

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY, September 8, 2024

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Bible Classes and Sunday School, 9:00 AM,

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Divine Service 10:15 AM

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
DIVINE SERVICE SETTING FOUR**

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“MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE”

✚ **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** PAGE 203

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✚ **PSALM 146**

Pastor: ¹Praise the LORD!

People: Praise the LORD, O my soul!

Pastor: ²I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

People: I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Pastor: ³Put not your trust in princes,

People: in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

Pastor: ⁴When his breath departs he returns to the earth;

People: on that very day his plans perish.

Pastor: ⁵Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

People: whose hope is in the LORD his God,

Pastor: ⁶Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,

People: Who keeps faith forever;

Pastor: ⁷Who executes justice for the oppressed,

People: Who gives food to the hungry.

Pastor: The LORD sets the prisoners free; ⁸the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

People: The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

Pastor: ⁹The LORD watches over the sojourners; He upholds the widow and the fatherless,

People: but the way of the wicked He brings to ruin.

Pastor: ¹⁰The LORD will reign forever,

People: your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son

And to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning,

Is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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✠ **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** *PAGE 204*

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

ALL: **O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; through Jesus Christ, You Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING -- ISAIAH 35:4-7A

Reader: The Old Testament reading for the sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost is from the thirty-fifth chapter of Isaiah.

⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

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 -- JAMES 2:1-10, 14-18

Reader: The Epistle reading is from the second chapter of James.

¹My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ²For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," ⁴have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which He has promised to those who love Him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? ⁸If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. ⁹But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. . . . ¹⁴What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. ¹⁸But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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✠THE HOLY GOSPEL -- MARK 7:31-37

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the seventh chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

31Then He returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. 32And they brought to Him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged Him to lay His hand on him. 33And taking him aside from the crowd privately, He put His fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. 34And looking up to heaven, He sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” 35And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. 36And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more He charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. 37And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

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“WHERE CHARITY AND LOVE PREVAIL ”

THE SERMON “LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR”

OFFERING

✠THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH PAGE 207

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CLOSING HYMNPAGE 732

“ALL DEPENDS ON OUR POSSESSING”

Divine Service, Setting Four from Lutheran Service Book

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NEXT WEEK'S TEXTS: Psalm 116:1-9; Isaiah 50:4-10; James 3:1-12; Mark 9:14-29

NEXT WEEK: Though small it is hard to tame.

THIS WEEK’S READINGS: 2 Chronicles 25-33

1. Give an example of a king that started out well but what happened to bring him down?
2. Who would you consider the greatest king in the readings and why?

LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

Sept. 8 – Trinity 16 - James 2:2 – “For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in ...” God shows no partiality: rich and poor alike are called into the kingdom. And both rich and poor alike have something to contribute to the kingdom in accordance with the callings God has given them in their lives. This is why both the Old and New Testaments talk about proportional giving — that is, giving a proportion of our income to the Lord’s work. This makes it possible for rich and poor alike to have the honor of supporting God’s work.

LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

September 8 - "Let us never forget and continue to trust in God as our only resource when we face difficult life issues. Continue to pray for our country as some leaders continue to pursue making laws that jeopardize precious lives and challenge God's plan for life. Let us put our trust in God, not man." Virginia Flo, Director of Volunteer Relations, Lutherans For Life – *A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

September 8 – Pentecost XVI - Almighty God makes the Prophet Isaiah solemnly proclaim, "Behold, your God will come ... He will come and save" (Isaiah 35:4). Jesus demonstrates its fulfillment when He does not cast aside but cares for the burdened body of a neighbor with impairments (Mark 7:32-35). So why should we hold our tongues any longer when we could be dispensing the same hope to those facing surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis?

T H I S W E E K

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 THROUGH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 A.M.	Divine Worship
MONDAY	After worship	Education Meeting-Library
	After worship	"The Chosen" – Fellowship Hall
TUESDAY	5:30 P.M.	Evangelism Meeting
WEDNESDAY	9:30 A.M.	Ruth Bible Study
	9:00 A.M.	Men's Bible Study
SUNDAY	10:30 A.M.	TOPS
	11:30 A.M.	PEO Meeting
	2:00 P.M.	Sunset Years devotion-Betty Dare
	9:00 A.M.	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 A.M.	Divine Worship/Communion

Pastor is on vacation from Tuesday, September 3rd through Wednesday, September 11th. If you have any pastoral needs during this time please contact one of the elders listed on the inside page of the church Directory. Pastor Kerry Buttke is our guest pastor today.

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 granddaughter Emma Lee's birthday and in thanks to God for their grandchildren.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE THE LORD! Norbert Sanchez has agreed to become the trustee for Trinity. The board unanimously voted to confirm his appointment.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Continue studying Psalm 119 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), begin a study of Hosea on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and tune in for a discussion of Christ's return for judgement on Concord Matters (9/14 at 11:00 a.m. CT). Remember to save the date for KFUE Radio's 100th Anniversary Celebration broadcast, October 12 at 10:00 a.m. CT! Tune in at kfue.org or RSVP for the in-person event at kfue.org/rsvp.

TRACT OF THE MONTH: A Simple Explanation of Church History: “The Church – meaning the universal and invisible collection of Christians – has experienced both hardship and joy throughout history. But in all times and all places, through the protection of Christ, the Church has been kept alive and thriving through the Holy Spirit. Learn a brief history of the Christian Church (from AD 30 to the present day) that will guide you to hope in Christ and grant you a renewed understanding of the Church, both past and present.

