

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY, September 10, 2023

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Divine Service 10:15 AM

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

✠ INDICATES TO STAND

OPENING HYMN PAGE 902

“LORD JESUS CHRIST, BE PRESENT NOW” (STAND ON LAST VERSE)

✠ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION PAGE 184

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD PAGE 186

✠ PSALM 32:1-7

Pastor: ¹Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,

People: **whose sin is covered.**

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

People: **and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

Pastor: ³For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away

People: **through my groaning all day long.**

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

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

Pastor: ⁵I acknowledged my iniquity;

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

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

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

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

People: **You surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

✠ GLORIA PATRI PAGE 186

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✠ HYMN OF PRAISE: GLORIA IN EXCELSIS PAGE 187

✠ SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY PAGE 189

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **♪ And with thy spirit**

Pastor: Let us pray.

ALL: 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

Reader: The Old Testament Reading 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.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

Pastor: Fear the LORD you His saints

People: for those who fear Him lack nothing!

Pastor: Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

People: but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

The Epistle Reading -- Romans 13:1-10

Reader: 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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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✠THE HOLY GOSPEL ---- MATTHEW 18:1-20

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the eighteenth chapter.

People: 🎵 **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."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: 🎵 **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

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“FORGIVE OUR SINS AS WE FORGIVE”

THE SERMON “THE SIN OF A BROTHER”

OFFERING

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“OH, THAT THE LORD WOULD GUIDE MY WAYS”

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NEXT WEEK'S TEXTS: Psalm 103:1-12; Genesis 50:15-21; Romans 114:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

NEXT WEEK: How far should you go to forgive?

TODAY'S LIGHT READERS

TODAY'S LIGHT: 2 Corinthians 1–13

1. How do Christians make others rich, even though they may be poor (2 Corinthians 6:10)?
2. Review 2 Corinthians 10:1–6. What does it mean to “take every thought captive to obey Christ” (v. 5)?

LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

September 10 – Matthew 18:4 – “Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” What does it mean to have childlike faith? Certainly Jesus does not want us to have a faith that is childish — we are not called to ignorance or silliness. Rather, we are called to trust the way a child trusts: with complete confidence in the Father. We show that confidence in our lives when we follow His directives for our life. Father knows best, so we’ll take His advice!

LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

September 10 - “There is no more valuable work for God and for all of Christendom than bringing up your children in the faith and trust of Jesus! It’s not hard to believe that if this were our primary aim, that our children would not question their gender, that they would respect their neighbor and love their spouses, that they would welcome the opportunity to serve the public with politics that reflect solid biblical values, and that they would continue to attend church well after confirmation!” *Rev. Jeff Duncan, Lutherans For Life*

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LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

September 10 – Pentecost XV – Abortion doesn’t just end unborn lives. It also breaks hearts with grief and guilt. So the Lord doesn’t exempt it from condemnation. He commands us to warn our brothers and sisters about its sinfulness (Ezekiel 33:7-8). Nor does He exclude abortion from His forgiveness. He would have us apply His absolution as explicitly to this iniquity as to our own (Psalm 32:5).

T H I S W E E K

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 THROUGH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 A.M.	Divine Worship
MONDAY	7:00 P.M.	Bible Study
TUESDAY	9:30 A.M.	Ruth Bible Study
	4:30 P.M.	Sunset Years Bible Study-Betty Dare
WEDNESDAY	9:00 A.M.	Men's Bible Study
	10:30 A.M.	TOPS
	11:30 A.M.	PEO Meeting
SATURDAY	10:00 A.M.	LWML Meeting
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 A.M.	Divine Worship/Communion
		Mission Sunday-LCMS Disaster Response
	After Service	Stewardship Pledge Sunday Potluck

ALTAR FLOWERS

*The flowers adorning the chancel area this morning have been placed to the glory of God by
Bob & Sandy Klose in celebration of their granddaughter EmmaLee's birthday.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2023 CHURCH DIRECTORY: The 2023 Church Directory has been completed and printed. If you have not received your copy please drop by the church office for your copy. I will be out in the narthex Sunday morning with the directories so you will be able to pick one up from me then. Thanks, Jan

OFFERING PLEDGES: There are pledge cards on the table under the bulletin board. These will be available through September 17, 2023. If you complete one of these cards simply place it in my mailbox. **There will be a potluck lunch on September 17, 2023 following the worship service.** Pledge cards will be on the tables. The cards completed at the potluck will be placed in a basket on the table by the door. This will be the culmination of our pledge drive. The pledges will be calculated, totaled, and used by the Board of Directors during the September 21, 2023 meeting, to aid in the planning of next year's budget. Please pray about what you desire to give back to the Lord for the works of His church. Thank you for all you do for the Lord. In Christ's Service, Sandy Klose, Stewardship Chairperson

THE MISSION FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER is The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod's disaster response ministry which responds to immediate and long-term needs following natural and man-made disasters, working through LCMS districts and congregations, international Lutheran churches, and other partners to respond with Christian care to needs within the church and the church communities.

TRACT OF THE MONTH: September's booklet is "**A Biblical Response to Cults**". "How can we identify a cult? What makes something a cult rather than an organized religion? And how can we help friends, family members, or neighbors who may be part of one? This month's booklet details the telltale markers of a cult, including real-world examples, and shows how we can use Scripture to identify harmful beliefs in cults or any other group. With this firm biblical foundation, readers will be equipped to avoid cults themselves and to have Gospel-centered discussions with people in their lives who might be involved in a cult." Be sure to pick up this month's tract or any of the previous month's tracts to read!

