

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY, September 3, 2023

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Divine Service 10:15 AM

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR
THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
DIVINE SERVICE SETTING THREE**

✚ INDICATES TO STAND

OPENING HYMN PAGE 427

“IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY”

✚ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION PAGE 184

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✚ PSALM 26

Pastor: ¹Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity,

People: and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

Pastor: ²Prove me, O LORD, and try me;

People: test my heart and my mind.

Pastor: ³For Your steadfast love is before my eyes,

People: and I walk in Your faithfulness.

Pastor: ⁴I do not sit with men of falsehood,

People: nor do I consort with hypocrites.

Pastor: ⁵I hate the assembly of evildoers,

People: and I will not sit with the wicked.

Pastor: ⁶I wash my hands in innocence

People: and go around Your altar, O LORD,

Pastor: ⁷proclaiming thanksgiving aloud,

People: and telling all Your wondrous deeds.

Pastor: ⁸O LORD, I love the habitation of Your house

People: and the place where Your glory dwells.

Pastor: ⁹Do not sweep my soul away with sinners,

People: nor my life with bloodthirsty men,

Pastor: ¹⁰in whose hands are evil devices,

People: and whose right hands are full of bribes.

Pastor: ¹¹But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity,

People: redeem me, and be gracious to me.

Pastor: ¹²My foot stands on level ground;

People: in the great assembly I will bless the LORD.

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: *♪* And with thy spirit

Pastor: Let us pray.

ALL: **Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**
*♪*Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING -- JEREMIAH 15:15-21

Reader: The Old Testament Reading for the fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost is from the fifteenth chapter of Jeremiah.

¹⁵O LORD, You know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In Your forbearance take me not away; know that for Your sake I bear reproach. ¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and Your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by Your name, O LORD, God of hosts. ¹⁷I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because Your hand was upon me, for You had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will You be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? ⁹Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before Me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as My mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. ²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD. ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

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 Reading -- Romans 12:9-21

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

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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✠ THE HOLY GOSPEL ---- MATTHEW 16:21-28

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

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

²¹From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord! This shall never happen to You." ²³But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are a hindrance to Me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." ²⁴Then Jesus told His disciples, "If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come with His angels in the glory of His Father, and then He will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord

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

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"WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS"

THE SERMON "GREAT GAIN"

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

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NEXT WEEK'S TEXTS: Psalm 32:1-7; Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:1-10; Matthew 18:1-20

NEXT WEEK: Why more than one?

TODAY'S LIGHT READERS

TODAY'S LIGHT: 1 Corinthians 5—16

1. Those who belong to God by faith in Christ Jesus have the freedom of the Gospel. "All things are lawful for me," Paul writes. But he adds, "Not all things are helpful" (1 Corinthians 6:12). Later Paul writes, "Flee from sexual immorality" (6:18). What forms of entertainment, actions, or events might not be beneficial to those attempting to flee sexual immorality, even though they may be permissible?
2. First Corinthians 13 describes the kind of love God's Spirit works in the lives of those who belong to Him (Galatians 5:22). Paul explains that of faith, hope, and love, the greatest is love. Why is love the greatest of these? (See also 1 John 4:8.)

LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

September 3 – Matthew 16:26 – "For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul?" He who dies with the most toys ... is dead. But the one who trusts in the Lord, even though he dies, yet shall he live. We live out our trust in the Lord by faithfully fulfilling the roles God has given us to play in home, church and society as loving, generous people. Those who don't know the Lord are afraid to be generous because they think that what they give away is lost to them. But we who know the Lord know that the things of this world become true blessings when they are used for God's kingdom.

LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

September 3 - "We are made holy by the perfect righteousness of Jesus Christ, ours by faith in His life, death, and resurrection. Yet we are holy in another sense, too. We have been set apart, called out, by a holy God for God's holy purposes—to love God and our neighbor, to serve, to make disciples. We have been set apart to serve as spouses, parents and grandparents, citizens, workers." *Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy, Guest Speaker on "The Lutheran Hour"*

A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

September 3 – Pentecost XIV – Our bodies and lives are on loan from Almighty God. He creates us in His image, redeems us with His Son, and calls us by His name (Jeremiah 15:16) from fertilization to forever. So He does not abandon us in our frailties and mistakes. Shall we not extend this Gospel also to neighbors facing surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis?

