WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Bible Classes and Sunday School, 9:00 AM, **Divine Service 10:15 AM**

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR
THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
DIVINE SERVICE SETTING THREE

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"ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL" *STAND ON LAST VERSE*

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✞ PSALM 96:1-9

P [1]Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
C **sing to the LORD, all the earth!**
P [2]Sing to the LORD, bless His name;
C **tell of His salvation from day to day.**
P [3]Declare His glory among the nations,
C **His marvelous works among all the peoples!**
P [4]For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
C **He is to be feared above all gods.**
P [5]For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
C **but the LORD made the heavens.**
P [6]Splendor and majesty are before Him;
C **strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.**
P [7]Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
C **ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!**
P [8]Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;
C **bring an offering, and come into His courts!**
P [9]Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
C **tremble before Him, all the earth!**

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P The Lord be with you.

C ♫ **And with thy spirit**

P Let us pray.

A **O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ♫Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING -- ISAIAH 45:1-7

P The Old Testament Reading for the twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost is from the forty-fifth chapter of Isaiah.

1Thus says the LORD to His anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: 2"I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, 3I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. 4For the sake of My servant Jacob, and Israel My chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know Me. 5I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides Me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know Me, 6that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides Me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. 7I form light and create darkness, I make well-being and create calamity, I am the LORD, who does all these things."

P This is the Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL *(Psalm 91:11, 103:1)*

P He will command His angels concerning you

C **to guard you in all your ways.**

P Bless the LORD, O my soul,

C **and all that is within me, bless His holy name!**

THE EPISTLE READING -- 1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-10

P The Epistle reading is from the first chapter of First Thessalonians.

1Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. 2We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, 3remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 4For we know, brothers loved by God, that He has chosen you, 5because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. 6And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, 7so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. 8For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. 9For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, 10and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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✞THE HOLY GOSPEL ---- MATTHEW 22:15-22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

C **♫ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

15Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in His talk. 16And they sent their disciples to Him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that You are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and You do not care about anyone's opinion, for You are not swayed by appearances. 17Tell us, then, what You think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" 18But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put Me to the test, you hypocrites? 19Show Me the coin for the tax." And they brought Him a denarius. 20And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" 21They said, "Caesar's." Then He said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." 22When they heard it, they marveled. And they left Him and went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

C **♫ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

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"GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY"

THE SERMON (ISAIAH 45:1-7)

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P Lord, In Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

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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"BEFORE YOU LORD WE BOW"

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NEXT WEEK'S TEXTS: Psalm 1; Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-13; Matthew 22:34-46

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026 THROUGH SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25,2026

DATE	TIME	EVENT
SUNDAY	***9:00 A.M.***	***Christian Education Hour***
	10:15 A.M.	***Divine Worship/Communion***
	Mission Sunday	***Luther Classical College***
	After Service	*Confirmation Class*
MONDAY		*Church office is closed*
TUESDAY	*9:30 A.M.*	*Ruth Bible Study*
	5:15 P.M.	*Bell Choir Practice*
WEDNESDAY	*9:00 A.M.*	*Men's Bible Study*
	10:30 A.M	*TOPS*
THURSDAY	*2:00 P.M.*	*Ladies' Bible*
	7:00 P.M.	*Board of Director's meeting*
SATURDAY		*Pastor out of town*
	10:00 A.M.-2:30 P.M.	*Gideon's Meeting*
SUNDAY	***9:00 A.M.***	***Christian Education Hour***
	10:15 A.M.	***Divine Worship***
	After Service	*Confirmation Class*

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers adorning the chancel area this morning have been placed to the glory of God by Larry & Beverly Van Duyn in honor of their 56th wedding anniversary.

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SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, November 7, 2027
75th Anniversary Celebration as
Trinity Lutheran Church, Alamogordo

There is a suggestion box placed on the table in the narthex along with a list of ideas etc. or your may add your own suggestions and place in the box. If you have any pictures of past events (they will be given back to you so please write your name on the back of them) and place them in the suggestion box.

The next committee meeting is Wednesday, October 21st at 10:15 a.m. If you would like to help with the planning please join us at our next meeting.

