

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

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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
5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
DIVINE SERVICE SETTING ONE**

✠ INDICATES TO STAND

OPENING HYMN..... PAGE 606

“I LAY MY SINS ON JESUS”

✠ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION..... PAGE 151

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✠ PSALM 146

P ¹Praise the LORD!

C **Praise the LORD, O my soul!**

P ²I will praise the LORD as long as I live,

C **I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

P ³Put not your trust in princes,

C **in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.**

P ⁴When his breath departs he returns to the earth;

C **on that very day his plans perish.**

P ⁵Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

C **whose hope is in the LORD his God,**

P ⁶who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,

C **who keeps faith forever.**

P ⁷Who executes justice for the oppressed,

C **who gives food to the hungry.**

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

C **The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

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

C **but the way of the wicked He brings to ruin.**

P ¹⁰The LORD will reign forever,
 C **your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!**
 C **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.

✠**KYRIE** PAGE 152

✠**THIS IS THE FEAST** PAGE 155

✠**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY** PAGE 156

P The Lord be with you.

C **♪ And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ♪Amen.

THE FIRST READING --- ACTS 6:1-9; 7:2A, 51-60

P The First Reading for the fifth Sunday of Easter is from the sixth and seventh chapters of Acts.

¹Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. ²And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. ³Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. ⁴But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." ⁵And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. ⁷And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the

disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. ⁸And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. . . .²And Stephen said: "Brothers and fathers, hear me... ⁵¹You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. ⁵²Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it." ⁵⁴Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. ⁵⁵But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." ⁵⁷But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL (*adapt, from Matt, 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps.8:6*)

P Christ has risen from the dead.

C **[God the Father] has crowned Him with glory and honor,**

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

C **He has put all things under His feet.**

THE EPISTLE -- 1 PETER 2:2-10

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

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴As you come to Him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame.” ⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” ⁸and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

✠ ALLELUIA AND VERSE PAGE 156

✠ THE HOLY GOSPEL -- JOHN 14:1-14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the fourteenth chapter.

C **♪ Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹[Jesus said:] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me. ²In My Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. ⁷If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also. From now on you do know Him and have seen Him.” ⁸Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know Me, Philip? Whoever has seen Me has seen the

Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own authority, but the Father who dwells in Me does His works. ¹¹Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. ¹²‘Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in Me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³Whatever you ask in My name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it.’

P This is the Gospel of the Lord
C  **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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“BY ALL YOUR SAINTS IN WARFARE” (*vs, 1, 7, 3*)

THE SERMON

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 **THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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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 **respectfully refrain until you** first speak with the Pastor or an elder.

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NEXT WEEK'S TEXTS: Psalm 66:8-20; Acts 17:16-31; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

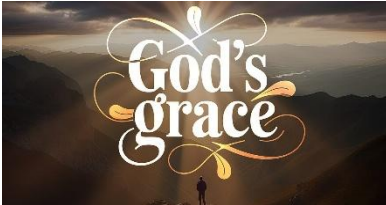
**WE ARE SO EXCITED TO WELCOME PASTOR SIMON NIEMTSCHK
TO OUR CONGREGATION!!!**

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026 THROUGH SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026

| <u>TIME</u> | <u>EVENT</u> | |
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| SUNDAY | 9:00 A.M. | Education Hour |
| | 10:15 A.M. | Divine Worship/Communion |
| TUESDAY | 9:30 A.M. | Ruth Bible Study |
| | 5:15 P.M. | Bell Choir Practice |
| WEDNESDAY | 10:30 A.M. | TOPS Luncheon-Great Room |
| THURSDAY | 9:30 A.M. | Quilters |
| | 2:00 P.M. | Women's Thursday Bible Study |
| SATURDAY | 10:00 A.M. | LWML Tea |
| SUNDAY | | Mother's Day |
| | 9:00 A.M. | Christian Education Hour |
| | 10:15 A.M. | Divine Worship |

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 54th wedding anniversary.



TRINITY STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

(Galatians 2:20)

"It is no longer I who lives, but Christ Who lives in me."

God's grace not only brings us forgiveness and salvation, but it also trains *"us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and Godly lives in the present age"* (Titus 2:12). Paul is telling us that God's grace empowers us to break away from our old, fallen nature. We are enabled to renounce sin and embrace God. Empowered by grace, we become more like Jesus. We live a new life marked by the mysterious union through Baptism with Jesus described by Paul in these words: *"It is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me"* (Galatians 2:20).

Lola Ableidinger, Stewardship Chair

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TRINITY LWML

We are having a picnic!

May 9, 2026 10:00 AM

Ladies, you are invited and encouraged to attend.

Why?

We are the Heart of the LWML because we are HIS!

Held by His Word;
Inspired to share His Gospel; and
Surrounded by His grace.



Plans are underway for a devotion and a Mission Service project. After completing the Lord's work and worshiping Him, we will have a **PICNIC!** Come join the fun worshiping, visiting, working, eating, and enjoying each other's company.

See you in the great room Saturday, May 9!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LWML RUMMAGE SALE: We are collecting rummage for our annual Rummage Sale. Please place your rummage in the center Sunday School Room, the other two rooms are used for Children's Sunday School Classes. The East Shed is also available for storage of rummage. The shed key is available through Jan Thede during office hours 575-437-1482 or call Nora Sotak 575-439-7524, or Norbert Sanchez 575-921-2239.

TRACT OF THE MONTH: What about Confession and Absolution? Are we poor, miserable sinners? What is Confession? What sins should we confess? By What authority does the church forgive sins? What do you believe according to the promise of God? Is confession and absolution a Sacrament? What is private absolution and what is its benefit? **These questions, are answered by Dr. A. L. Barry, former President of The LCMS.** Pick one up on the spinning rack in the Narthex.

