	9:30-10:15:	Kindergarten – 5th Grade
	10:30-11:15:	Middle/High School Youth Group
Sundays	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School with Ms. Jeanne
	9:30 a.m.	Live Streamed Worship Service

12-Step meetings are held regularly at the church, but not all of them are posted, at the request of each group's leadership. Please contact Pastor Tim if you have an addiction and need help.

Partners in Ministry

Ministers	People of Temple Lutheran Church
Pastor	The Rev. Timothy B. Johansen
Congregation Council President	Pat Keaveney
Director of Music Ministries	Florrie Marks
Children, Youth & Family Minister	Julianna Pierdomenico
Director of Discipleship	Rob Mannix
Office Administrator	Janet Bruss
Director of Sunday School	Jeanne Daniels
Sunday Nursery Staff	Shelly Davis
Sexton	Calvin Lawler

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