

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY, September 13, 2026

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Divine Service 10:15 AM

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR HOLY CROSS SUNDAY DIVINE SERVICE SETTING THREE

✠ INDICATES TO STAND

OPENING HYMN..... *PAGE 685*

"LET US EVER WALK WITH JESUS"

✠ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *PAGE 184*

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD *PAGE 186*

✠ PSALM 40:1-11

P I waited patiently for the LORD;

C **He inclined to me and heard my cry.**

P ²He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog,

C **and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

P ³He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God,

C **Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.**

P ⁴Blessèd is the man who makes the LORD his trust,

C **who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!**

P ⁵You have multiplied, O LORD my God, Your wondrous deeds and Your thoughts toward us;
none can compare with You!

C **I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.**

P ⁶Sacrifice and offering You have not desired, but You have given me an open ear.

C **Burnt offering and sin offering You have not required.**

P ⁷Then I said, "Behold, I have come;

C **in the scroll of the book it is written of me:**

P ⁸I desire to do Your will, O my God;

C **Your law is within my heart."**

P ⁹I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;
behold,

C **I have not restrained my lips, as You know, O LORD.**

P ¹⁰I have not hidden Your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of Your faithfulness and Your salvation;

C **I have not concealed Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness from the great congregation.**

P ¹¹As for you, O LORD, You will not restrain Your mercy from me;

C **Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness will ever preserve me!**

✠**KYRIE** *PAGE 186*

✠**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**..... *PAGE 187*

✠**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C **♪ And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

A **Merciful God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, was lifted high upon the cross that He might bear the sins of the world and draw all people to Himself. Grant that we who glory in His death for our redemption may faithfully heed His call to bear the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ♪ Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING -- NUMBERS 21:4-9

P The Old Testament reading for Holy Cross Sunday is from the twenty-first chapter of Numbers.

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that He take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C**Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL (ISAIAH 49:22A; JOHN 3:14B-15)

P "Behold, I will lift up my hand to the nations,
C **and raise my signal to the peoples," [says the Lord.]**
P So must the Son of Man be lifted up,
C **that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life.**

THE EPISTLE -- 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-25

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

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

✠ **ALLELUIA AND VERSE**PAGE 190

✠ **THE HOLY GOSPEL -- JOHN 12:20-33**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the twelfth chapter.
C **♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there will My servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor Him. ²⁷"Now is my soul

troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify Your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to Him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not Mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to Myself.” ³³He said this to show by what kind of death He was going to die.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord
C  **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

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HYMN OF THE DAY *PAGE 655*

“LORD KEEP US STEADFAST IN YOUR WORD”

THE SERMON ROMANS 14:1-12

OFFERING

 **OFFERTORY**..... *PAGE 192*

 **THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P Let us pray to the Lord,
C Lord have mercy.

 **THE LORD’S PRAYER**..... *PAGE 196*

 **BENEDICTION**..... *PAGE 202*

CLOSING HYMN *PAGE 580*

“THE GOSPEL SHOWS THE FATHER’S GRACE”

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NEXT WEEK’S TEXTS: Psalm 27:1-9; Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30;
Matthew 20:1-16

T H I S W E E K

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 THROUGH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 A.M.	Divine Worship
	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	9:30 A.M.	Quilters
	2:00 P.M.	Ladies' Bible Study at Lola's
	7:00 P.M.	Board of Directors' Meeting
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 A.M.	Divine Worship/Communion
		Mission Sunday-Luther Classical College
	After Service	Confirmation class

ALTAR FLOWERS

*The flowers adorning the chancel area this morning have been placed to the glory of God by
Bob & Sandy Klose in celebration of their granddaughter EmmaLee's birthday.*

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Trinity Stewardship Ministry

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth...but lay for yourselves treasures in heaven...For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:19-21)

God wants us to apply His wisdom regarding money. He wants us to be and act differently from the world. He instructs us to hold onto our money loosely and to see money as a tool to help the poor and to help others hear the life-saving Gospel. May we all serve the Lord with joy and gladness of heart as faithful stewards of the money God entrusts to us. Lord, it's tempting to follow the ways of the world regarding the handling of my money. Help me to seek Your wisdom through your inspired Word.
In Jesus' precious holy name.