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Finish the book of Acts and begin 1 Peter on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), study Leviticus 7-11 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and hear the 3rd episode in our Leadership series with Bishop Jamison Hardy on The Coffee Hour (9/6 at 9:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUE Radio app!

HANDBELL CHOIR AND ADULT CHOIR

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Psalms 100:1,2

Summer is just about over and it's time to get back into our normal routines. Last year we had a Handbell Choir but we have lost a couple of members. I'm taking a survey to see if we have replacements. We need, at minimum, 8 people to have two octaves of bell playing. It would be great if we had another octave. Requirements are few – a love of music and dedication. Many of the skills can be learned while practicing. We meet weekly on **Thursdays**, starting **September 7 at 5:30 PM**. If this is of interest to you, please contact me.

In addition, we also are looking for someone who plays the piano who could assist the Choir with weekly practices and playing periodically on Sunday mornings. Until we find someone, we cannot have a choir.

Thank you for your consideration in serving the Lord in either or both of these blessings to our congregation.

Diane Kline, (909)648-3525, dkline@pacbell.net

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY

Rally day for Sunday School is Sunday, October 1, 2023

Sunday School Surveys will be passed out at church or mailed out this week to all families with school age children. Please take the time to fill them out and return to church by Sunday, Sept. 10th. Please put them in my church mail box (Sue Kelly) or mail them back to Trinity Lutheran Church. You may also place them in the plastic box on the Church office door.

The Education Committee is looking for volunteers to teach Sunday School classes for a month at a time. If you are interested in teaching a class every Sunday morning for a month during the upcoming school year (Oct-May), please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex. If you have any questions please contact Sue Kelly, 575-430-2100. Lessons and materials will be provided.

The next Education Committee meeting will be Monday, Sept. 11th at 5:30 p.m. If you have any ideas please feel free to come and join us. Sue Kelly, Education Chair

BACKPACK MINISTRY

We are still collecting food items for the Love INC Backpack Ministry this school year. 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.

Back Pack Food Suggestions

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| 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

LWML Sunday is Sunday, October 1, 2023

Our congregation will have the opportunity to gather together in worship under the theme “The King is Coming” based on Psalm 24:7–10. Throughout human history, God pictured the coming redemptive King through various images of His promise, providence, provision, and protection for His people. We could easily become down and out because of the evil of our world, and quickly give up because of the constant bad news; but hope, peace, joy, and love is the promise of our God for His people. Christ is the King of Glory! The Gospel is our only hope, as the King of glory comes in, with, and through the Gospel, as we were buried with Him in Baptism and raised with Him to a new life!



We will be celebrating LWML Sunday 2023 on October 1st. The author of this service is Rev. Dr. Roosevelt Gray, Jr., Director of LCMS Black Ministry.

Our LWML looks forward to sharing the wonderful mission of the Lutheran Women in Mission — God’s ministry around the world through mite offerings, service, and prayer. LWML will have a bake sale following the worship service.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

SUNDAY, SEPT. 3, 2023: WORSHIPPED: 75
SUNDAY, SEPT. 3, 2023, GENERAL FUND: \$5,698
DOLLAR PROJECT: \$8.00
FLOWERS: \$40.00
LCMS SEMINARY FUND: \$50.00

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

PIANIST: Lola Ableidinger

HOSTS:		ELDER:	Jim Wilkes
ALTAR GUILD:	Sandra Krueger Wilma Jaecks	TELLERS:	Yvonne Steeby Becky Worley
ATTENDANCE:	Mary Leslie Schmitt	SOUND TECH:	Bob Klose
USHERS:	Marvin Bunker, Susan Kelly Glen & Christine Schlehuser		
1ST LESSON:	Dick Dommers	2ND LESSON:	Jill Clark

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

ORGANIST: Lisa Cramm

HOSTS:	Bob & Jan Thede	ELDER:	Robert Rentschler
ALTAR GUILD:	Sandra Krueger Wilma Jaecks	TELLERS:	Shirley Enyeart Vicki Leonard
ATTENDANCE:	Mary Leslie Schmitt	SOUND TECH:	Matt Anderson
USHERS:	Bob Thede, Tammy Thede Robert Johnson, Trey Johnson		
1ST LESSON:	Ruth Wilkes	2ND LESSON:	Dick Dommers

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE COME TO YOU IN PRAISE AND PRAYER

Darrell Anderson, Sofia Banks, Brianna Bickham, Tina Bowman, Ellen Clark, Carol Collins, Chuck Collins,
Laurie Di Paolo, Harriet Douglas, **Valerie English**, Owen Frantz, Safi Harnett, Darwin Haslid, **Robin Haymes**,
Donna Holiday, Scout Hughes, Ronda Jones, Linda Linn, Janet Marsh, Maria Martin, Kate Murphy,
Lyle Nachand, Gene Nanny, Beth Omenhiser, Damian Orchard, Chad Parks, Logan Radford, Connie Rogers,
Carl Rooker, Judy Ruiz, Ann Schlehuser, Jessica Schroeder, Sharon Taylor, Dora Torres, Sarah Van Dorn,
Christine Vertein, Ann Waghorn, Guy Warden, Hannah Weather, Pastor Glen Weber, Rosanne Wehmeyer,
Betty Wilkes, **Lee Wood**, 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, Shannon Bowman, **Zac Collins**, Caleb Jaecks, **Natasha Thomas**,
Anthony Uttke, Tanner Wedd, and all troops serving in harms way

LEST WE FORGET

PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING

FOR OUR HOMEBOUND

Kay Burger, **Lothar Butzkies**, Rodney Greer, **Shirley Hill**

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.