

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY, May 8, 2022

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Divine Service 10:15 AM

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
DIVINE SERVICE SETTING THREE**

✠ INDICATES TO STAND

TRINITY RINGERS “BE THOU MY VISION”

CHOIR OPENING “THE LAMB”

OPENING HYMNPAGE 683

“JESUS, THY BOUNDLESS LOVE TO ME”

✠ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION PAGE184

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD PAGE186

✠ PSALM 23

Pastor: ¹The LORD is my shepherd;

People: **I shall not want.**

Pastor: ²He makes me lie down in green pastures.

People: **He leads me beside still waters.**

Pastor: ³He restores my soul.

People: **He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.**

Pastor: ⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me;

People: **Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.**

Pastor: ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

People: **You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

Pastor: ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

People: **and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

✠ KYRIE PAGE 186

✠ GLORIA IN EXCELSIS PAGE 187

✠ SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **♪ And with thy spirit.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

ALL: Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him Who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ♪ Amen.

FIRST READING -- ACTS 20:17-35

Reader: The first reading for the fourth Sunday of Easter is from the twentieth chapter of Acts.

¹⁷Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸And when they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹servicing the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²²And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, ²⁷for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which He obtained with His own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM "FAITH TO CARRY ON"

THE GRADUAL (*adapted from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalms 8:6*)

Pastor: Christ has risen from the dead.

People: [God the Father] has crowned Him with glory and honor,

Pastor: He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

People: He has put all things under His feet.

THE EPISTLE -- REVELATION 7:9-17

Reader: The Epistle reading is from the seventh chapter of Revelation.

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God Who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and

they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple; and He Who sits on the throne will shelter them with His presence. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their Shepherd, and He will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

✠ **ALLELUIA AND VERSE** *PAGE 190*

✠ THE HOLY GOSPEL -- JOHN 10:22-30

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the tenth chapter.

People: **♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

²²At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around Him and said to Him, “How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly.” ²⁵Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father’s name bear witness about Me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not part of My flock. ²⁷My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹My Father, Who has given them to Me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord

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

✠ **THE APOSTLES’ CREED** *PAGE 192*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY *PAGE 688*

“‘COME, FOLLOW ME,’ THE SAVIOR SPAKE”

THE SERMON “DIFFERENT SHEPHERDS”

✠ **OFFERING** *PAGE 193*

✠ **OFFERTORY** *PAGE 192*

✠ THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

✠ **THE LORD’S PRAYER** *PAGE 196*

✠ SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS PAGE 201

✠ BENEDICTION PAGE 202

CLOSING HYMN PAGE 839

“O CHRIST, OUR TRUE AND ONLY LIGHT”

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NEXT WEEK'S TEXTS: Psalm 148; Acts 11:1-18; Revelation 21:1-7; John 16:12-22

NEXT WEEK: How would you react if for all your life you weren't able to do something but then you could?

TODAY'S LIGHT READERS

TODAY'S LIGHT: Joshua 9--23

1. What is God's purpose for giving Joshua victory over all the kings as described in Joshua 10 (see Joshua 1:6)? What made it possible for Israel to win all these victories (Joshua 10:8, 12, 14, 19, 30, 32, 42)? For Christians today, what assurance is contained in all these passages?
2. What was the function of the cities of refuge (Joshua 20:1–3)? When would a refugee be free to leave a city of refuge (Joshua 20:6)? How is this mechanism for refuge in Israel similar to Jesus functioning as our high priest (1 John 2:2)?

LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

May 8 – Fourth Sunday of Easter - John 10:27 – “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.” On their own sheep are in great danger. They need a shepherd to guide them. The sheep know the Shepherd's voice, and we delight to go where He leads. Of course, the world, the devil, and our own sinful flesh want to pull us in another direction. Namely, they want to pull us in the direction of death. But following the Shepherd means life. So, no matter how difficult the path is, let us follow the Shepherd!

LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

May 8 - “Remember, it is your INDISPENSABLE hands that gather up all the coins from baby bottles, the diapers from diaper drives, and the layettes and baby clothes that keep pregnancy resource center shelves stocked and able to provide much needed support for a pregnant mother and father to choose life!” *Jeff Duncan, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life — www.lutheransforlife.org*

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

May 8 – Easter IV/Mother's Day – “Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me” (Psalm 23:4). Boundaries do not restrict freedom but complete it by releasing from the dangers beyond. Moms—like God—discipline because they love. So let us heed His voice (John 10:27) and not shrink from declaring anything that is profitable, both in public and at home (Acts 20:20), including that abortion is sinful and every human life is precious.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRADUATE'S RECEPTION: You're invited to a reception after church next Sunday for all our high school and college graduates. Our graduates are **Jill Clark, Ben Clark and Miriam Collins**. Jill graduated from Grand Canyon University with a Master of Education in Early Childhood Education and Early Childhood Special Education. Ben received a Bachelor of Science in Justice Studies from Grand Canyon University and Miriam is graduating from high school.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFuo.org: Study Acts 6-8 on Sharper Iron's "To the End of the Earth" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), dig into 1 John 2-4 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and study Free Will in Article XVIII of the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (5/14 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts.

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS, A Christian Growth one day Retreat sponsored by Trinity LWML on May 14, 9:00 until 3:00. It will be held here at Trinity. What are blessings, can we count on them? Can bad things be blessings? How can you be a blessing? Ladies, put this "not to be missed" time on your calendar. This will be a fun day of talking, laughing, and learning. Lunch will be "Stone Soup." Start thinking about what you want to bring for the soup as everyone throws something in the pot to add goodness to the soup. Talk to Nora Sotak for more information and check your church mailbox for a reminder.

THE MISSION FOR MAY AND JUNE is the 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. Our LCMS seminaries have only three sources of operating revenue: 1) Investment income from endowment, 2) Tuition paid by students after financial aid is awarded (often in the form of student loans), & 3) Financial gifts graciously supplied by God's people.

TRACT OF THE MONTH: I didn't pick a Tract of the Month for May, but there are several excellent tracts covering many topics of interest, concern, or need on the rack in the Narthex. I hope you will give them a look. You may find one that interests you, or that you need.

PRAYER LIST: If you have placed someone on our prayer page, please let the church office know what the status is on that person and whether they can be removed. Just call the church office at 575-4371482 or email the church at tlchurchlcms@yahoo.com to let us know. Thanks, Jan

WORSHIP ANEW is a National Lutheran TV program sponsored by Terry Marquardt of Marquardt Eye Associates and Trinity Lutheran Church of Alamogordo. It's on KVBA Vision Broadcasting, on Sunday at 12:30 p.m. or Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. It's streaming on KVBATV.org or 14.1 Digital, 19 Analog, 22 Cable. (times listed below)

Sunday	5:30 AM	Sunday 12:30 PM
Wed.	11:30 AM	Friday 8:00 AM
Friday	2:00 PM	Friday 6:30 PM

LWML

LWML is collecting and gathering items for the “Gifts from the Heart In-gathering”. Please help us gather these items. Tubs are set-up by the LWML table for the items. The 3 outreaches are the following, including their wish lists.

1. **God Cares About You** – shares Christ’s love to the disadvantage in Albuquerque’s “international zone.”
Wish items: Children’s Bible story books (new or used in good condition); Hygiene Kits-hand towel, wash cloth, bar of soap and small packet of tissue (all put in a large ziplock bag)
2. **Hartley House** – provides support and provision to battered women. **Wish items:** new underwear (all sizes and in original packaging feminine hygiene products (in original box or packaging)
3. **Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care** – proclaims the Gospel on both sides of the border. **Wish list:** Blankets (all sizes, new or gently used; new toys (for ages 1-12) puzzles, legos, toy vehicles, plush toys, action figures, dolls, fidget toys, coloring books, cooking and kitchen craft kits, and board games.

If you have any questions, please see Yvonne Steeby, Hannah Keeler, Bev Van Duyn, Suan Kelly or Chris Schlehuser.