BOTTLE CAP PROJECT: LWML is still collecting bottle caps of all sizes. We have a bin in the Education Office for the Caps you collect. The bottle caps are used to make prosthetics for disabled patients, of low-income, in Mexico. Rosy, a deaconess from one of the Juarez Lutheran Mission churches, picks up the bottle caps from Isleta Lutheran Missions and delivers them to the Collection Center in Juarez where the prosthetics are made. What a blessing for the disabled. Thank you for your support.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM850 & KFUE.org: Tune in to Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT) for our latest study, "Springing into the Psalms!" This week will take us through Psalms 21, 30, 38, 45, and 53. Join us on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as Pastor Booe guides us through a brand new study of the book of James! Don't forget to listen to Concord Matters this Saturday (5/9 at 10 a.m. CT) as we look at the Power and Primacy of the Pope. What is "the office of the keys"? Find your favorite programs on-demand by visiting kfuo.org!

MISSION FOR MAY / JUNE: Lutheran Hispanic Missionary Institute, El Paso (LHMI) - From their website at: <http://www.missionaryinstitute.org/> "The central purpose and role of the LHMI is expressed by the following mission statement: The mission of the Lutheran Hispanic Missionary Institute is training workers to multiply healthy Hispanic Ministries. WE COMMIT TO:

- TRAIN...men and women as missionaries for service as evangelists, deacons/deaconesses with a spirit of humble obedience (Philippians 2:5-8), sowing the seed of the Gospel among Hispanics.

- PARTNER...with individuals, congregations, and other Lutheran organizations to extend outreach to Hispanics.
- NURTURE...new workers and ministries in response to His Great Commandment (Mt. 22:37-40)”

BOARD MINUTES: If anyone is interested in viewing the monthly board meeting minutes, they are available in the church office. See Jan for a copy of them.

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.

Backpack Food Suggestions

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!

LIFE QUOTES 2026

May 3 “When Jesus returns, all who believe in Him will be raised up from death to live in His presence forever. That is the promise of His enduring, steadfast love: ‘I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ’ (Philippians 1:6). The purpose of God for us will be fulfilled!” *Dr. Carol Geisler, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE LUTHERAN CHURCH

May 3 – Fifth Sunday of Easter – The truth of God’s Word is not always welcomed by “stiff-necked people” who “resist the Holy Spirit,” and even become enraged at hearing the truth. Stephen faithfully proclaimed that Word even though it led to his martyrdom (Acts 7:51, 59-60). Many angry voices today demand unfettered access to abortion or physician-assisted suicide. But we must continue to sound the trumpet of truth, for only the power of God’s Word can open the eyes of the blind and execute justice for the oppressed (Psalm 146:7-8). It is the narrow road of faith in Jesus Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, that gives us access to our Father in heaven (John 14:6). Baptized into Christ, we are living stones, being built up into a spiritual house, that we may proclaim the Good News of the One who calls us out of darkness into His marvelous light (1 Peter 2:5, 9).

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026: WORSHIPPED: 68 ONLINE: 7

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026: GENERAL FUND: \$2,038.00

LCMS DISASTER FUND: \$550.00

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: 27

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: 3

TUESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY: 10

THURSDAY AFTERNOON LADIES BIBLE STUDY: 4

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

HOSTS: Robert & Stacy Johnson

ELDER: Bob Klose

ALTAR GUILD: Christine Schlehuser

TELLERS: Yvonne Steeby

Beverly Van Duyn

Becky Worley

ATTENDANCE: Hannah Keeler

SOUND TECH: Matt Anderson

USHERS: Tom Blackmon, Jim Fladhammer

Larry & Beverly Van Duyn

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

HOSTS: Cheryl Sandenaw & Wilma Jaecks

ELDER: Bob Klose

LITURGIST: Bob Klose

SERMON: Allen Burmeister

ALTAR GUILD: Christine Schlehuser

TELLERS: Wilma Jaecks

Beverly Van Duyn

Vicki Leonard

ATTENDANCE: Hannah Keeler

SOUND TECH: Jim Kline

USHERS: Norbert Sanchez, Susan Kelly

Glen & Christine Schlehuser

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

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

Darrell & Sheila Anderson, , Brianna Bickham, Ellen Clark, Douglas Clark, Jim Coburn, Vicky Cosio, Bob Freeman, Rob Gressman, Jill Guitierrez, Veronica Holman, Jim Johnson, Jim & **Hannah Keeler**, Janet Kushlan, Jim LaSala, Issac Love, Carly Lowen, Kiley Martin, Carey Mitchell, Rob Ostash, Tim Polling, Rachel Preus, Logan Radford, Janet Rooker, Connie Rogers, Dana Sandenaw, Jessica Schroeder, Donn Schlehuser & family, Drew Schlehuser, Wardel Stokes, Roger Storm, Michael Taylor, Rogelio Torres, Matt Vick, Ann Waghorn, Karen Zinn, Don Zumwalt, 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**, Brendon Garritano, Ryan Hobson, Caleb Jaecks, Daniel Smelser, Bryant Roeske, Kyle Steeby, Arcadia Thomason, Ethan Trowbridge, Tanner Wedd, and all troops serving in harms way

LEST WE FORGET

PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING

FOR OUR HOMEBOUND

Bill English, Tom & Darlene Gilmore, Rodney Greer, Shirley Hill, Jim & Ruth Wilkes, 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.