Lola Ableidinger, Stewardship Chair

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LWML

Rio Grande Zone Fall Rally

September 26, 2026

Trinity Lutheran Church

1505 College Avenue, Alamogordo, NM 88310

Coffee, Pastry and Visit 8:30 to 9:30

Greetings and Bible Study 9:30 to 11:30

Lunch 11:30 to 12:30

Business Meeting/Elections 12:45

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFIRMATION CLASS: Pastor will be teaching confirmation classes for our middle school students beginning today after the worship service.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON LADIES BIBLE STUDY has resumed on Thursdays at 2:00 PM. You are welcome to join us! We will be meeting at Lola Ableidinger's home 42 Villa Christina, La Luz. Never been to Lola's and want a ride, call Nora Sotak (575-439-7524) and she will take you there. Any questions you may have, call Nora.

MISSION FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER is The Luther Classical College, a college for Lutheran' 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: What About Christian Stewardship, by past LCMS president A.L. Berry, answers questions such as: Why Are We Here? What went wrong? How did God deal with our greatest need? What is the steward's highest priority? How do Christian stewards use their material blessings?

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)! On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT), we're concluding our study of Paul's letters to the Corinthians. Follow along as we pick up this week with 1 Corinthians 5. On Concord Matters (9/19 at 10 a.m. CT), Pastor Finnern and Rev. Brian Kachelmeier continue our discussion of Article 1 of the Epitome of the Formula of Concord, on original sin. Find your favorite programs on demand by visiting kfuo.org!

TRINITY OKTOBERFEST

Trinity's Oktoberfest is being held on Sunday, September 27th following the worship service in the great room. The Education Committee is providing the buns, brats, and root beer floats for dessert. The attendance sign-up sheet and the food sign up sheet is on the Education board. Please sign up if you are attending and if what food sides you would like to bring to share. We are asking that you sign-up by Sept. 21st. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Kelley (575-430-2100) or any committee members: Cindi Anderson, Stacy Johnson or Jill Clark.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

SUNDAY, SEPT 6, 2026: WORSHIPPED: 75 COMMUNED: 65 ONLINE: 8

SUNDAY, SEPT. 6, 2026: GENERAL FUND: \$4,975.00

LUTHER CLASSICAL COLLEGE: \$50.00

FLOWERS: \$36.00

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY: 19

RUTH BIBLE STUDY (TUES. MORNING): 9

WEDNESDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: 7

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

HOSTS: Cody & Merry Zumwalt

ELDER: Matt Clark

ALTAR GUILD: Sheila Anderson

TELLERS: Sandy Klose

Wilma Jaecks

Susan Kelly

ATTENDANCE: Hannah Keeler

SOUND TECH: Sherri Cortez

USHERS: Norbert Sanchez, Susan Kelly

Glen & Christine Schlehuser

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

HOSTS: Susan Kelly, Hannah Keeler

ELDER: Bob Klose

ALTAR GUILD: Sheila Anderson

TELLERS: Joyce Macon

Wilma Jaecks

Bob Klose

ATTENDANCE: Hannah Keeler

SOUND TECH: Matt Anderson

USHERS: Bob Thede, Tammy Thede

Robert Johnson, Trey Johnson

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE COME TO YOU IN PRAISE AND PRAYER

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

Lola Ableidinger, Darrell & Sheila Anderson, Paul & Cathy Anderson, Vicky Cosio, Jan Dommers, Rosemary Ferguson, Bob Freeman, Goldie Gressman, Rob Gressman, Jill Guiterrez, Veronica Holman, Ron Hust, Wilma Jaecks, Jim Johnson, Jim & Hannah Keeler, Karen King, Todd Lindsay, Carey Mitchell, Connie Prather, Rachel Preus, Logan Radford, Janet Rooker, Susan Rentschler, Connie Rogers, Tammy Salmons, Jessica Schroeder, Glen Schlehuser, Pete Stebbins, Roger Storm, Tammy Thede, Irvin Torres, Matt Vick, Ann Waghorn, Margaret Worley, Jim & Ruth Wilkes, Rob Williams, 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.

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

**Jane Anderson (successful mouth surgery)
Allen Burmeister (successful kidney surgery)
Glen Schlehuser (Successful shoulder surgery)**

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 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.