MISSION FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER is LCMS Disaster Response: The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod’s disaster response ministry 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.

KEEP THIS DATE!!! On Saturday October 19th, the Evangelism Committee will be sponsoring the Luther Classical College “Christian Culture Conference” which was put on in June & which we acquired the right to be able to show to our congregation on a different date. The conference will start at 8:30 a.m. We will provide a continental breakfast, snacks, and lunch. Topics included are: Wokism & Post-Christian America, The Lutheran Family: Past and Future, Necessary Masculinity in Post-Christian America, Campus Free Speech is not Enough, and Tyranny’s Assault on the Family: Church & State in Post-Christian America. More details will be provided later. ***(Note: we may actually have a flyer to add instead)***

BACKPACK MINISTRY

We are collecting food items for the Love INC Backpack Ministry for the Tularosa schools. 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!

Pastor Kerry received this email from Debby Small in regards to Pastor Terry Small:

We are doing well - all things considered. I am recovering from a total knee replacement while Terry is considering his options for his newly diagnosed kidney cancer.

The Honor Flight honors those veterans who have served our country faithfully. Many were spat upon when returning from overseas, especially during the Vietnam era - as was Terry when landing in San Francisco. The Honor Flight takes the veterans to Washington DC for a day trip to visit the various service memorials and Arlington Cemetery. Three WWII vets are on Terry's flight and will place wreaths on the tomb of the Unknowns. While flying back to Iowa the veterans will be given their packet of letters to read. It is a very emotional time for them. Upon landing, they are greeted by over 1000 people as well as a band or two.

Pastor Terry has been selected to receive an **Honor Flight to Washington DC** on **Sept 17th** where he will tour the various armed service memorials, the Vietnam Wall, and Arlington cemetery. Upon his return to Iowa the same night he will be greeted at the airport by cheering crowds and bands - the type of greeting he did not receive when returning from his service in Thailand during the Vietnam War. During his return flight home, part of his Honor Flight experience will be to receive a pouch of letters, cards, and notes from friends and family thanking him for his service. I know he will appreciate hearing from you especially now that we know his cancer and Parkinsonism were caused by his exposure to Agent Orange while serving in Thailand.

Your letter of thanks to him for doing his part to protect our nation will mean much to him. The timing of this could not be better now that we know his two cancers and Parkinson's were caused by his service in Thailand where he was exposed to the herbicide, Agent Orange. He has no regrets, but hearing letters of thanks from people he respects, will reinforce his joy in having been able to serve.

Can you take a few minutes to send or email your note to his guardian for the trip:

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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

SUNDAY, SEPT. 1, 2024: WORSHIPPED: 80 COMMUNED: 67 ONLINE: 3

SUNDAY, SEPT. 1, 2024, GENERAL FUND: \$3,089.00

DOLLAR PROJECT-YSLETA BACKPACKS: 5.00

FLOWERS: \$76.00

LCMS DISASTER FUND: \$160.00

MEMORIAL FUND-DARLENE OBERLING: \$100.00

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

MUSIC: Lola Ableidinger

HOSTS:	Bob & Jan Thede	ELDER:	Jim Wilkes
ALTAR GUILD:	Sheila Anderson Wilma Jaecks	TELLERS:	Lola Ableidinger Nora Sotak
ATTENDANCE:	Merry Zumwalt	SOUND TECH:	Bob Klose
USHERS:	Susan Kelly, Norbert Sanchez Glen & Chris Schlehuser		
1ST LESSON:	Cheryl Sandenaw	2ND LESSON:	Nora Sotak

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

MUSIC: Bobby Anderson

HOSTS:	Irvin Torres & Linde Van Cleave	ELDER:	Robert Rentschler
ALTAR GUILD:	Sheila Anderson Wilma Jaecks	TELLERS:	Susan Kelly Sandy Klose
ATTENDANCE:	Merry Zumwalt	SOUND TECH:	Jim Kline
USHERS:	Robert & Trey Johnson Bob & Tammy Thede		
1ST LESSON:	Ruth Wilkes	2ND LESSON:	Dick Dommers

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

Darrell & Sheila Anderson, Brianna Bickham, Darren Belcher, Donna Belcher, Jerimiah Carr, Ellen Clark, Colby Alexandra Clark, Douglas Clark, **Pastor Kevin & Lisa Cramm**, Donna & Billie Crawford, Toni Cullen, Frank & **Shirley Enyeart**, Gari Ann Gage, **Darlene Gilmore**, Scott Henry, Bob Hilborn, Donna Holiday, Scout Hughes, Jim Johnson, Michelle Luevano, Betsy Miller, **Gerald Moore**, Damian Orchard, Chad Parks, Logan Radford, Randy Rentschler, Connie Rogers, Jon Scarbough, Jessica Schroeder, Judy Smith, Pastor Terry & Debbie Small, Rick Sotak, Roger Strom, **Irvin Torres**, Sarah Van Dorn, Joel Van Duyn, Ann Waghorn, Hannah Weathers, Betty Wilkes, Margaret Worley, 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**, Caleb Jaecks, Daniel Smelser, Bryant Roeske, Kyle Steeby, Anthony Uttke, Tanner Wedd, and all troops serving in harms way

LEST WE FORGET

PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING

Carl Rooker

FOR OUR HOMEBOUND

Kay Burger, Lothar Butzkies, Rodney Greer, Shirley Hill, Colleen Sandenaw, 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.