

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY, SEPT. 6, 2026

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Divine Service 10:15 AM

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST DIVINE SERVICE SETTING THREE

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“FATHER WELCOMES”

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✠ PSALM 32:1-7

P ¹Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,

C **whose sin is covered.**

P ²Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,

C **and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

P ³For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away

C **through my groaning all day long.**

P ⁴For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me;

C **my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

P ⁵I acknowledged my iniquity;

C **I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P ⁶Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found;

C **surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.**

P ⁷You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble;

C **You surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

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P The Lord be with you.

C ♪ And with thy spirit

P Let us pray.

A O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
♪Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING -- EZEKIEL 33:7-9

P The Old Testament Reding for the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost is from the thirty-third chapter of Ezekiel.

⁷“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from My mouth, you shall give them warning from Me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”

P This is the Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL (*Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.*)

P Fear the LORD you His saints

C **for those who fear Him lack nothing!**

P Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

C **but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

THE EPISTLE READING -- ROMANS 13:1-10

P The Epistle reading is from the thirteenth chapter of Romans.

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. ⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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✠THE HOLY GOSPEL ---- MATTHEW 18:1-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighteenth chapter.

C **♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" ²And calling to Him a child, He put him in the midst of them ³and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵"Whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him to

have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. ⁷“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire. ¹⁰“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father Who is in heaven. ¹¹For the Son of Man came to save the lost. ¹²What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of My Father Who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. ¹⁵“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I among them.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord
C 🎵 **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

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“LORD OF GLORY, YOU HAVE BOUGHT US”

THE SERMON PSALM 32:1-7

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P Lord, In Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

COMMUNION STATEMENT

The Lord’s Supper is celebrated by this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites us to His table as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Corinthians 11:29-30) and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, you are asked to **refrain until you** first speak with the Pastor or an elder.

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“ALL GLORY BE TO GOD ALONE”

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NEXT WEEK'S TEXTS: (Holy Cross Sunday) Psalm 103:1-12; Genesis 50:15-21;
Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

T H I S W E E K

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026 THROUGH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M. 10:15 A.M.	Christian Education Hour Divine Worship/Communion
MONDAY		Labor Day Church Office is closed
TUESDAY	9:30 A.M. 5:15 P.M.	Ruth Bible Study Bells Choir practice
WEDNESDAY	9:00 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	Men's Bible Study TOPS
THURSDAY	2:00 P.M.	Thurs. Ladies Bible Study at Lola Ableidinger's home
SATURDAY	10:00 A.M.	LWML Meeting
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M. 10:15 A.M.	Christian Education Hour Divine Worship

ALTAR FLOWERS

*The flowers adorning the chancel area this morning have been placed to the glory of
God by Bob and Jan Thede in celebration of Tammy's birthday.*

TRINITY OCTOBERFEST

Trinity's Oktoberfest is being held on Sunday, September 27th following the worship service in the great room. The Education Committee is providing the buns, brats, and root beer floats for dessert. The attendance sign-up sheet and the food sign-up sheet is on the Education board. Please sign up if you are attending and what side dish you would like to bring and share. We are asking that you sign-up by Sept. 21st. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Kelley (575-430-2100) or any committee members: Cindi Anderson, Stacy Johnson or Jill Clark.

Trinity Stewardship Ministry



“On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come.” (1 Corinthians 16:2).

We make financial decisions daily. Money is an integral part of our lives. With so much of life revolving around money and with the challenges that Christians have in managing money faithfully and responsibly, we can be thankful for the wisdom and guidance that God’s Word provides. Because money affects every aspect of our lives—physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual lives—we should take whatever time is necessary to gain wisdom and skills to manage God’s money wisely and faithfully. As we spend time reading God’s Word, we can, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, begin to apply the truths we learn about the management of our money. A simple truth is that, if we don’t manage our money, our money will manage us.

Lola Ableidinger, Stewardship Chair

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THURSDAY AFTERNOON LADIES BIBLE STUDY will resume September 10 at 2:00 PM. You are welcome to join us! We will be meeting at Lola Ableidinger’s home 42 Villa Christina, La Luz. Never been to Lola’s and want a ride, call Nora Sotak (575-439-7524) and she will take you there. Any questions you may have, call Nora.

MISSION FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER is The Luther Classical College, a college for Lutheran’ by Lutherans. Lutheran Congregations are essential to its existence First, because the mission of the college is to teach Lutheran men and women to value Christian culture and to live it out in their homes and their Lutheran congregations. Second,

because the college relies on support from congregations to supply it with Lutheran students and to fund its building.

TRACT OF THE MONTH: What About Christian Stewardship, by past LCMS president A.L. Berry, answers questions such as: Why Are We Here? What went wrong? How did God deal with our greatest need? What is the steward's highest priority? How do Christian stewards use their material blessings?

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM850 & KFUE.org: We're continuing our study of Matthew on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT)! This week, we'll take a look at chapters 20 and 21. On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT), our latest study is covering the Song of Solomon. Tune in as we discuss chapters 5-8! Don't forget to join us for the Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9 a.m. CT), as we talk about "serious joy with Rev. Bryan Wolfmueller, join Pastor Carl Roth for "Searching Scripture", and meet Rev. Dr. Jon Braunersreuther of the LCMS Texas District! Find your favorite programs on demand by visiting kfuo.org.

