

## WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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**“SALVATION UNTO US HAS COME” (VS. 1-4)**

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✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ..... PAGE 186

#### ✠ PSALM 27:1-9

P <sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

C **The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

P <sup>2</sup>When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,

C **my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.**

P <sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

C **though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.**

P <sup>4</sup>One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

C **that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in His temple.**

P <sup>5</sup>For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble;

C **He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high upon a rock.**

P <sup>6</sup>And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

C **I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

P <sup>7</sup>Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;

C **be gracious to me and answer me!**

P <sup>8</sup>You have said, “Seek My face.”

C **My heart says to You, “Your face, LORD, do I seek.”**

P <sup>9</sup>Hide not Your face from me. Turn not Your servant away in anger,

C O You who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

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P The Lord be with you.

C ♪ And with thy spirit

P Let us pray.

A Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; 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 -- ISAIAH 55:6-9

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

<sup>6</sup>“Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near; <sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that He may have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup>For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, declares the LORD. <sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.”

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 -- PHILIPPIANS 1:12-14, 19-30

P The Epistle reading is from the first chapter of Philippians.

<sup>12</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, <sup>13</sup>so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that

my imprisonment is for Christ. <sup>14</sup>And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . .<sup>19</sup>for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, <sup>20</sup>as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup>For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. <sup>24</sup>But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. <sup>25</sup>Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup>so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.<sup>27</sup>Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. <sup>29</sup>For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in Him but also suffer for His sake, <sup>30</sup>engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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### ✠ **THE HOLY GOSPEL ---- MATTHEW 20:1-16**

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

C **♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup>and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' <sup>5</sup>So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' <sup>7</sup>They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' <sup>8</sup>And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' <sup>9</sup>And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. <sup>10</sup>Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup>And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, <sup>12</sup>saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the

scorching heat.’ <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first last.”

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

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**“HARK, THE VOICE OF JESUS CALLING”**

**THE SERMON “MATTHEW 20:1-16”**

**OFFERING**

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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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### “LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS”

#### Acknowledgments

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**NEXT WEEK'S TEXTS:** Psalm 25:1-10; Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Philippians 2:1-18;  
Matthew 21:23-32

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### TRINITY OKTOBERFEST

Trinity's Oktoberfest is being held next Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> 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 if what food sides you would like to bring to share. We are asking that you sign-up by Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Kelley (575-430-2100) or any committee members: Cindi Anderson, Stacy Johnson or Jill Clark.

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### LWML FALL ACTIVITIES

**September 26,** Fall Rally, 9:30 We are hosting the rally.

Ingathering for September, adult socks and underwear for Homeless Shelter

**October 10,** LWML regular meeting 10:00.

Ingathering for October Alamogordo Public School H.O.P.E. Team, Items to put together birthday cake kits.

**October 11,** LWML Sunday, wear purple. Bake Sale after the Service!

Please check out the LWML bulletin board for sign-up sheets and more information about our monthly Ingathering.

Don't forget your MITES! You can leave MITE money in the large MITE box anytime.

## ***T H I S   W E E K***

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 THROUGH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026**

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>TIME</u>             | <u>EVENT</u>                                                                                                   |
|-------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SUNDAY      | 9:00 A.M.<br>10:15 A.M. | <b>Christian Education Hour</b><br><b>Divine Worship/Communion</b><br><b>Mission--Luther Classical College</b> |
|             | After Service           | Confirmation class                                                                                             |
| MONDAY      |                         | Church office is closed                                                                                        |
|             | 6:30 P.M.               | Gideons                                                                                                        |
| TUESDAY     |                         | First Day of Fall                                                                                              |
|             | 9:30 A.M.               | Ruth Bible Study                                                                                               |
|             | 5:15 P.M.               | Bell Choir Practice                                                                                            |
| WEDNESDAY   | 9:00 A.M.               | Men's Bible Study                                                                                              |
|             | 10:30 A.M.              | TOPS                                                                                                           |
| THURSDAY    | 2:00 P.M.               | Ladies' Bible Study at Lola's                                                                                  |
| SATURDAY    | 9:00 A.M.-1:30 P.M.     | LWML Rio Grande Zone Fall Rally at TLC                                                                         |
| SUNDAY      | 9:00 A.M.<br>10:15 A.M. | <b>Christian Education Hour</b><br><b>Divine Worship</b>                                                       |
|             | After Service           | Confirmation class                                                                                             |
|             | After Service           | Trinity's Oktoberfest hosted<br>by Board of Education                                                          |

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

*The flowers adorning the chancel area this morning have been placed to the glory of God  
by Juli Bailey in celebration of her birthday.*

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFIRMATION CLASS:** Pastor began teaching confirmation classes for our middle school students beginning last Sunday after the worship service.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Zac Collins and Brenna (Reschke) Collins were married in Savannah, Georgia September 12, 2026. Zac is the son of Lisa Sotak and the grandson of Nora and Rick Sotak. Congratulations Zac and Brenna!

**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?

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### **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE**

**SUNDAY, SEPT 13, 2026: WORSHIPPED: 68 ONLINE: 11**

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 13, 2026: GENERAL FUND: \$3,845.00**

**LUTHER CLASSICAL COLLEGE: \$26.00**

**MEMORIAL FUND: \$100.00**

### **ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**MUSIC:** Michael Cortez

**HOSTS:** Susan Kelly, Hannah Keeler

**ELDER:** Bob Klose

**ALTAR GUILD:** Sheila Anderson

**TELLERS:** Joyce Macon

Wilma Jaecks

Bob Klose

**ATTENDANCE:** Hannah Keeler

**SOUND TECH:** Matt Anderson

**USHERS:** Bob Thede, Tammy Thede  
Robert Johnson, Trey Johnson

### **ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>**

**MUSIC:** Michael Cortez

**HOSTS:** Jim & Diane Kline

**ELDER:** Dick Dommers

**ALTAR GUILD:** Sheila Anderson

**TELLERS:** Yvonne Steeby

Wilma Jaecks

Becky Worley

**ATTENDANCE:** Hannah Keeler

**SOUND TECH:** Jim Kline

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

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### **Trinity Stewardship Ministry**

**When we give money faithfully and when we give money generously, it symbolizes that we are giving our whole selves.**

The Macedonians were able to give beyond their means *because "they gave themselves first to the Lord" (2 Corinthians 8:5).*

Lola Ableidinger, Stewardship Chair

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

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

**Lola Ableidinger, Darrell & Sheila Anderson, Paul & Cathy Anderson, Vicky Cosio, Jan Dommers, Rosemary Ferguson, Bob Freeman, Goldie Gressman, Rob Gressman, Jill Guiterrez, Veronica Holman, Ron Hust, Wilma Jaecks, Jim Johnson, Jim & Hannah Keeler, Karen King, Todd Lindsay, Carey Mitchell, Connie Prather, Rachel Preus, Logan Radford, Janet Rooker, Susan Rentschler, Connie Rogers, Tammy Salmons, Dana Sandenaw, Jessica Schroeder, Glen Schlehuser, Pete Stebbins, Roger Storm, 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, 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**

**Zac Collins and Brenna (Reschke) (married Sept. 12, 2026)**

### **FOR OUR HOMEBOUND**

**Bill English, Tom & Darlene 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.