T H I S W E E K

SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2022 THROUGH SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2022

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	<i>Mother’s Day</i> Christian Education Hour
	10:15 A.M.	Divine Worship
MONDAY	5:30 P.M.	<i>Board of Evangelism Meeting</i>
TUESDAY	9:30 A.M.	<i>Ruth Bible Study</i>
	4:30 P.M.	<i>Devotions-Betty Dare</i>
WEDNESDAY	9:00 A.M.	<i>Men’s Bible Study</i>
	10:30 A.M.	TOPS
	11:30 A.M.	<i>PEO Meeting</i>
	5:00 P.M.	TOPS
THURSDAY	6:00 P.M.	<i>Love INC</i>
SATURDAY	9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.	<i>LWML Retreat</i>
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 A.M.	Divine Worship/Communion
	After Service	Mission Sunday- LCMS Seminary Fund <i>High School & College Graduation Reception</i>

ALTAR FLOWERS

*The flowers adorning the chancel area this morning have been placed to the glory of God by
 Bob & Sandy Klose in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.*

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

SUNDAY, MAY 1ST, 2022: WORSHIPPED: 82 COMMUNED: 64

SUNDAY, MAY 1ST, 2022: GENERAL FUND: \$6,154.00

Estimated Weekly Budget Requirement: \$4,137.00

FLOWERS: \$102.00

DOLLAR PROJECT: \$14.00

ELDEEN HUMPHREY MEMORIAL FUND: \$200.00

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

PIANIST: Sarah Elkjer

HOSTS:	Gerald & Gayan Moore	ELDER:	Jesse Elkjer
		ACOLYTE:	Madie Sanchez
ALTAR GUILD:	Belinda Burmeister	TELLERS:	Dick Dommers
	Cheryl Richey		Megan Bowman
ATTENDANCE:	Cheryl Sandenaw	SOUND TECH:	Louis Mauriot
USHERS:	Marvin Bunker, Susan Kelly		
	Glen & Christine Schlehuser,		
1ST LESSON:	Larry Van Duyn	2ND LESSON:	Beverly Van Duyn

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 15TH

PIANIST: Sarah Elkjer

HOSTS:	Carol Nygaard	ELDER:	Matt Anderson
	Heather Patrick	ACOLYTE:	Ryan Sebring
ALTAR GUILD:	Belinda Burmeister	TELLERS:	Linde Van Cleave
	Cheryl Richey		Cheryl Sandenaw
ATTENDANCE:	Cheryl Sandenaw	SOUND TECH:	Matt Anderson
USHERS:	Ray Krueger, Bob Thede		
	Robert Johnson, Trey Johnson		
1ST LESSON:	Jill Clark	2ND LESSON:	Matt Clark

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

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

Lois Babcock, Hunter Bednorz, Arlene Calixto, **Jill Clark**, Katrina Clark, Carol Collins, Rob Davis, Harriet Douglas, Paul Douglas, **Valerie English**, Owen Frantz, **Denise Griffiths**, Winnie Hardson, David Hernandez, **Cyndi Heithold**, Greg Hodgdon, Wayne Holmes, Marilyn Hughes, Scout Hughes, Ronda Jones, Shannon Jones, Caroline Kelley, Jake Koller, **Richard Kommer**, Cindy Lavalley, Janet Marsh, Jerry Miller, Chad Parks, Logan Radford, **Susan Rentschler**, Connie Rogers, Jessica Schroeder, Lynn Skinner, Marylin Spain, Robert Spain, Christine Vertain, Ron Wilkes, **Lee Wood**, **Linsey Worley**, Martyrs for the faith, Our Nation's Leaders, Ukrainians, Fires in NM

We also pray for those who are on the long-term prayers in the Trinitarian.

FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY IN THE MILITARY

Tom Bass, **Zac Collins**, Matthew Dommers, Caleb Jaecks, Jason Lee, **Natasha Thomas**, Tanner Wedd, and all troops serving in harms way

LEST WE FORGET

PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING

Ben Clark, Jill Clark and Miriam Collins (on their graduations)

FOR OUR HOMEBOUND

Kay Burger, Lothar Butzkies, Rodney Greer, Denise Griffiths, Shirley Hill, Clarence Hust, Connie Johnson

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.