WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, November 8, 2026

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR
THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
DIVINE SERVICE SETTING THREE

✞ INDICATES TO STAND

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"BUILT ON THE ROCK"

✞CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ..... *PAGE 184*

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✞PSALM 70

P [1]Make haste, O God, to deliver me!
C **O LORD, make haste to help me!**
P [2] Let them be put to shame and confusion who seek my life!
C **Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire my hurt!**
P [3]Let them turn back because of their shame
C **who say, "Aha, Aha!"**
P [4]May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You!
C **May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"**
P [5]But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God!
C **You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay!**

✞KYRIE ..... *PAGE 186*

✞GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *PAGE 187*

✞SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.
C ♫ **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

A **Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**
♫ Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING -- AMOS 5:18-24

P The Old Testament reading for the twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost is from the fifth chapter of Amos.

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, and not light, 19 as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into
the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him. 20 Is not the day of
the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? 21 "I hate, I despise
your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. 22 Even though you offer Me
your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of
your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. 23 Take away from Me the noise of your
songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. 24 But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL *(Revelation 7:14b; Psalms 84:5)*

P These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

C **They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

P Blessèd are those whose strength is in You,

C **in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

THE EPISTLE -- 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

P The Epistle reading is from the fourth chapter of First Thessalonians.

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you
may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and
rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep.

15For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left
until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16For the Lord
Himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel,
and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17Then we
who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the
Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. 18Therefore encourage one another
with these words.

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

✞ **ALLELUIA AND VERSE** ..... *PAGE 190*

✞THE HOLY GOSPEL -- MATTHEW 25:1-13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the twenty-fifth chapter.
C ♫ **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

1[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went
to meet the bridegroom. 2Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3For when the foolish
took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.
5As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. 6But at midnight there
was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7Then all those virgins rose and
trimmed their lamps. 8And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our
lamps are going out.' 9But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us
and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' 10And while they were going
to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage
feast, and the door was shut. 11Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord,
open to us.' 12But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' 13Watch therefore,
for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

✞ **THE APOSTLE'S CREED** ..... *PAGE 192*

HYMN OF THE DAY ..... *PAGE 848*

"LORD, WHOSE LOVE THROUGH HUMBLE SERVICE"

THE SERMON (Amos 5:18-24)."

OFFERING

✞OFFERTORY..... *PAGE 192*

✞THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray to the Lord,

C **Lord have mercy.**

✞THE LORD'S PRAYER..... *PAGE 196*

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"REJOICE O PILGRAM THRONG" (STAND ON LAST VERSE)

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NEXT WEEK'S TEXTS: Psalm 90:1-12; Zephaniah 1:7-16; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

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THANKSGIVING HYMN SING SERVICE



A special occasion for prayer and song will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 25th, beginning at 4:00 p.m. Pastor Simon will lead a brief devotion in the sanctuary, followed by a hymn sing with guest organist Garrett Anderson. Let us sing a glad song to the Lord and give thanks for all His blessings!

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

All donations will be accepted through November 22, 2026
Leave donations on the table in the Great Room

Trinity LWML is sponsoring Thanksgiving Food Baskets for 2026. This year we will be helping five families. Below are ideas to help you do your shopping for the Food Baskets. This list is just to help you get started, feel free to add your own items, but please, all donations should be shelf stable.

Money donations can be placed in the offering plate, Mark the envelope "Food Baskets" If You have any questions, please see Cheryl Richey.

Food Suggestions: Instant Mashed potatoes, canned yams, marsh-mellows, canned or dried beans, canned vegetables, canned soup, stuffing mix, broth (chicken & beef), pie crust and pie filling, pasta and pasta sauce, canned chicken, ham & tune, peanut butter and jelly, macaroni & cheese, crackers, sugar, flour, oil, muffin/cake/brownie mix, apple sauce/canned fruit, cereal, jell-O, pudding mix, bottled fruit juice, shelf stable milk, dish soap, paper plates, paper towels, napkins.

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TRINITY CONGREGATIONAL THANKSGIVING DINNER

Join us for a time of fellowship and Thanksgiving!



Thursday, November 26
12:00–3:00 p.m.
Please sign up by November 12.



Turkeys will be provided. Please bring your favorite side dish and/or dessert to share.
We look forward to celebrating Thanksgiving together as a church family!

