

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Divine Service 10:15 AM

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR
THE LAST SUNDAY IN THE CHURCH YEAR
SERVICE OF PRAYER AND PREACHING**

✠ INDICATES TO STAND

TRINITY RINGERS **"GIVE THANKS"**

OPENING HYMN PAGE 837

"LIFT HIGH THE CROSS"

OPENING VERSICLES PAGE 260

- L This is the day which the Lord has made;
C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
L Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**
L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
C **Teach me Your paths.**
L Sanctify us in Your truth.
C **Your Word is truth.**
L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
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.**

OLD TESTAMENT HYMN PAGE 794

"THE LORD, MY GOD, BE PRAISED" (STAND ON LAST VERSE)

OLD TESTAMENT READING -- MALACHI 3:13-18

- L The Old Testament reading for the last Sunday in the church year is from the third chapter of Malachi.

¹³"Your words have been hard against Me, says the LORD. But you say, 'How have we spoken against You?' ¹⁴You have said, 'It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping His charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? ¹⁵And now

we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.” ¹⁶Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before Him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed His name. ¹⁷“They shall be Mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up My treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. ¹⁸Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE -- COLOSSIANS 1:13-20

Reader: The Epistle reading is from the first chapter of Colossians.

¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, ¹⁴in Whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. ¹⁸And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL – LUKE 23:27-43

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the twenty-third chapter.

²⁷And there followed Him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for Him. ²⁸But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ ³¹For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?” ³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Him. ³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on His right and one on His left.

³⁴And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide His garments. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at Him, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself, if He is the Christ of God, His Chosen One!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up and offering Him sour wine ³⁷and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over Him, "This is the King of the Jews." ³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²And he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." ⁴³And He said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

✠RESPONSORY PAGE 263

L Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

L Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

✠THE TEN COMMANDMENTS PAGE 264

C You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

✠THE APOSTLE'S CREED PAGE 264

✠THE LORD'S PRAYER..... PAGE 264

HYMN OF THE DAY PAGE 761

"ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME"

THE SERMON

OFFERING

✠PRAYER..... PAGE 265

L In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, Trinity as we continue the call process, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

✠COLLECT OF THE DAY.....PAGE 265

L Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

✠COLLECT FOR THE WORD.....PAGE 265

L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

✠MORNING PRAYER.....PAGE 266

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. **Amen.**

✠THE NEW TESTAMENT HYMN.....PAGE 484

“MAKE SONGS OF JOY” (STAND ON LAST VERSE)

✠BLESSING.....PAGE 267

L Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN PAGE 680

“THINE THE AMEN, THINE THE PRAISE”

TRINITY RINGERS**“THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU”**

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NEXT WEEK'S TEXTS: St. Andrew the Apostle, 1st Sunday in Advent; Psalm 139:1-12;
Ezekiel 3:16-21; Romans 10:8b-18, John 1:35-42a

LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

November 23 – Colossians 1:18a – “And he is the head of the body, the church.” We are part of the Body of Christ; He is our Head. Where He goes, we follow. His thoughts direct our actions. This is how the people of God learn how to give and why they give. Because Jesus gives, indeed He gives all He has.

LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

November 23 “Thankful hearts and people produce a grateful culture, a society that is set free to live freely, set free from the mere whims of others, allowing all to live, everyone from the smallest to the perceived greatest. Whether you trust in God or not, freedom exudes gratitude. Gratitude is the grace that blesses all in this life. It gives others some semblance of hope.” *Rev. Mark Frith, Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

November 23 – When people argue that we should not bring more children into a world such as this, they agree with the people of Jerusalem at the time of its destruction: “Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed” (Luke 23:29). But this is not the way that Jesus intends us to view the gift of new life. Instead, we weep with those who cannot bear and nurse, and we celebrate God’s gift of life, trusting that He will always reign over all things and be the “refuge and strength” of His people (Colossians 1:18; Psalm 46:1), and the little children will always be His “treasured possession” (Malachi 3:17).

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!

TRINITY FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Appetizer and Dessert Potluck Social With Christmas Caroling December 7 at 3:00 p.m. in the Great Room

Toy gift exchange (bring a new toy to restock our Church Nursery.)
Donations will be collected to purchase a new toy kitchen and table for
the nursery.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025 THROUGH SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	Adult Education Hour
	10:15 A.M.	Divine Worship
	After Service	Congregational Pot Luck
TUESDAY	1:00 P.M.	Congregational Call Meeting
	9:30 A.M.	Ruth Bible Study
	1:00 P.M.	Youth Activity-Great Room
WEDNESDAY	10:30 A.M.	TOPS
THURSDAY		Thanksgiving Day
FRIDAY		Church office closed
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ALTAR FLOWERS

*The flowers adorning the chancel area this morning have been placed to the
glory of God by Robert & Stacy Johnson in thanks to God for their family
and their many blessings.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POTLUCK & CONGREGATION MEETING: Today at 1:00 p.m. we will have Congregation Pastor Call Meeting. Pastor Cave from Las Cruces will be attending. There is a potluck lunch (a sign-up sheet is on the board in the narthex) following our worship service. This will give Pastor Cave enough time to drive from Cruces to Alamogordo after his worship service to attend the Call meeting.

