

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Divine Service 10:15 AM

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR
REFORMATION SUNDAY (OBSERVED)
SERVICE OF PRAYER AND PREACHING**

✠ INDICATES TO STAND

OPENING HYMN PAGE 657

“A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD”

OPENING VERSICLES PAGE 260

- L This is the day which the Lord has made;
C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
L Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**
L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
C **Teach me Your paths.**
L Sanctify us in Your truth.
C **Your Word is truth.**
L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT HYMN PAGE 794

“THE LORD, MY GOD, BE PRAISED” (STAND ON LAST VERSE)

FIRST READING -- REVELATION 14:6-7

- L The first reading for Reformation Sunday (Observed) is from the fourteenth chapter of Revelation.

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment

has come, and worship Him Who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE -- ROMANS 3:19-28

Reader: The Epistle reading is from the third chapter of Romans.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in His sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵Whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in His divine forbearance He had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show His righteousness at the present time, so that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL – JOHN 8:31-36

L The Holy Gospel according to St. John the eighth chapter.

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in Him, “If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³They answered Him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that You say, ‘You will become free’?” ³⁴Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

✠RESPONSORY PAGE 263

- L Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**
L Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**
L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

✠THE TEN COMMANDMENTS PAGE 264

- C **You shall have no other gods.**
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
Honor your father and your mother.
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant,
his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

✠THE APOSTLE'S CREED PAGE 264

✠THE LORD'S PRAYER PAGE 264

HYMN OF THE DAY PAGE 555

"SALVATION UNTO US HAS COME" VERSES 1, 2, 5, 6, 10 (STAND ON LAST VERSE)

THE SERMON

OFFERING

✠PRAYER PAGE 265

- L In peace let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

✠**COLLECT OF THE DAY**..... PAGE 265

L Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

✠**COLLECT FOR THE WORD**..... PAGE 265

L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

✠ **MORNING PRAYER** *PAGE 266*

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

✠ **THE NEW TESTAMENT HYMN** *PAGE 484*

“MAKE SONGS OF JOY” (*STAND ON LAST VERSE*)

✠ **BLESSING** *PAGE 267*

L Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN *PAGE 578*

“THY STRONG WORD” (*STAND ON LAST VERSE*)

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NEXT WEEK'S TEXTS: Psalm 149; Revelation 7: (2-8) 9-17; 1 John 3:1-3 1:1-5,
Matthew 5:1-12

LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

October 26 - Reformation Day (observed) - Revelation 14:6 – “Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people.” During the Reformation, this text was used to refer to Luther’s ministry and the Lutheran message. We have an eternal Gospel to proclaim. Christ has freed us from our sins without any works on our part. We are saved by grace alone! And, ironically enough, Luther said this should make him the “apostle of works.” Once we are freed by grace, we are truly free to serve God in works that flow from thankfulness and praise.

LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

October 26 “We need pro-life laws and alternative-to-abortion options to provide bridges and buy time for us to share the Gospel of salvation in Christ. Yet we cannot settle for a favorable court ruling, a strong piece of legislation, or a life-favoring politician ... Ultimately, though, changed hearts provide the alternative of eternal hope when despair and desperation tempt us to do bad things.” *Pastor Robert Fleischmann, Christian Life Resources*

– *A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

October 26 – Defending the lives that God created, redeemed, and called by the Gospel is a good thing! But we must be careful not to become like the Pharisee in Jesus’ parable, who became so proud of his good works that he mistreated those who didn’t think like him (Luke 18:11-12). Affirming the sanctity of every life also means caring about those who disagree with us, treating them with compassion and sharing the forgiveness of Christ with them, that they, too, might receive the “crown of righteousness” on the Last Day (2 Timothy 4:8).

BACKPACK MINISTRY

We are collecting food items for the Love INC Backpack Ministry for the Tularosa schools. Please leave your donations in the tub in the south hallway. A list of items needed is posted above the tub. You may make a monetary donation if you prefer. Contact me at 575-214-9942 if you have any questions. Thank you for your support. Cheryl Richey.