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026 THROUGH SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2026

DATE	TIME	EVENT
SUNDAY	***9:00 A.M.***	***Christian Education Hour***
	10:15 A.M.	***Divine Worship***
	After Service	*Confirmation class*
	After Service	*Education meeting*
MONDAY		*Church office is closed*
	5:30 P.M.	*Board of Evangelism Meeting*
TUESDAY	*9:30 A.M.*	*Ruth Bible Study*
	5:15 P.M.	*Bell Choir Practice*
WEDNESDAY		*Veterans Day Holiday*
	9:00 A.M.	*Men's Bible Study*
	10:30 A.M	*TOPS*
	11:30 A.M.	*PEO Meeting*
THURSDAY	*2:00 P.M.*	*Ladies' Bible Study at Lola's*
SATURDAY	*10:00 A.M.*	*LWML Meeting-Fellowship/Prayer Service*
SUNDAY	***9:00 A.M.***	***Christian Education Hour***
	10:15 A.M.	***Divine Worship/Communion***
		Mission Sunday-Lutheran Heritage Foundation
	After Service	*Annual Congregational Meeting*

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers adorning the chancel area this morning have been placed to the glory of God by Lola Ableidinger in memory of her husband Daro and by Wilma Jaecks and Gabi Teufel (Suse's sister) in memory of Suse Lehmann.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONSL MEETING will take place on Sunday, November 15th after the service. We will vote on the 2027 budget and election of new officers. Current officers and committee chairs will deliver their annual reports. **CONSTITUTION:** There is a list of current members who have signed the constitution on the table in the Narthex. If your name does **not** appear, you must sign and date the attached sheet in order to be able to vote in the election. **You must be at least 18 years old and a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in order to be eligible to sign the constitution and vote**. New members need to sign the constitution. There are also copies of the constitution provided for you on the table.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE NEEDED: The Di Paolo family are experiencing financial difficulties as a result of unfounded legal action cutting off a major portion of their income. Please support them in their time of need by contributing via the Assistance Fund box in the narthex. Make checks out to Laurie Di Paolo or, if you wish to donate through the church, Trinity Lutheran Church, Di Paolo fund. **The Special Project Box will be set in the Narthex and monies gathered will go to the Di Palo family.** Thank you, may God bless you. Bob Klose, Elder

THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2027 has been posted. Please sign up for your special occasions or in memory of someone. The cost is $36.00 for two arrangements or if you would like to share with someone the cost is $18.00. I would like to ask that you come to the front of the church after the service on the Sunday you have flowers and I will give you the flower arrangements. Thank you to all of you who have been faithful in providing flowers. Cheryl Richey

MEMORIAL SERVICE: The Memorial Service for Darlene Gilmore will be on Friday, November 28th at 10:00 a.m. here at Trinity.

MISSION FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER is **Lutheran Heritage Foundation-**Translating, publishing and introducing books and materials that are Bible-based, Christ-centered and Reformation-driven. (This is what Pastor Cramm used for support for his Africa trips.)

T**RACT OF THE MONTH:** Concordia Publishing House's pamphlet "What About Stewardship?" (from the popular What About...? series by Rev. Dr. A.L. Barry) addresses this directly. The resource highlights that stewardship is not simply a church fundraising program; it is a joyful, whole-life response to God's grace. When we faithfully manage our time, talents, and resources, we build the very foundation that allows our church to reach out to our

neighbors with the love of Christ. Copies of this pamphlet are available in the narthex—I encourage every family to pick one up this Sunday from the spinning rack in the narthex!

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM850 & KFUO.org: We're walking through the book of Job on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT), and our study continues this week as we pick up with Job 19! Join us on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as we continue our study through the books of 1 & 2 Chronicles! We'll be looking at 1 Chronicles 4-8. Don't forget to listen to Concord Matters this Saturday (11/14 at 10 a.m. CT)—Pastor Brady Finnern and Rev. Dr. Matthew Richard will be unpacking Article 5 of the Epitome of the Formula of Concord on the law and the Gospel. Find your favorite programs on demand by visiting kfuo.org!

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75th TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

The committee met on Wed, Oct 21. As previously announced the 75th anniversary celebration will be on Sunday, November 7th, 2027. Tentatively, there will be the church service followed by a catered meal.

A theme was chosen, "One Body, Many Parts: United in Christ" based on Ephesians 4:16. 'From whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself in love.'

Next meeting will be Wednesday, November 18th at 10:15am in the Great Room. Come join us. Vicki Leonard

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ASSISTIVE LISTENING

At the request of some of our members the elders are looking into purchasing an Assistive Listening system to provide members with better hearing of the worship service. As you can imagine there are multiple systems with a wide range of costs available to make this happen.

