

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Divine Service 10:15 AM

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

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"O LOVE HOW DEEP" STAND ON LAST VERSE

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✠ PSALM 80:7-19

P ⁷Restore us, O God of hosts;

C **let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

P ⁸You brought a vine out of Egypt;

C **You drove out the nations and planted it.**

P ⁹You cleared the ground for it;

C **it took deep root and filled the land.**

P ¹⁰The mountains were covered with its shade,

C **the mighty cedars with its branches.**

P ¹¹It sent out its branches to the sea

C **and its shoots to the River.**

P ¹²Why then have You broken down its walls,

C **so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?**

P ¹³The boar from the forest ravages it,

C **and all that move in the field feed on it.**

P ¹⁴Turn again, O God of hosts!

C **Look down from heaven, and see;**

P have regard for this vine, ¹⁵the stock that Your right hand planted,

C **and for the son whom You made strong for Yourself.**

P ¹⁶They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down;
 C **may they perish at the rebuke of Your face!**
 P ¹⁷But let Your hand be on the man of Your right hand,
 C **the son of man whom You have made strong for Yourself!**
 P ¹⁸Then we shall not turn back from You;
 C **give us life, and we will call upon Your name!**
 P ¹⁹Restore us, O LORD God of hosts!
 C **let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

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P The Lord be with you.

C ♪ And with thy spirit

P Let us pray.

A **Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; 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 5:1-7

P The Old Testament Reading for the nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost is from the fifth chapter of Isaiah.

¹Let me sing for my Beloved my love song concerning His vineyard: My Beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; He built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and He looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. ³And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between Me and My vineyard. ⁴What more was there to do for My vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? ⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to My vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briers and thorns shall

grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are His pleasant planting; and He looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

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 -- PHILIPPIANS 3:4B-14

P The Epistle reading is from the third chapter of Philippians.

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and may share His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me His own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

✠ THE HOLY GOSPEL ---- MATTHEW 21:33-46

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

C 🎵 **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

³³[Jesus said:] “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ ³⁹And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to Him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.” ⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?” ⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.” ⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that He was speaking about them. ⁴⁶And although they were seeking to arrest Him, they feared the crowds, because they held Him to be a prophet.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

C 🎵 **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

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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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“THINE THE AMEN, THINE THE PRAISE”

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NEXT WEEK'S TEXTS: LWML Sunday: Psalm 100; Proverbs 11:10-30; 1 Peter 4:1-12; Matthew 5:10-20

T H I S W E E K

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026 THROUGH SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 A.M.	Divine Worship/Communion
	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
	5:30 P.M.	Board of Evangelism Meeting
THURSDAY	2:00 P.M.	Ladies' Bible
SATURDAY	10:00 A.M.	LWML Meeting
SUNDAY		LWML Sunday
	9:00 A.M.	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 A.M.	Divine Worship
	After Service	LWML Bake Sale Board of Education Meeting

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers adorning the chancel area this morning have been placed to the glory of God by Robert & Susan Rentschler in honor of their 37th wedding anniversary.



Trinity Stewardship Ministry

"It is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy"
(1 Corinthians 4:2).

Because of God's love for us in Christ, we desire to be faithful, wise, and fruitful stewards of the blessings that he entrusts to us.

Lola Ableidinger, Stewardship Chair

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LWML

Trinity LWML: A good time was had by all! The LWML Zone Fall Rally held September 26 was a good time! There were 36 in attendance from Las Cruces, El Paso, Ruidoso, and Alamogordo. God blessed us with good weather and we had a great Bible Study, fun fellowship, and tasty food. Thanks to all our women that helped to make the Rally such a success!

Birthday Cake Kits is our ingathering for October and a fancy party hat is included in the kit. After the meeting October 10, we will have a workshop to cut out the hats. Check out the examples and pick up instructions on the LWML bulletin board. Read the October Trinitarian for more information on the ingathering.

LWML Bake Sale after the service on October 11.

Don't forget your MITES! You can leave MITE money in the large MITE box anytime.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE: 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. **We need volunteers. There are sign up sheets on the Evangelism Board for various needs, including donated candy**

EDUCATION: The next Education Committee meeting will be Sunday, Oct. 11th after the worship service in the library.

