

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY, September 22, 2024

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Bible Classes and Sunday School, 9:00 AM,

Divine Service 10:15 AM

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
DIVINE SERVICE SETTING FOUR**

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HYMN OF INVOCATION PAGE 851

“LORD OF GLORY, YOU HAVE BOUGHT US”

✠ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION PAGE 203

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✠ PSALM 54; antiphon: verse 4

Pastor: ¹O God, save me, by Your name,

People: **and vindicate me by Your might.**

Pastor: ²O God, hear my prayer;

People: **give ear to the words of my mouth.**

Pastor: ³For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men seek my life;

People: **they do not set God before themselves.**

Pastor: ⁴Behold, God is my helper;

People: **the Lord is the upholder of my life.**

Pastor: ⁵He will return the evil to my enemies;

People: **in Your faithfulness put an end to them.**

Pastor: ⁶With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to You;

People: **I will give thanks to Your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

Pastor: ⁷For He has delivered me from every trouble,

People: **and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.**

ALL: **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.

Pastor: ⁴Behold, God is my helper;

People **the Lord is the upholder of my life.**

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

ALL: O God, Whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed; 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 -- JEREMIAH 11:18-20

Reader: The Old Testament reading for the eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost is from the eleventh chapter of Jeremiah.

¹⁸The LORD made it known to me and I knew; then You showed me their deeds. ⁹But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more." ²⁰But, O LORD of hosts, Who judges righteously, Who tests the heart and the mind, let me see Your vengeance upon them, for to You have I committed my cause.

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 -- JAMES:3:13-4:10

Reader: The Epistle reading is from the third and fourth chapters of James.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. ¹What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ²You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. ⁴You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that He has made to dwell in us"? ⁶But He gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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✠THE HOLY GOSPEL -- MARK 9:30-37

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the ninth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³⁰[The disciples] went on from there and passed through Galilee. And [Jesus] did not want anyone to know, ³¹for He was teaching His disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And when He is killed, after three days He will rise.” ³²But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask Him. ³³And they came to Capernaum. And when He was in the house He asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” ³⁴But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵And He sat down and called the twelve. And He said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in His arms, He said to them, ³⁷“Whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me, and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him Who sent Me.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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“I WALK IN DANGER ALL THE WAY” (VERSES 1, 2, 3 & 5)

THE SERMON “FRIENDSHIP WITH THE WORLD”

OFFERING

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“O WORSHIP THE KING” (VERSES 1, 3-5)

Divine Service, Setting Four from Lutheran Service Book

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NEXT WEEK’S TEXTS: Psalm 91; Daniel 10:10-14;12:1-3; Revelation 12:7-12; Matthew 18:1-11

NEXT WEEK: How far are you willing to go for the faith?

THIS WEEK’S READINGS: 1 Kings 19—2 Kings 5

1. How did the Israelites deal with intermarriage and what questions do you have about the solution?
2. There are various groups today that associate with the name of Nehemiah. Why would his name be used for the projects they take on?

LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

Sept. 22 – Trinity 18 - Mark 9:32 – “But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.” The disciples really do hold up a mirror to our faces and force us to see ourselves: misunderstanding, afraid, confused. But the Word of God is clear if only we will listen with open ears. What was blocking the disciples’ ears? The Gospels tell us time and again: they did not expect a suffering Christ, and so when Jesus spoke of suffering, they plugged their ears and didn’t listen, so they ended up confused and scared. What about us? What’s in the Word of God that we find hard to hear and contrary to our desires and expectations? That might just be exactly what we need to hear!

LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

September 22 “All of us who die in Christ are going to come up like cherry tomatoes in July—‘a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb’ (Revelation 7:9b). I’ll be there, and so will you, all of us celebrating the Lord who loved us and gave Himself for us—He who died like a single seed falling into the earth, and now ‘bears much fruit’ (John 12:24b).” Dr. Kari Vo – *A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • lutheransforlife.org

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

September 22 – Pentecost XVIII - In Mark 9:36-37, Jesus explicitly instructs us to receive children as His own precious treasures. Sometimes this does indeed involve difficulty, but our God enlists both the Prophet Jeremiah (11:20) and the apostle James (4:7) to encourage us in resisting selfish ambition and committing this cause to the Lord. He will sustain the Gospel-motivated voice For Life until it succeeds!

T H I S W E E K

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, THROUGH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 A.M.	Divine Worship
TUESDAY	9:30 A.M.	Ruth Bible Study
WEDNESDAY	9:00 A.M.	Men’s Bible Study
	10:30 A.M.	TOPS
	11:30 A.M.	PEO Meeting
	9:00 A.M.	Christian Education Hour
SUNDAY	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 Dave & Colleen Thomson in honor of their 45th wedding anniversary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EGGS: The Dommers' are going to be bringing eggs on Sunday for anyone to take. The only thing is that they ask that the cartons be returned to them when empty. The eggs are on the table in the narthex. **When you return the egg cartons, please place them in the plastic bin in the Sunday School office.**

LWMLSUNDAY AND BAKE SALE: It's that time of year again for our LWML bake sale on Sunday, October 6th following our service which celebrates the LWML. Please consider making an item or two for the sale. The sign up is on the bulletin board for assistance in the service as well as baked goods. Thank you!

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: We will be wrapping up our study of Psalm 119 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), after which we will take a dive into the book of Numbers. Thy Strong Word will conclude its study of Hosea (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and then we'll be turning to the end of the Bible to begin a study of the book of Revelation. Finally, don't forget to tune into Concord Matters this Saturday (9/28 at 11:00 a.m. CT) for a discussion on the cause of sin. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org or the KFUE Radio app!