Backpack Food Suggestions

Small boxes of Cereal	Cereal Bars
Fruit cups	Shelf stable milk boxes
Cheese Crackers	Small bags of Chips
Soups or stews	Tuna or Chickens salads
Juice Boxes	Fresh Fruits

Other suggestions are welcomed and appreciated!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025 THROUGH SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
<i>SUNDAY</i>		<i>Reformation Day (Observed)</i>
	9:00 A.M.	Adult Education Hour
	10:15 A.M.	Divine Worship
	<i>3:00 P.M.</i>	<i>Reformation Music Festival- Ascencion Lutheran Church, El Paso</i>
<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>9:30 A.M.</i>	<i>Ruth Bible Study</i>
	<i>5:00 P.M.</i>	<i>Bell Choir Practice</i>
<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>9:00 A.M.</i>	<i>Men's bible Study</i>
	<i>10:30 A.M.</i>	<i>TOPS Luncheon</i>
<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>2:15 P.M.</i>	<i>Ladies' Bible Study</i>
	<i>6:00 P.M.</i>	<i>Love INC Classes</i>
<i>FRIDAY</i>	<i>3:00 P.M.</i>	<i>Trunk or Treat Set-up</i>
	<i>4:00 -6:00 P.M.</i>	<i>Trunk or Treat – Church parking lot</i>
<i>SUNDAY</i>	9:00 A.M.	Adult Education Hour
	10:15 A.M.	Divine Worship/Communion
		Daylight Savings time change

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers adorning the chancel area this morning have been placed to the glory of God by Mike & Robin Haymes in honor of their 23rd wedding anniversary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER: I will be working on the November newsletter this week, so if you have something that you would like to be included in the newsletter or on the November calendar, please get it to me as soon as possible. It will be printed on Friday. Thank you, Jan.

NAME TAGS: Help us all get to know each other better! If you need a name tag, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. You can choose between a magnetic or clip-on style. Your name tag will be placed in your church mailbox.

ATTENDANCE BOOK: Reminder: please reminder to sign the attendance book in your pew. There is one on the inside aisle of each pew. Just pass it down so each family can sign also

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Our fall Sunday School is starting today. Susan Kelly is leading the class and will be taking kids to Sunday School at the beginning of the sermon hymn. All kids from kindergarten through middle school are invited to attend. Any questions, talk to Susan Kelly after the service.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM 850 & KFUE.org: We're continuing our series, "Letters from Prison" on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT)! This week we'll begin the letter to the Colossians. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as we study the Gospel of

Matthew. This week, we are covering chapters 18-19. Don't forget to join us this Saturday (11/8 at 10 a.m. CT) for Concord Matters! We're studying the 3rd Article of the Apostles' Creed in the Large Catechism. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFUEO Radio app!

MISSION FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER: LCMS Disaster Response - The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's Disaster Response ministry responds to immediate and long-term needs following natural and man-made disasters. Learn more at the following website: lcms.org/how-we-serve/mercy/disaster-response

TRACT OF THE MONTH: "A Simple Explanation of Confession" Confession changes between Christian denominations, making it a difficult concept to understand. What do Lutherans believe about confession? What sins should be confessed? What qualifies a pastor to forgive sins? And where does God's forgiveness come from? Answer all of these questions and more in this short, informative booklet. (CPH.org)

VISITOR MUGS: The Evangelism Committee has prepared coffee mugs for our visitors, which are conveniently located inside the Guestbook podium. This is a handy spot for you to grab a mug to offer to visitors when you invite them to sign the guest book. On the Sundays you are hosting, please remember to give out ONE mug per family, visitor, or group. If it appears that multiple people in a group would benefit from having a mug, feel free to distribute more than one. Thank you for your assistance with this!

FACEBOOK: Follow us on FB and be a platform for the Gospel among your own FB friends list by sharing posts from our church as well as from Portals of Prayer, LCMS, KFUEO Radio, etc. Search for us on FB using "TrinityLutheranAlamogordo".

