

**WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**SUNDAY, October 29, 2023**

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Bible Classes and Sunday School, 9:00 AM,

Divine Service 10:15 AM

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE  
Reformation Sunday (Observed)  
DIVINE SERVICE SETTING FOUR**

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“SEE THIS WONDER IN THE MAKING”

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✠ PSALM 46

Pastor: <sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength,

**People: a very present help in trouble.**

Pastor: <sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,

**People: though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

Pastor: <sup>3</sup>though its waters roar and foam,

**People: though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**

Pastor: <sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

**People: the holy habitation of the Most High.**

Pastor: <sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;

**People: God will help her when morning dawns.**

Pastor: <sup>6</sup>The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;

**People: He utters His voice, the earth melts.**

Pastor: <sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;

**People: the god of Jacob is our fortress.**

Pastor: <sup>8</sup>Come, behold the works of the LORD,

**People: how He has brought desolations on the earth.**

Pastor: <sup>9</sup>He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

**People: He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; He burns the chariots with fire.**

Pastor: <sup>10</sup>“Be still, and know that I am God.

**People: I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”**

Pastor: <sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;

**People: the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

**ALL: Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**FIRST READING – REVELATION 14:6-7**

Reader: The first reading for Reformation Sunday is from the fourteenth chapter of Revelation.

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. <sup>7</sup>And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come, and worship Him Who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**THE GRADUAL** (*Psalm 48:1a, 12-14a*)

Pastor: Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised

People: **in the city of our God!**

Pastor: Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers,

People: **consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels,**

Pastor: that you may tell the next generation

People: **that this is God, our God forever and ever.**

**THE EPISTLE READING – ROMANS 3:19-28**

Reader: The Epistle reading is from the third chapter of Romans.

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For by works of the law no human being will be justified in His sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. <sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>Whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in His divine forbearance He had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup>It was to show His righteousness at the present time, so that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. <sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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**✠ THE HOLY GOSPEL- MATTHEW 11:12-19**

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

**People: Glory to You, O Lord**

<sup>12</sup>[Jesus said:] “From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. <sup>13</sup>For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, <sup>14</sup>and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. <sup>15</sup>He who has ears to hear, let him hear. <sup>16</sup>“But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates, <sup>17</sup>“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’ <sup>18</sup>For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ <sup>19</sup>The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look at Him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ**

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**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

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**“A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD”**

**THE SERMON “FLUTE OR DIRGE”**

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**“BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS”**

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**NEXT WEEK'S TEXTS:** Psalm 149; Revelation 7:9-17; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

## TODAY'S LIGHT READERS

**TODAY'S LIGHT:** 2 Timothy; Titus 1--2

1. What does it mean to you that God “gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control” (2 Timothy 1:7)?
2. Explain these words of Paul to Titus: “To the pure, all things are pure, but to the defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; but both their minds and their consciences are defiled” (Titus 1:15).

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## LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

**October 29 – Reformation Day (Observed) - John 8:36 – “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”**  
Today we celebrate Reformation Day! Luther is rightly remembered as a champion of the Gospel — but he also called himself “the apostle of good works.” For only by being set free by the Gospel can we do good works. Jesus has set us free: His blood covers over our sins, and now we stand before God as His beloved children, invited to live our lives to His glory for the good of His kingdom.

## LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

**October 29** “On this Reformation weekend, let’s rekindle our commitment to be faithful to the God who both preserves and redeems this world in His ways. And let’s remind ourselves of the blessings that come from following Him in all things, now and forever.” *Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz, Executive Director of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

## LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

**October 29 – Reformation Day** – Our Reformation heritage includes boldly and gladly confessing God’s Word. The Scriptures speak frequently and forcefully of taking care of children (1 Thessalonians 2:7) and standing up for a neighbor’s life (Leviticus 19:16). Christians cannot promote or even permit putting people to death by abortion, assisted suicide, and embryo experimentation. Love for our Father means love for each other!

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## ***T H I S   W E E K***

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, THROUGH SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	<i>Christian Education Hour</i>
	10:15 A.M.	<i>Divine Worship-Reformation Sunday</i>
TUESDAY	9:30 A.M.	<i>Ruth Bible Study</i>
WEDNESDAY		<b>All Saints Day</b>
	9:00 A.M.	<i>Men’s Bible Study</i>
	10:30 A.M.	TOPS
THURSDAY	9:00 A.M.	Quilters
	5:30 P.M.	Bell Choir Practice
FRIDAY	4:00 P.M.	Confirmation
SUNDAY	2:00 A.M.	<b>Daylight Saving Time Ends</b>
	9:00 A.M.	<i>Christian Education Hour</i>
	10:15 A.M.	<i>Divine Worship/Communion</i>

***Pastor will be on vacation November 1<sup>st</sup> through November 7<sup>th</sup>.***

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

*The flowers adorning the chancel area this morning have been placed to the glory of God by Gerald & Gayan Moore in celebration of Gayan's and their granddaughter Vanessa's birthdays.*

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TUESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY** meets at 9:30 a.m. We will begin *Meant for Good, A Study of Joseph* by Donna Snow on November 7, 2023. This is an eight-week study that will look closely at Joseph's character, faithfulness, patience, and forgiveness. You are invited! Read "An Introduction to Our Study of Joseph" before class on November 7. We will begin our study together on page 15. Let Hannah Keeler (575-491-9234, [hannahventuring@yahoo.com](mailto:hannahventuring@yahoo.com)) know if you will attend and she can get a book ordered for you.

**ANNUAL ELECTION:** With our annual meeting imminent, scheduled for November 12, we still ask for names to run for Trustee and at least two Elder positions. Anyone interested should speak to the current incumbent or any of the other officers. Those incumbents who are stepping down have served well and deserve to be relieved by those willing to take up the reins.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** We will be trying a new time for Sunday School starting on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Children will be taken out of the worship service during the last hymn and be in Sunday School class for 30-40 minutes. We will try this schedule for the first 3 Sundays in November and get feedback from parents.