FALL YOUTH DAY: There will be a Childrens' Activity Day for all children from Pre-school through 5th grade on Tuesday, November 25th from 1-3pm. Abby Anderson will be leading the activity. There will be games, crafts, a bible story and snacks. Any questions please see Sue Kelly.

SOUP & SANDWICH SUPPERS: There will be a soup & sandwich supper before each Advent service beginning on Wednesday, December 3rd at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Advent service at 7:00 p.m. Pastor John Flamme will be our guest pastor for the Advent services this year. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board for providing soup or sandwiches. Just sign up your name and what you plan to bring for whichever advent service you wish to provide soup.

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.

SPECIAL DOLLAR PROJECT: All of the monies collected in our Dollar project box in the next few weeks will go toward purchasing turkeys and other perishable items for our Thanksgiving food baskets.

FOUND: A pair of brown glasses has been found in the church parking lot. If you are missing them please see Jan in the church office.

ADULT INFORMATION CLASS: Pastor John Flamme is starting an **adult information class** for those who are interested in becoming members of Trinity. The classes are at 9:00-10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6th, Dec. 13th and Dec. 20th. There are ten classes in all and the classes would start up again on Jan. 2. 2026. Interested persons should contact the church office asap at 575-437-1482 or email the church at tlchurchlcms@yahoo.com.

THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2026 has been posted. Please sign up for your special occasions or in memory of someone. The cost is \$36.00 for two arrangements or if you would like to share with someone the cost is \$18.00. I would like to ask that you come to the front of the church after the service on the Sunday you have flowers and I will give you the flower arrangements. Thank you to all of you who have been faithful in providing flowers. Cheryl Richey

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM 850 & KFUE.org: We're continuing our series, "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT)! Each day, we'll study a new hymn of Thanksgiving from Lutheran Service Book. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as we wrap up our study of the Gospel of Matthew. This week, we are covering chapters 26-27. Don't forget to join us this Saturday (11/8 at 10 a.m. CT) for Concord Matters! We're beginning a new study of the Lord's Prayer in the Large Catechism. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFUE Radio app!

MISSION FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER: The Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF) Help Share the Gospel. With your assistance, LHF gives books of the Lutheran faith to people around the world in their own languages. Our Mission Sunday is the 3rd Sunday of the month.

TRACT OF THE MONTH: "A Simple Explanation of Confession" - Confession changes between Christian denominations, making it a difficult concept to understand. What do Lutherans believe about confession? What sins should be confessed? What qualifies a pastor to forgive sins? And where does God's forgiveness come from? Answer all of these questions and more in this short, informative booklet. (CPH.org)

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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025: WORSHIPPED: 71 COMMUNED: 60 ONLINE: 5

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025: GENERAL FUND: \$2,885.00

THANKSGIVING - DOLLAR PROJECT: \$283.00

LUTHERAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION: \$95.00

FLOWERS: \$72.00

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

HOSTS:	Matt & Cindi Anderson	ELDER:	Matt Anderson
LITURGIST:	Bob Klose	SERMON:	Dick Dommers
ALTAR GUILD:	Robin Haymes	TELLERS:	Joyce Macon
	Susan Rentschler		Vicki Leonard
ATTENDANCE:	Merry Zumwalt	SOUND TECH:	Cindi Anderson
USHERS:	Gerald Moore, Irvin Torres		
	Sandy Klose, Cameron Maltz		

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

HOSTS:	Nora Sotak & Tom Blackmon	ELDER:	Dick Dommers
LITURGIST:	Robert Rentschler	SERMON:	Matt Anderson
ALTAR GUILD:	Robin Haymes	TELLERS:	Dick Dommers
	Susan Rentschler		Merry Zumwalt
ATTENDANCE:	Merry Zumwalt	SOUND TECH:	Jim Kline
USHERS:	Volunteers		

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

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

Darrell & Sheila Anderson, Allen & Belinda, Burmeister, Ruth Buttke, Ellen Clark,
Douglas Clark, Jim Coburn, Sammie Feldman, **Verna Fladhammer,** Jill Guiterrez, Scout Hughes,
Kristi Humphrey, Jim Johnson, Caroline Kelly, Janet Kushlan, Carly Lowen,
AryElla Mitchell, Carey Mitchell, Jim Money, Rob & Karen Ostash, Robert Patrick, Tim Polling,
Rachel Preus, Logan Radford, **Robert Rentschler,** Connie Rogers, Jessica Schroeder,
David Steeby, Roger Storm, **Irvin Torres,** Matt Vick, Ann Waghorn, Ken Wernle,
Hannah Weathers, **Jim Wilkes,** Karen Zinn, Don Zumwalt, Martyrs for the faith,
Our Nation's Leaders, Public Safety Personnel, Trinity's pastoral call process

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, Cody Phelps,
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

Kay Burger, Lothar Butzkies, 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.

Oh give
thanks to the Lord,
for he is good,
for his
steadfast
love endures
forever!

Psalm 107:1, ESV