Trinity Stewardship Ministry



…you are not your own, for you were bought with a price." (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

God's Word and Sacraments are His means of grace through which He empowers us to give of ourselves. As the Holy Spirit works through Word and Sacraments, He teaches us to become givers rather than takers and transforms us into people who generously, even sacrificially, use our lives, gifts, and resources in service to the Lord as Christian stewards. When God has all of us, our deeds of stewardship grow into a lifestyle of stewardship.

Lola Ableidinger, Stewardship Chair

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CHRISTUS AUXILIARY

The Christus Auxiliary at the hospital are having their Fall Sale on November 6 at the Hospital Meeting Rooms 1-2-3 and 4 right across from the Cafeteria. This is an annual event that sells so many baked goods and good misc gifts including jewelry. The time is going to be 7:30am - 2:00pm on that Friday. I'd like to invite the members of the church to come by and find some nice things for their family and Christmas goodies. The proceeds go to our Scholarship Fund.

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On Saturday October 31st, the Evangelism Committee is hosting a Trunk-or-Treat starting at 3pm (for setup) and the event running from 4pm to 6pm. We are looking for "trunk tenders" (those willing to host a decorated trunk – we provide the candy and can assist in trunk set up if needed or requested.

<u>WE NEED VOLUNTEERS.</u> There are sign up sheets on the Evangelism Board for various needs, including donated candy.

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

All donations will be accepted through November 22, 2026
Leave donations on the table in the Great Room

Once again it's time to share our bounty. Please, contribute to the Thanksgiving Food Baskets by putting your food donations on the table in the Great Room by November 22nd. You also can donate money. Put your money donation in the offering plate and designate it for food baskets. Questions? Contact Cheryl Richey.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LWML: Fifteen Birthday Cake Kits (included cake pan, cake mix, soda, ready-made icing with sprinkles, birthday candles & birthday hat) were delivered at the Tiger Care Center. We are awaiting completion of a few more party hats and the last 9 kits can be delivered along with extra things that were collected. We are Serving the Lord with Gladness!

MISSION FOR OCTOBER is **Luther Classical College** stands as a beacon for families seeking a higher education that seamlessly marries rigorous academics with the historic Lutheran faith. By prioritizing a classical liberal arts curriculum rooted in the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions, the college equips young men and women not just for professional excellence, but for godly leadership within the home, church, and community. It provides a unique, counter-cultural environment where Christian virtue is cultivated, helping to form the theological and moral foundation necessary for building steadfast Lutheran households. In a world of changing cultural tides, Luther Classical College serves as a vital partner for parents, anchoring the next generation in Christ. More information can be found about the college in the Narthex under the mailboxes.

TRACT OF THE MONTH: Concordia Publishing House's pamphlet **"What About Stewardship?"** (from the popular *What About...?* series by Rev. Dr. A.L. Barry) addresses this directly. The resource highlights that stewardship is not simply a church fundraising program; it is a joyful, whole-life response to God's grace. When we faithfully manage our time, talents, and resources, we build the very foundation that allows our church to reach out to our neighbors with the love of Christ. Copies of this pamphlet are available in the narthex—I encourage every family to pick one up this Sunday from the spinning rack in the narthex!

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM850 & KFUO.org: will be unpacking the doctrine of good works as found in Article 4 of the Epitome. Last week, we began a new study of the book of Job on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT), and that study continues this week as we pick up with Job 3! Join us on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as we continue our study of Paul's letters to the Corinthians! We'll be looking at 2 Corinthians 7-11. Don't forget to listen to Concord Matters this Saturday (10/24 at 10 a.m. CT)—Pastor Brady Finnern and Rev. Dennis McFadden of the Formula of Concord. Find your favorite programs on demand by visiting kfuo.org!

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LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

October 18 (St. Luke) – The Church remembers the evangelist St. Luke, physician, on October 18. A physician's first and foremost duty is to provide healing and relief to a patient, not destruction or harm. While there may not always be a cure for a terminal disease, we must always give bodily care and spiritual comfort. When death is in the near future, we do not use our enemy (i.e., death/euthanasia) as the tool. Rather, we give the care and comfort of the resurrection of the body and the life of the world to come promised us in our Holy Baptism.

LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANFORLIFE

October 18 "Do not be silent. You have the most positive, powerful, life-giving, and life-affirming message in the universe! It is a message of love for every sinner, i.e., everyone! It is a message of forgiveness for everyone and every sin. It is a message of the certain hope of a paradise whose reality surpasses the most beautiful of words." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former Executive Director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

SUNDAY, OCT. 11, 2026: WORSHIPPED: 61 **ONLINE:** 16
SUNDAY, OCT. 11, 2026: GENERAL FUND: $3,477.00
FLOWERS: $36.00
LUTHER CLASSICAL COLLEGE: $121.00

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY: 20
RUTH BIBLE STUDY (TUES. MORNING): 9
CHILDREN/YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: 5

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

HOSTS: Glen & Christine Schlehuser
ALTAR GUILD: Christine Schlehuser, Beverly Van Duyn
ATTENDANCE: Cheryl Sandenaw
USHERS: Bob Thede, Tammy Thede, Robert Johnson, Trey Johnson
ELDER: Bob Klose
TELLERS: Linde Van Cleave, Nora Sotak
SOUND TECH: Matt Anderson

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

HOSTS: Nora Sotak, Yvonne Steeby
ALTAR GUILD: Christine Schlehuser, Beverly Van Duyn
ATTENDANCE: Cheryl Sandenaw
USHERS: Gerald Moore, Irvin Torres, Cameron Maltz, Cody Zumwalt
ELDER: Dick Dommers
TELLERS: Lola Ableidinger, Cheryl Sandenaw
SOUND TECH: Jim Kline

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE COME TO YOU IN PRAISE AND PRAYER

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

Lola Ableidinger, Darrell & Sheila Anderson, Allen & Belinda Burmeister,
Vicky Cosio, **Di Paolo family**, **Jan Dommers,** Rosemary Ferguson, Bob Freeman,
Goldie Gressman, Rob Gressman, Jill Guiterrez**,** Veronica Holman, **Kristi Humphrey**, Ron Hust,
Jim Johnson, Karen King, Todd Lindsay, Mary Pamela Louser, Chole McWilliams & unborn twins,
Carey Mitchell, Rachel Preus, Logan Radford, Carl & Janet Rooker, **Susan Rentschler,**
Connie Rogers, Tammy Salmons, Dana Sandenaw, Jessica Schroeder, **Glen Schlehuser**,
Pete Stebbins, Roger Storm, **Tammy Thede, Irvin Torres,** Rogelio Torres, Matt Vick, Ann Waghorn,
Margaret Worley, **Jim & Ruth Wilkes,** Rob Williams, Karen Zinn, Cody 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,** Brendan Garritano, Ryan Hobson, Caleb Jaecks,
Cody Phelps, Daniel Smelser, Bryant Roeske, Kyle Steeby, 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, Lee Wood,**

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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.



GIVE PRAISE

Solve this puzzle to read a Bible verse about praising God for all his blessings.

Directions: *In each group, circle the word that doesn't belong. Then write the circled words on the lines below.*

1	2	3	4	5	6
Give	peanut	temple	proclaim	name	ruin
Take	praise	house	past	boy	destroy
Grab	pear	LORD	present	lad	make
7	**8**	**9**	**10**	**11**	**12**
pine	train	done	Sing	she	sun
acorn	nations	donut	Sleep	him	praise
known	bus	muffin	Yawn	girl	moon
13	**14**	**15**	**16**		
tell	red	horrible	acts		
fast	all	dreadful	sisters		
slow	blue	wonderful	aunts		



_____ _____ to the _____, _____ his _____;
1 2 3 4 5

_____ _____ among the _____ what he has _____.
6 7 8 9

_____ to _____, sing _____ to him; _____of
10 11 12 13

_____ his _____ _____.
14 15 16

PSALM 105:1–2, NIV





Answer: Give, praise, LORD, proclaim, name, make, known, nations, done, sing, him, praise, tell, all, wonderful, acts