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS FOR TRUNK-OR-TREAT!

We're excited to announce our **first-ever Trunk-or-Treat event** happening on **Oct. 31st!** Here's how you can be part of the fun:

- **Event Time:** 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
- **Trunk Setup:** Begins at 3:00 PM
- **Theme:** All trunks will be decorated with **Christian-themed kits** (provided by us!)
- **Your Role:** Provide an empty trunk, let us decorate it, and help hand out candy to the kids!

We're still looking for **three more volunteers** to join in. It's a great way to connect with the community, share some joy, and celebrate in a safe, festive way. If you're interested, please let me know. Maybe you aren't able to participate in the actual event but would be able to donate a bag of candy? If so, please leave that in the tub in the hallway marked for Trunk-or-Treat.



Joint Reformation Service Hymn Fest

Today, Sunday, October 26th
3 PM at Ascension Lutheran Church
Choirs, brass, organ, & congregation!



Join us as we celebrate

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025: WORSHIPPED: 73 COMMUNED: 66 ONLINE: 5

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2025: GENERAL FUND: \$2,932.00

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025: GENERAL FUND: \$3,571.00

DOLLAR PROJECT: \$11.00

LCMS DISASTER FUND: \$236.00

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

HOSTS:	Benjamin Clark & Jennifer Davis	ELDER:	Dick Dommers
LITURGIST:	Bob Klose	SERMON:	Matt Anderson
ALTAR GUILD:	Christine Schlehuser	TELLERS:	Lola Ableidinger
	Beverly Van Duyn		Nora Sotak
ATTENDANCE:	Cheryl Sandenaw	SOUND TECH:	Cindi Anderson
USHERS:	Gerald Moore, Irvin Torres		
	Sandy Klose & Cameron Maltz		

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

HOSTS:	Linde Van Cleave	ELDER:	Matt Anderson
ALTAR GUILD:	Robin Haymes	TELLERS:	Sandy Klose
	Susan Rentschler		Susan Kelly
ATTENDANCE:	Merry Zumwalt	SOUND TECH:	Jim Kline
USHERS:	Tom Blackmon, Jim Fladhammer		
	Larry & Beverly Van Duyn		

**HEAVENLY FATHER, WE COME TO YOU IN
PRAISE AND PRAYER**

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

Darrell & Sheila Anderson, Allen Burmeister, Ruth Buttke, Ellen Clark, Douglas Clark, Jim Coburn, Sammie Feldman, Jill Guterrez, Margaret Heithold, Scout Hughes, Wilma Jaecks, Jim Johnson, Caroline Kelly, Sandy Klose, Ray Krueger, Janet Kushlan, AryElla Mitchell, Carey Mitchell, Jim Money, Rob & Karen Ostash, Tim Polling, Rachel Preus, Logan Radford, Connie Rogers, Jessica Schroeder, David Steeby, Roger Storm, Irwin Torres, Ann Waghorn, Ken Wernle, Hannah Weathers, Jim Wilkes, Karen Zinn, Don Zumwalt, Martyrs for the faith, Our Nation's Leaders, Public Safety Personnel, Trinity's pastoral call process

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, Brendon Garritano, Ryan Hobson, Caleb Jaecks, Cody Phelps, Daniel Smelser, Bryant Roeske, Kyle Steeby, Arcadia Thomason, Ethan Trowbridge, Tanner Wedd, and all troops serving in harms way

LEST WE FORGET

PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING

Ray Krueger (recovering from stroke and is doing great)

FOR OUR HOMEBOUND

Kay Burger, Lothar Butzkies, Bill English, Tom & Darlene Gilmore, Rodney Greer, Shirley Hill, Jim & Ruth Wilkes, 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.



Fall back, not behind!
CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS and
join us on time for worship.

**REMINDER TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS NEXT
SATURDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 1, 2025
SO YOU CAN MAKE IT TO CHURCH ON TIME SUNDAY.**