T H I S W E E K

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 THROUGH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 A.M.	Divine Worship/Communion
TUESDAY	9:30 A.M.	Ruth Bible Study
WEDNESDAY	9:00 A.M.	Men's Bible Study
	10:30 A.M.	TOPS
THURSDAY	9:00 A.M.	Quilters
FRIDAY		LWML Retreat-Glorieta, NM
SATURDAY		LWML Retreat-Glorieta, NM
	11:00 A.M.	Morgan Sebring baby shower
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 A.M.	Divine Worship
		LWML Retreat-Glorieta, NM

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers adorning the chancel area this morning have been placed to the glory of God by Larry & Beverly Van Duyn in celebration of Beverly's birthday, their son Christopher's birthday and daughter-in-law Paula's birthday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MISSION SERVICE QUILTERS will begin for the fall. They meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 9:00 am and will begin on September 7th.

2023 CHURCH DIRECTORY: The 2023 Church Directory has been completed and printed. If you have not received your copy please drop by the church office for your copy. I will be out in the narthex Sunday morning with the directories so you will be able to pick one up from me then. Thanks, Jan

OFFERING PLEDGES: There will be pledge cards on the table under the bulletin board beginning August 27, 2023. These will be available through September 17, 2023. If you complete one of these cards simply place it in my mailbox. **There will be a potluck lunch on September 17, 2023 following the worship service.** Pledge cards will be on the tables. The cards completed at the potluck will be placed in a basket on the table by the door. This will be the culmination of our pledge drive. The pledges will be calculated, totaled, and used by the Board of Directors during the September 21, 2023 meeting, to aid in the planning of next year's budget. Please pray about what you desire to give back to the Lord for the works of His church. Thank you for all you do for the Lord. In Christ's Service, Sandy Klose, Stewardship Chairperson

THE MISSION FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER is 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.

TRACT OF THE MONTH: September's booklet is "**A Biblical Response to Cults**". "How can we identify a cult? What makes something a cult rather than an organized religion? And how can we help friends, family members, or neighbors who may be part of one? This month's booklet details the telltale markers of a cult, including real-world examples, and shows how we can use Scripture to identify harmful beliefs in cults or any other group. With this firm biblical foundation, readers will be equipped to avoid cults themselves and to have Gospel-centered discussions with people in their lives who might be involved in a cult." Be sure to pick up this month's tract or any of the previous month's tracts to read!

LUTHERAN SEMINARY, NOVOSIBIRSK, SIBERIA: Since the fall of the Soviet Union the opportunity of the Russian people to worship the Lord has been reestablished. At the Rocky Mountain District convention last year, a financial goal was set to support the Lutheran seminary in Siberia. The district goal is \$150,000. Each congregation is being asked to establish a special fund to help support the district's goal. The Trinity goal is \$2050. This amounts to approximately \$12 per communicant member. When making your donation to the seminary, you can denote it on your envelope as Siberia Seminary, or something similar.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Finish the book of Acts and begin 1 Peter on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), study Leviticus 7-11 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and hear the 3rd episode in our Leadership series with Bishop Jamison Hardy on The Coffee Hour (9/6 at 9:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or 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/>

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

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!

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY

Rally day for Sunday School is in September (date to be determined).

Sunday School Surveys will be passed out at church or mailed out this week to all families with school age children. Please take the time to fill them out and return to church by Sunday, Sept. 10th. Please put them in my church mail box (Sue Kelly) or mail them back to Trinity Lutheran Church. You may also place them in the plastic box on the Church office door.

The Education Committee is looking for volunteers to teach Sunday School classes for a month at a time. If you are interested in teaching a class every Sunday morning for a month during the upcoming school year (Oct-May), please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex. If you have any questions please contact Sue Kelly, 575-430-2100. Lessons and materials will be provided.

The next Education Committee meeting will be Monday, Sept. 11th at 5:30 p.m. If you have any ideas please feel free to come and join us.