TRACT OF THE MONTH: A Simple Explanation of Church History: "The Church – meaning the universal and invisible collection of Christians – has experienced both hardship and joy throughout history. But in all times and all places, through the protection of Christ, the Church has been kept alive and thriving through the Holy Spirit. Learn a brief history of the Christian Church (from AD 30 to the present day) that will guide you to hope in Christ and grant you a renewed understanding of the Church, both past and present.

MISSION FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER is LCMS Disaster Response: 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.

CHRISTIAN CULTURE CONFERENCE

On Saturday October 19th, the Evangelism Committee will be sponsoring the Luther Classical College "Christian Culture Conference" which was put on in June & which we acquired the right to be able to show to our congregation on a different date. The conference will start at 8:30 a.m. We will provide a continental breakfast, snacks, and lunch. Topics included are: Wokism & Post-Christian America, The Lutheran Family: Past and Future, Necessary Masculinity in Post-Christian America, Campus Free Speech is not Enough, and Tyranny's Assault on the Family: Church & State in Post-Christian America.

Teaser: What have families looked like through the years and what should we strive for in the future?

Rev. Dr. Peter Scaer from Concordia Seminary in Ft. Wayne Indiana will speak on *Wokism and Post-Christian America* where you will learn about terms such as Wokism, DEI, CRT, and other such terms and how they have infiltrated or seek to infiltrate the Church. Come and become informed as you learn of these terms as you seek to counteract their infiltration into your everyday lives.

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.

Back Pack 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!

LWML Celebration on Sunday October 6, 2024

“Ready to Serve,” Luke 1:38

Our congregation will have the opportunity to gather together in worship under the theme “ready to serve” based on Luke 1:38. as redeemed children of God, Lutheran women in mission give thanks for the opportunity to serve others as we have been served, to proclaim that Jesus is our Lord and that He came for all nations, and to respond with our mite offerings to support God’s mission. our example has been the widow and her mite. the offering she made was observed by our Lord leading Him to share that her copper coins, her mites, were “everything — all she had to live on” (mark 12:43). may our mite offerings be blessed for our Lord’s kingdom.

“Ready to Serve,” Luke 1:38 and Mary said, “behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” and the angel departed from her.

We will be celebrating LWML Sunday 2024, on October 6, 2024. The author of this service is Rev. Dr. Dwayne Lueck, the LCMC North Wisconsin district president. The LCMS North Wisconsin district started supporting mission work in Peru around 2013. Rev. Lueck has been involved in the mission work and has visited there many times in support of the ministry.

Our LWML looks forward to sharing the wonderful mission of the Lutheran Women in mission — God’s ministry around the world through mite offerings, service, and prayer.

The LWML Ladies will be having a bake sale in the Great Room following our service

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

SUNDAY, SEPT. 15, 2024: WORSHIPPED: 63 COMMUNED: 58 ONLINE: 7

SUNDAY, SEPT. 15, 2024, GENERAL FUND: \$\$2,906.00

DOLLAR PROJECT-YSLETA BACKPACKS: \$9.00

MISSION- LCMS DISASTER FUND: \$136.00

FLOWERS: \$72.00

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

MUSIC: Bobby Anderson

HOSTS:	Larry & Beverly Van Duyn	ELDER:	Matt Anderson
ALTAR GUILD:	Sheila Anderson Wilma Jaecks	TELLERS:	Bob Klose Joyce Macon
ATTENDANCE:	Merry Zumwalt	SOUND TECH:	Cindi Anderson
USHERS:	Bob & Sandy Klose Gerald Moore, Irvin Torres		
1ST LESSON:	Bob Klose	2ND LESSON:	Sandy Klose

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

MUSIC: Lola Ableidinger

HOSTS:	Jim & Ruth Wilkes	ELDER:	Jim Wilkes
ALTAR GUILD:	Sheila Anderson Wilma Jaecks	TELLERS:	Yvonne Steeby Becky Worley
ATTENDANCE:	Merry Zumwalt	SOUND TECH:	Matt Anderson
USHERS:	Volunteers		
1ST LESSON:	Dick Dommers	2ND LESSON:	Susan Kelly

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE COME TO YOU IN PRAISE AND PRAYER

Darrell & Sheila Anderson, Brianna Bickham, Darren Belcher, Donna Belcher, Jerimiah Carr, Douglas Clark, Ellen Clark, Colby Alexandra Clark, **Pastor Kevin & Lisa Cramm**, Donna & Billie Crawford, Toni Cullen, Frank & **Shirley Enyeart**, Gari Ann Gage, **Darlene Gilmore**, Bob Hilborn, Donna Holiday, Scout Hughes, Jim Johnson, Garry Klose, Michelle Luevano, Betsy Miller, Damian Orchard, Chad Parks, Logan Radford, Randy Rentschler, Connie Rogers, Jon Scarbough, Jessica Schroeder, Judy Smith, Pastor Terry & Debbie Small, Rick Sotak, Roger Strom, **Irvin Torres**, Sarah Van Dorn, Joel Van Duyn, Ann Waghorn, Hannah Weathers, Betty Wilkes, Margaret Worley, Karen Zinn, 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.

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FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY IN THE MILITARY

Tom Bass, Heather Beck, **Zac Collins**, Caleb Jaecks, Daniel Smelser, Bryant Roeske, Kyle Steeby, Tanner Wedd, and all troops serving in harms way

LEST WE FORGET

PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING

Gerald Moore (successful surgery)

FOR OUR HOMEBOUND

Kay Burger, Lothar Butzkies, Rodney Greer, Shirley Hill, Colleen Sandenaw, 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.