We need your input to help us decide what we need. If you think you would utilize such a system, please provide Bob Klose with the following information:

1. If you wear hearing aids, what is the model or type?
2. Do you have a smart phone capable of downloading apps?

Bob Klose, Head elder



Trinity Stewardship Ministry

We Are Created to Do Good Works

Several times in his letters, the Apostle Paul talks about the Body of Christ and the gifts that God has given His stewards who ***"are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for [them] to do"*** **(Ephesians 2:10)**. As we serve together with fellow members of the Body, let us give thanks to the Giver of the gifts, as well as the gifts He gives and the believers who employ them for His glory and the building of the Kingdom.

Heavenly Father, with the same power You used when You raised Jesus from the dead, change me into a person eager to do Your will. Help me to be faithful to do the good works You have prepared for me to do. May my words and actions give You honor and glory.

In Jesus' name.

Lola Ableidinger, Stewardship Chair

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LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

November 8 – Trinity 23 – As the coin for the tax belonged to Caesar because it bore his likeness (Matthew 22:21), every single person belongs to God and is precious to Him because all are created in His image and likeness. For this reason, God has "sent redemption to His people" (Psalm 111:9), through Jesus Christ, who will restore the believers to His image on the Last Day (Philippians 3:21). As we wait for that day, Christians seek godly wisdom and righteousness, recognizing that "the fear of the Lord is hatred of evil" (Proverbs 8:13), which includes the wanton destruction of lives created in God's image.

LIFE QUOTE FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

November 8 "And so, there's a stage for every age, a place to use the talents we're given and to see faith grow. Blessings to you all as you serve in the many ways God has prepared, as you see that we function together in one blessed Body. We will never tell Him that there's nothing for us to do." *Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola, Guest Speaker on "The Lutheran Hour" – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

Sunday, Nov. 1, 2026: Worshipped: 91 **Communed**: 70 **Online:** 4
Sunday, Nov. 1, 2026: General Fund: $7,613.00
Lutheran Heritage Foundation: $60.00
Memorial Fund: $50.00
Flowers: 72.00

Sunday Adult Bible Study: 22
Ruth Bible Study (Tues. morning): 5
Wednesday morning Men's Bible Study: 6
Youth Sunday School:
Children's Sunday School:

Assisting In Our Worship Today

Music: Michael Cortez

Hosts: Merry Zumwalt, Irvin Torres
Altar Guild: Robin Haymes, Susan Rentschler
Attendance: Diane Kline
Ushers: Norbert Sanchez, Susan Kelly, Glen & Christine Schlehuser
Elder: Matt Clark
Tellers: Joyce Macon, Bob Klose
Sound Tech: Sheri Cortez

Assisting In Our Worship Next Sunday, November 15th

Music: Michael Cortez

Hosts: Larry & Beverly Van Duyn
Altar Guild: Robin Haymes, Susan Rentschler
Attendance: Diane Kline
Ushers: Luke Haines, Robert Johnson, Trey Johnson, Tammy Thede,
Elder: Bob Klose
Tellers: Yvonne Steeby, Becky Worley
Sound Tech: Matt Anderson

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE COME TO YOU IN PRAISE AND PRAYER

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

Lola Ableidinger, Darrell & Sheila Anderson, Vicky Cosio, **Jan Dommers,**
Bill English, Rosemary Ferguson, Bob Freeman, **Tom Gilmore, Goldie Gressman,**
Rob Gressman, Veronica Holman, **Kristi Humphrey,** Ron Hust, Jim Johnson, Karen King,
Todd Lindsay, Kiley Martin, Carey Mitchell, Rachel Preus, Logan Radford, Janet Rooker,
Susan Rentschler, Connie Rogers, Tammy Salmons, Dana Sandenaw, Jessica Schroeder,
Pete Stebbins, **Tammy Thede, Irvin Torres,** Matt Vick, Ann Waghorn, Margaret Worley,
Jim & Ruth Wilkes, Rob Williams, Karen Zinn, 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, Alicia Centrella, **Zac Collins,** Brendan Garritano, Ryan Hobson,
Caleb Jaecks, Cody Phelps,Daniel Smelser, Bryant Roeske, Kyle Steeby, Ethan Trowbridge
and all troops serving in harms way

LEST WE FORGET

PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING

Jesse Daniel (born 11/3/2026) parents are Jason & Camille Lee and
great-grandparents are Dick & Cheryl Richey

FOR OUR HOMEBOUND

Bill English, Tom Gilmore, Rodney Greer, **Shirley Hill, Lee Wood,**

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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.

Just for KIDS

A Special Song of Thanks

Use the music code to find the words for this familiar song of thanks.

CODE:

A	E	I	O	U
B	F	L	P	V
C	G	M	R	W
D	H	N	S	X
			T	Y

Challenge: What do we commonly call this song?

The

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.