Sue Kelly, Education Chair

HANDBELL CHOIR AND ADULT CHOIR

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Psalms 100:1,2

Summer is just about over and it's time to get back into our normal routines. Last year we had a Handbell Choir but we have lost a couple of members. I'm taking a survey to see if we have replacements. We need, at minimum, 8 people to have two octaves of bell playing. It would be great if we had another octave. Requirements are few – a love of music and dedication. Many of the skills can be learned while practicing. We meet weekly on **Thursdays**, starting **September 7 at 5:30 PM**. If this is of interest to you, please contact me.

In addition, we also are looking for someone who plays the piano who could assist the Choir with weekly practices and playing periodically on Sunday mornings. Until we find someone, we cannot have a choir.

Thank you for your consideration in serving the Lord in either or both of these blessings to our congregation.

Diane Kline, (909)648-3525, dkline@pacbell.net

LWML Celebration on Sunday October 1, 2023

“The King is Coming”, Psalm 24:7–10

*Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle!
Lift up your heads, O gates!
And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts,
He is the King of glory!*



Throughout human history, God pictured the coming redemptive King through various images of His promise, providence, provision, and protection for His people. We could easily become down and out because of the evil of our world, and quickly give up because of the constant bad news; but hope, peace, joy, and love is the promise of our God for His people. Christ is the King of Glory! The Gospel is our only hope, as the King of glory comes in, with and through the Gospel, as we were buried with Him in Baptism and raised with Him to a new life!

LWML Sunday is celebrated annually in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) churches. Come, join us on LWML Sunday on October 1, 2023. Watch for more information about Lutheran Women in Mission, and become involved in reaching others with the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The ladies of LWML will be having a bake sale in the Great Room after the worship service on LWML Sunday.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023: WORSHIPPED: 68 ONLINE: 8

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023, GENERAL FUND: \$3,376.00

DOLLAR PROJECT: \$12.00

FLOWERS: \$36.00

SIBERIAN SEMINARY: \$12.00

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

PIANIST: Cyndi Heithold

HOSTS:	Rick & Nora Sotak	ELDER:	Matt Anderson
ALTAR GUILD:	Sandra Krueger Wilma Jaecks	TELLERS:	Joyce Macon Nora Sotak
ATTENDANCE:	Mary Leslie Schmitt	SOUND TECH:	Ben or Erika Clark
USHERS:	Tom Blackmon, Jim Fladhammer Larry & Beverly Van Duyn		
1ST LESSON:	Jill Clark	2ND LESSON:	Matt Clark

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

PIANIST: Lola Ableidinger

HOSTS:	Dave & Mae Teller	ELDER:	Jim Wilkes
ALTAR GUILD:	Sandra Krueger Wilma Jaecks	TELLERS:	Yvonne Steeby Becky Worley
ATTENDANCE:	Mary Leslie Schmitt	SOUND TECH:	Bob Klose
USHERS:	Marvin Bunker, Susan Kelly Glen & Christine Schlehuser		
1ST LESSON:	Dick Dommers	2ND LESSON:	Jill Clark

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE COME TO YOU IN PRAISE AND PRAYER

Darrell Anderson, Sofia Banks, Brianna Bickham, Tina Bowman, Ellen Clark, Carol Collins, Chuck Collins, **Laurie Di Paolo**, Harriet Douglas, **Valerie English**, Owen Frantz, Safi Harnett, Darwin Haslid, **Robin Haymes**, Donna Holiday, Scout Hughes, Ronda Jones, Janet Marsh, Maria Martin, Sam & Molly Miller, Kate Murphy, Lyle Nachand, Damian Orchard, Chad Parks, Logan Radford, Connie Rogers, Carl Rooker, Judy Ruiz, David Sanderson, Jessica Schroeder, Sharon Taylor, Dora Torres, Christine Vertein, Ann Waghorn, Guy Warden, Hannah Weather, Rosanne Wehmeyer, Sherry West, Betty Wilkes, **Lee Wood**, Martyrs for the faith, Our Nation's Leaders, Public Safety Personnel, Maui wildfire victims

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, Warren Black, Shannon Bowman, **Zac Collins**, Caleb Jaecks, **Natasha Thomas**, Anthony Uttke, Tanner Wedd, and all troops serving in harms way

LEST WE FORGET

PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING

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.