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LWML

The first meeting for the LWML calendar is September 12. We will have sign-up sheets for various committees and meeting hosts, a calendar of meeting dates, and a list of mission ingathering for each month. The ingathering for September is underwear and socks (any adult sizes) for Runner's Refuge Homeless Shelter, the same gathering as the Rally. The Fall Rally is September 26 and Trinity LWML is hosting (see invitation below). We will talk about food, favors, table decoration, etc. at the September 12 meeting.

We plan on seeing you on September 12, 10:00 for our first LWML meeting of this year. Serving the Lord with Gladness your Trinity LWML

Board President Belinda Burmeister, Vice President Yvonne Steeby, Treasurer Diane Kline, Secretary Nora Sotak



Rio Grande Zone Fall Rally
September 26, 2026

Trinity Lutheran Church
1505 College Avenue, Alamogordo, NM 88310
Coffee, Pastry and Visit 8:30 to 9:30
Greetings and Bible Study 9:30 to 11:30
Lunch 11:30 to 12:30
Business Meeting/Elections 12:45

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

SUNDAY, AUG. 30, 2026: WORSHIPPED: 70 ONLINE: 24

SUNDAY, AUG. 30, 2026: GENERAL FUND: \$1,275.00

AUGUST ONLINE GIVING: \$3,875.00

LCMS SEMINARY FUND: \$26.00

FLOWERS: \$72.00

AFRICA TRAINING: \$343.95

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY: 19

RUTH BIBLE STUDY (TUES. MORNING): 10

WEDNESDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: 7

CHILDREN/YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: 5

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

HOSTS: Wilma Jaecks & Cheryl Sandenaw

ELDER: Dick Dommers

ALTAR GUILD: Sheila Anderson

TELLERS: Lola Ableidinger

Wilma Jaecks

Cheryl Sandenaw

ATTENDANCE: Hannah Keeler

SOUND TECH: Vicki Leonard

USHERS: Tom Blackmon, Jim Fladhammer

Larry & Beverly Van Duyn

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

HOSTS: Cody & Merry Zumwalt

ELDER: Matt Clark

ALTAR GUILD: Sheila Anderson

TELLERS: Susan Kelly

Wilma Jaecks

Sandy Klose

ATTENDANCE: Hannah Keeler

SOUND TECH: Sheri Cortez

USHERS: Susan Kelly, Norbert Sanchez

Glen & Chris Schleuser

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE COME TO YOU IN PRAISE AND PRAYER

FOR COURAGE, GRACE, FAITH, AND HEALING WITHIN YOUR WILL

Lola Ableidinger, Darrell & Sheila Anderson, Jane Anderson, **Paul & Cathy Anderson**, **Allen & Belinda Burmeister**, Vicky Cosio, **Jan Dommers**, Rosemary Ferguson, Bob Freeman, **Goldie Gressman**, Rob Gressman, Jill Guiterrez, Veronica Holman, Ron Hust, Karen King, Todd Lindsay, Chole McWilliams & unborn twins, Carey Mitchell, Connie Prather, Rachel Preus, Logan Radford, Carl & Janet Rooker, **Susan Rentschler**, Connie Rogers, Tammy Salmons, Dana Sandenaw, Jessica Schroeder, **Glen Schlehuser**, Pete Stebbins, Roger Storm, **Tammy Thede**, **Irvin Torres**, Rogelio Torres, Matt Vick, Ann Waghorn, Margaret Worley, **Jim & Ruth Wilkes**, Rob Williams, Karen Zinn, Cody Zumwalt, Martyrs for the faith, Our Nation's Leaders, Public Safety Personnel

We also pray for those who are on the long-term prayers in the Trinitarian.

FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY IN THE MILITARY

Tom Bass, Heather Beck, **Zac Collins**, Brendan Garritano, Ryan Hobson, Caleb Jaecks, Cody Phelps, Daniel Smelser, Bryant Roeske, Kyle Steeby, and all troops serving in harms way

LEST WE FORGET

PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING

FOR OUR HOMEBOUND

Bill English, Tom & Darlene Gilmore, Rodney Greer, Shirley Hill, Lee Wood,

AMEN

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS

If you wish to place a name on the prayer list, you must complete a **blue prayer request card**. **The cards are located on the credenza to the right as you leave the sanctuary.** If the individual needs to remain on the prayer list, the requester will have to update the request card every two weeks by calling the church office or completing a new card. If not updated after two weeks on the weekly prayer list, each name will be transferred to the extended prayer list which will be published in the Trinitarian.



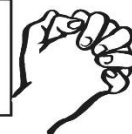
A PATH TO PRAYER

God's Word offers lots of insights about how to pray.

Directions: Use the code to fill in the blanks and complete a Bible passage about prayer.



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ZYXWVUTSRQPONMLKJIHGFEDCBA



R G S Z M P N B T L W

V E V I B G R N V R

I V N V N Y V I B L F

R M Z O O N B

K I Z B V I H U L I Z O O

L U B L F , R Z O D Z B H

K I Z B D R G S Q L B

1:3-4, NIV

K S R O R K K R Z M H

Answer: I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy. Philippians 1:3-4, NIV