**CALENDARS:** The youth will be selling calendars for 2024 for \$5.00 each. Please look for them in the Narthex.

**YOUTH ACTIVITY DAY:** We will be having a Youth Activity Day for children during the Fall/Thanksgiving break with Abby Anderson leading the activity. It is for children ages 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. It will be on Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1:00 – 3:30 PM. For more information contact Sue Kelly at 575-430-2100.

**SIBERIAN SEMINARY FUND:** Our fund to support the Lutheran Seminary being built in Siberia will be closed at the end of this year and the funds collected remitted to the Rocky Mountain District. Presently we have reached approximately two thirds of the goal we established when charged by the District to participate in this effort. Let's try to close that gap between now and the end of the year and fill the "thermometer" posted in the narthex.

**ON-LINE GIVING:** Trinity Lutheran has an option of doing online giving for your weekly, biweekly or monthly giving through a program called Give+ and an organization called Vanco. There is no charge to the church or the individual for this service. Monies can be designated for general fund or missions as you choose. You can do this through a savings or a checking account. We have been using this system for about a year and a half and have not had any issues. You can stop, place on hold, increase or decrease payment at any time. It is handy if you leave town frequently, because you don't have to worry about catching up or missing. It is done automatically. You receive a notification by email and a receipt for payment by email. Please check with Vicki Leonard if you have any questions.

**TRACT OF THE MONTH:** October's booklet is "**A Biblical Response to Liberal Christianity**". This month's booklet "breaks down what "liberal Christianity" really means, briefly reviews the history of the ideas behind it, and highlights the main differences between liberal Christianity and biblical Christianity. Also included are hypothetical conversations to help readers see these differences play out in real life." This booklet will help Christians understand and discuss the importance of the resurrection of Jesus Christ as the only foundation for Christian faith." I found this book to be philosophic, entertaining, and informative. I highly recommend it! Be sure to pick up a copy of this month's tract or any of the previous month's tracts to read! They are on the spinner rack in the Narthex.

**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org:** Blessed Reformation (observed)! Hear about Church Discipline on Free-Text First Friday on Thy Strong Word (11/3 at 11:00 a.m. CT), study Hebrews 10-11 on Sharper Iron's "The New Covenant in Christ" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and have some fun with our first Pie Social on The Coffee Hour (11/2 at 9:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org and the KFUE Radio app!

**WORSHIP ANEW** is a National Lutheran TV program sponsored by Terry Marquardt 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).

**Worship Anew can also be viewed at any time over the internet. Simply go to** <https://worshipanew.org/>

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5:30 AM</b>	<b>Sunday 12:30 PM</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Friday 8:00 AM</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>Friday 6:30 PM</b>

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### **MAUI DISASTER RELIEF**

**Here are some sites to send money for disaster relief for Maui:**

LCMS: <https://www.lcms.org/givenow/disaster>

California, Hawaii, Nevada District LCMS: <https://www.cnh-lcms.org/>

Emmanuel Lutheran LCMS Maui, HI <https://www.elc-maui.org/>

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### **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!**

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

**SUNDAY, OCT. 22, 2023: WORSHIPPED: 71 ONLINE:**

**GENERAL FUND: \$4,010.00**

**DOLLAR PROJECT: \$14.00**

**FLOWERS: \$36.00**

**LCMS DISASTER FUND: \$200.00**

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

**GUITARIST:** Bobby Anderson

<b>HOSTS:</b>	Margaret Worley Becky Worley	<b>ELDER:</b>	Matt Anderson
<b>ALTAR GUILD:</b>	Robin Haymes Vicki Leonard	<b>TELLERS:</b>	Yvonne Steeby Becky Worley
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Shirley Enyeart	<b>SOUND TECH:</b>	Bob Klose
<b>USHERS:</b>	Volunteers		
<b>1ST LESSON:</b>	Vicki Leonard	<b>2ND LESSON:</b>	Sandy Klose

### **ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>**

**ORGANIST:**

<b>HOSTS:</b>	Lewis & Kelly Thomas	<b>ELDER:</b>	Robert Rentschler
<b>ALTAR GUILD:</b>	Diane Kline Cheryl Richey	<b>TELLERS:</b>	Shirley Enyeart Vicki Leonard
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Cheryl Sandenaw	<b>SOUND TECH:</b>	Ben Clark
<b>USHERS:</b>	Tom Blackmon, Jim Fladhammer Larry & Beverly Van Duyn		
<b>1ST LESSON:</b>	George Schweers	<b>2ND LESSON:</b>	Marianne Schweers

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

**Darrell Anderson**, Darren Belcher, Brianna Bickham, Ellen Clark, Chuck Collins, **Laurie Di Paolo**,  
**Valerie English**, Owen Frantz, Tom Good, Carol Henry, Donna Holiday, Scout Hughes, Ronda Jones,  
Laura Klose, Janet Marsh, Lyle Nachand, Nowak Family, Damian Orchard, Chad Parks, Logan Radford,  
Connie Rogers, Carl Rooker, Ann Schlehuser, Bonnie Schneider, Jessica Schroeder, Sharon Taylor,  
Sarah Van Dorn, Chris Van Duyn, Christine Vertein, Ann Waghorn, Hannah Weather, Betty Wilkes, **Lee Wood**,  
**Trinity's Sunday School and Sunday School Parents**, Martyrs for the faith, Our Nation's Leaders,  
Public Safety Personnel, Israel

*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**

Family and friends of **Darlene Eggers**

### **PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING**

Baptism of Raelynn Rose Van Cleave

### **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.