MISSION FOR OCTOBER & NOVEMBER is The Luther Classical College, a college for Lutherans by Lutherans. Lutheran Congregations are essential to its existence First, because the mission of the college is to teach Lutheran men and women to value Christian culture and to live it out in their homes and their Lutheran congregations. Second, because the college relies on support from congregations to supply it with Lutheran students and to fund its building.

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 & KFUE.org: Tune in for "The Reign of Heaven Stands Near", our study of the book of Matthew on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT)! We're nearing the conclusion of Matthew with chapter 27 this week; stayed tuned for our next study on the book of Job! On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT), we're continuing our study of Paul's letters to the Corinthians. Follow along as we pick up with 1 Corinthians 15. On Concord Matters (10/10 at 10 a.m. CT), Pastor Finnern and Rev. Adam Degroot will be discussing Article 3 of the Epitome of the Formula of Concord, on the righteousness of faith before God. Find your favorite programs on demand by visiting kfue.org!

LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

October 4 - "Your life is valuable, and your life has purpose. It was not an accident; it was planned from the beginning. But that doesn't mean it will be easy. You will experience hardship and suffering. As you age, your body will wear out. Your mind will dull. Your abilities will lessen. And yet, it is in your body with all of its brokenness that the Holy Spirit resides. It is this, your body, that God the Father formed by hand, and it is this, your body, that Jesus, God's Son, redeemed. And your body, a unique and miraculous gift, will be raised from the dead and made new." *Michelle Bauman, Director of Y4Life*

– A Life Quote from *Lutherans For Life* • lutheransforlife.org

LIFE THOUGHTS FROM THE CHURCH YEAR

October 4 (Trinity XVIII) – To love God is to obey His commandments. “If you love Me, keep My commandments,” says our Lord. The commandments shape our love in how we live with one another. Therefore, love is not what I want, but what my neighbor needs. And what my neighbor needs for his or her body is care and protection, for “love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfillment of the law.” And God’s love for us is that “Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God.”

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

SUNDAY, SEPT. 27, 2026: WORSHIPPED: 72

SUNDAY, SEPT. 27, 2026: GENERAL FUND: \$3,145

FLOWERS: \$36.00

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY: 17

RUTH BIBLE STUDY (TUES. MORNING): 6

WEDNESDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY:

CHILDREN/YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: 3

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

HOSTS: Vicki Leonard & Cheryl Richey

ELDER: Matt Clark

ALTAR GUILD: Christine Schlehuser

TELLERS: Wilma Jaecks

Beverly Van Duyn

Vicki Leonard

ATTENDANCE: Cheryl Sandenaw

SOUND TECH: Vicki Leonard

USHERS: Tom Blackmon, Jim Fladhammer

Larry & Beverly Van Duyn

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

HOSTS: LWML

ELDER: Bob Klose

ALTAR GUILD: Christine Schlehuser

TELLERS: Dick Dommers

Beverly Van Duyn

Merry Zumwalt

ATTENDANCE: Cheryl Sandenaw

SOUND TECH: Sheri Cortez

USHERS: LWML

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE COME TO YOU IN PRAISE AND PRAYER

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

Lola Ableidinger, Darrell & Sheila Anderson, Jane Anderson, **Paul & Cathy Anderson**,
Allen & Belinda Burmeister, Vicky Cosio, **Jan Dommers**, Rosemary Ferguson, Bob Freeman,
Goldie Gressman, Rob Gressman, Jill Guterrez, Veronica Holman, Ron Hust, 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

Rob Gressman (successful back surgery)
Wilma Jaecks (successful medical procedure)

FOR OUR HOMEBOUND

Bill English, Tom & Darlene Gilmore, Rodney Greer, Shirley Hill, 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 indi-
vidual 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.



Friends in the Lord

Jesus offers a perfect example of friendship. What does he do for his friends?

Directions: Follow the clues to fill in the blanks. Then write the completed Bible verse below.

- Better than; rhymes with *crater*: _____
- Opposite of hate: _____
- Opposite of yes: _____
- Three minus two: _____
- Not _____ but that; rhymes with *hiss*: _____
- To place something down; rhymes with *say*: _____
- Opposite of up: _____
- Opposite of death: _____
- Best buds: _____

“ _____ has _____
 _____ than _____: to _____
 one’s _____ for one’s _____.”

JOHN 15:13, NIV

Answer: “Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” John 15:13, NIV