

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Divine Service 10:15 AM

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

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OPENING HYMN PAGE 790

“PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY”

✠ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION PAGE 184

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✠ **PSALM 138**

P ¹I give You thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;

C **before the gods I sing Your praise;**

P ²I bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness,

C **for You have exalted above all things Your name and Your word.**

P ³On the day I called, You answered me;

C **my strength of soul You increased.**

P ⁴All the kings of the earth shall give You thanks, O LORD.

C **for they have heard the words of Your mouth,**

P ⁵and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,

C **for great is the glory of the LORD.**

P ⁶For though the LORD is high, He regards the lowly,

C **but the haughty He knows from afar.**

P ⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You preserve my life;

C **You stretch out Your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and Your right hand delivers me.**

P ⁸The LORD will fulfill His purpose for me;

C **Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of Your hands.**

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P The Lord be with you.

C **♪ And with thy spirit**

P Let us pray.

A **Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; 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 -- ISAIAH 51:1-6

P The Old Testament Reading for the thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost is from the fifty-first chapter of Isaiah.

¹“Listen to Me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. ²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. ³For the LORD comforts Zion; He comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. ⁴“Give attention to Me, My people, and give ear to Me, My nation; for a law will go out from Me, and I will set My justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵My righteousness draws near, My salvation has gone out, and My arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for Me, and for My arm they wait. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but My salvation will be forever, and My righteousness will never be dismayed.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: 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 11:33—12:8

P The Epistle reading is from the eleventh and twelfth chapter of Romans

³³Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways! ³⁴“For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been His counselor?” ³⁵“Or who has given a gift to Him that He might be repaid?” ³⁶For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen. ¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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✠ **THE HOLY GOSPEL ---- MATTHEW 16:13-20**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

C **♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord**

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And Jesus

answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father Who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰Then He strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that He was the Christ.

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

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P Lord, In Your mercy,	
C hear our prayer.	
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“TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE”	

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NEXT WEEK'S TEXTS: Psalm 26; Jeremiah 5:15-21; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

T H I S W E E K

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026 THROUGH SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2026

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M. 10:15 A.M.	<i>Christian Education Hour</i> <i>Divine Worship</i>
MONDAY		<i>Church office is closed</i>
TUESDAY	9:30 A.M. 5:15 P.M.	<i>Ruth Bible Study</i> <i>Bells Choir practice</i>
WEDNESDAY	9:00 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	<i>Men's Bible Study</i> <i>TOPS</i>
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M. 10:15 A.M.	<i>Christian Education Hour</i> <i>Divine Worship</i>

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers adorning the chancel area this morning have been placed to the glory of God by Bob & Jan Thede for their grandson, Garrett's 27th birthday.

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SERVANT EVENT MISSIONS IMMERSION WEEK

Hosted by Yselta Lutheran Mission Human Care. From September 28th- October 3rd, this is a one week immersive experience for Church leaders, lay servants, mission advocates and pastors. In hands-on service, practical workshops, immersion in Scripture and spiritual renewal you'll be equipped and encouraged in bringing mission minded ministry home.

Registration fee is \$200 for each person to attend. Registration fee includes meals, lodging, local transport, workshops, and mission opportunities.

Register online through YLM.org
or call at (915) 858-2588

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER: Articles for the September Trinitarian are due to my office by Tuesday, Aug. 25th. Any articles received before then would be greatly appreciated. Please email your articles to tlchurchlcms@yahoo.com or drop them by the church office If you have any event that needs to be on the SEPTEMBER CALENDAR please let me know as soon as possible. Thanks, Jan.

LWML MISSION TABLE: We need more things to sell on our LWML Mission Table. Please take a look around your house for things that you can donate to the mission table. All proceeds from the mission table goes to Ysleta Lutheran Mission in El Paso. Thank you, Wilma Jaecks.

BELL CHOIR: Our Bell Choir resumed practice this week. We would welcome anyone who would like to participate. Practice is every Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. Contact Joyce Macon 586-434-6685 for more information.

2026-2027 SUNDAY SCHOOL: Youth and children's Sunday school began this morning at 9:00 a.m. If you missed the first Sunday, please join us next Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. For more information, please contact Sue Kelly at 575-430-2100.

MISSION FOR JULY & AUGUST IS THE LCMS JOINT SEMINARY FUND: The LCMS Joint Seminary Fund was established to supplement the Synod subsidy by directly soliciting the church for charitable donations. Gifts to the LCMS Joint Seminary Fund are restricted exclusively to supporting both of our world-class seminaries.

TRACT OF THE MONTH: What about the Apostle's Creed by A.I. Barry. Answers the following questions: *What do we confess about God the Father, God the Son and about the Holy Spirit? Why do we use creeds?* Pick one up in the Narthex the next time you pass by the spinning track rack at church.

TRINITY STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY
Giving Our Firstfruits



"Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits..."
(Proverbs 3:9a)

Firstfruits giving means that we give to God first rather than giving God the leftovers after our own needs are met. When we give our firstfruits, no matter what the gift, we acknowledge that God is first in our lives and that He is the owner and giver of all that we have. Firstfruits giving expresses the special relationship that we have with Jesus Christ. God gave us His first and best when He gave His one and only Son Who gave His best, His very life, to win our salvation. As His people, we receive with gratitude and respond faithfully and generously. We give our firstfruits, setting aside our offerings to the Lord first before fulfilling our other obligations. Faith empowers us to give our firstfruits.

In Your precious Name,

Chris Schlehuser, Stewardship Co-Chair

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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

SUNDAY, AUG. 16, 2026: WORSHIPPED: 65 COMMUNED: 56 ONLINE: 23

SUNDAY, AUG. 16, 2026: GENERAL FUND: \$2,095.00

LCMS SEMINARY FUND: \$160.00

FLOWERS: \$20.00

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY: 20

RUTH BIBLE STUDY (TUES. MORNING): 5

WEDNESDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: 8

THURS. LADIES BIBLE STUDY: 4

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

HOSTS: Jim & Diane Kline

ELDER: Bob Klose

ALTAR GUILD: Sheila Anderson

TELLERS: Dick Dommers

Wilma Jaecks

Merry Zumwalt

ATTENDANCE: Cody & Merry Zumwalt

SOUND TECH: Matt Anderson

USHERS: Cameron Maltz, Gerald Moore
Irvin Torres, Cody Zumwalt

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 30TH

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

HOSTS: Robert & Stacy Johnson

ELDER: Dick Dommers

ALTAR GUILD: Sheila Anderson

TELLERS: Bob Klose

Wilma Jaecks

Linde Van Cleave

ATTENDANCE: Cody & Merry Zumwalt

SOUND TECH: Jim Kline

USHERS: Volunteers

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR IRVIN TORRES

A brown recluse spider bit Irvin a few weeks ago and the wound has become infected. He has been off work going on three weeks; he does not get paid while off work. On Monday, during his follow-up appointment they did an ultrasound and discovered he has a blood clot in his leg. The Special Project box is available for love offering for Irvin and his boys. Thank you.

Bob Klose, Head Elder

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, Ellen Clark, Vicky Cosio, **Jan Dommers**, Rosemary Ferguson,
Jim Fladhammer, Bob Freeman, **Goldie Gressman**, Rob Gressman, Jill Guiterrez,
Veronica Holman, Ron Hust, **Wilma Jaecks**, Jim & **Hannah Keeler**, Karen King, Janet Kushlan,
Todd Lindsay, Evan & Chole McWilliams & unborn twin babies, Carey Mitchell, Grady Nicholson,
Rob Ostash, 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,
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

Tom Blackmon (ten years in remission), **Jim Fladhammer** (successful surgery).
Marriage of **Cameron Maltz** and Alexa Siebert

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.