

**WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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**SUNDAY, August 31, 2025**

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Divine Service 10:15 AM

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHILI & YAHTZEE:** The next Education Quarterly Congregational Get Together will be next Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> after the church service. The theme will be Chili and Yahtzee. Please bring your favorite chili recipe and/or desert to share. A sign-up sheet is on the Education bulletin board to sign up for what you will bring and how many will be attending. The Education Committee will provide drinks and some toppings for the chili. It should be a fun time for all.

**VACATION:** I will be on vacation beginning, Thursday, Sept. 11 through Wednesday, Sept. 17. Nora will be checking email, snail mail and phone messages from time to time. If you have a need to get in church, please check with someone on the Board of Directors or anyone else who has a key to let you in. Jan Thede

**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM 850 & KFuo.org:** On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT) we're studying the minor prophets! This week, we'll continue in Hosea, picking up with chapter 6. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as we continue our series on the return of Israel's exiles. This week's study will take us through several chapters of Zechariah. Don't forget to tune in to the Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9 a.m. CT)! We'll be continuing our newest series: "Portraits in American Lutheran Sacred Music." Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or in the KFuo Radio app!

**LWML:** Saturday, September 13th there will be a Fall Rally at Zion Lutheran Church in El Paso. We will meet at the church and car pool to the Rally. There will be an ingathering of coats and jackets for Ysleta. Anyone wishing to donate please bring to the church no later than Friday, September 12th. Gift cards are also accepted. There will be a table in the Great Room for the donations. Sign up for Car Pool will be on the bulletin board.

**NAME TAGS:** The Evangelism Committee is asking the congregation to consider wearing name tags to help new comers including our vacancy pastor and potential pastoral candidate(s) get to know us. If you need a new tag please sign up on the sheet in the narthex and one will be made and put into your box. You can choose from magnetic or clip on.

**SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER MISSION: 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. Learn more at the following website: [lcms.org/how-we-serve/mercy/disaster-response](http://lcms.org/how-we-serve/mercy/disaster-response)

**VISITOR MUGS:** The Evangelism Committee has prepared coffee mugs for our visitors, which are conveniently located inside the Guestbook podium. This is a handy spot for you to grab a mug to offer to visitors when you invite them to sign the guest book. On the Sundays you are hosting, please remember to give out ONE mug per family, visitor, or group. If it appears that multiple people in a group would benefit from having a mug, feel free to distribute more than one. Thank you for your assistance with this!

**TRACT OF THE MONTH: "A Simple Explanation of Heaven and Hell"** - "Hell is as real as Heaven but understanding the two can be difficult for those new to Christianity. Does God choose who goes to heaven and who goes to Hell? What do Christians believe Heaven and Hell are? Are they real places? Answers to these questions and more from a Lutheran perspective in '[A Simple Explanation of Heaven and Hell](http://CPH.org)' (CPH.org)

### LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

**September 7 – Proper 18** - Luke 14:33 – “So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.” None of what we have is ours. It all belongs to God. That is the foundation of Christian stewardship. What we have been given is to be used for God’s purposes according to our callings in home, Church, and society. As we learn to live generously in these callings, we renounce our ownership of our wealth. It’s not “ours,” it’s His. God owns everything, and we manage it for the furtherance of His goals.

### LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

**September 7** “Difficult situations like surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis can tempt us to forget our Savior’s presence and power. Comfort comes not from making deals with death but from the gifts He brings and the privileges He brings even in and through hardship. An everlasting, unchanging, and all-sufficient Creator and Keeper not only provides life, He protects it as well!” *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

### LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

**September 7 – Pentecost XIII (Proper 18C)** – Funny how the Almighty Maker invites (orders?) His people to choose life (Deuteronomy 30:19). By His creating, redeeming, and calling, life has already chosen us—and every single one of our neighbors—from fertilization to forever. Any dealings with death—like abortion and assisted suicide—diametrically oppose and dangerously depart from His express commandments.

### 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.

#### Backpack 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!

### THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, SEPT. 7, 2025 THROUGH SUNDAY, SEPT. 14, 2025

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	Adult Bible Study
	10:15 A.M.	<b>Divine Worshi/Communion</b>
TUESDAY	9:30 A.M.	Ruth Bible Study
	5:00 P.M.	Bell Choir Practice
WEDNESDAY	10:30 A.M.	TOPS
THURSDAY	2:00 P.M.	Ladies Bible Study
SUNDAY	9:15 A.M.	<b>Education Hour</b>
	10:15 A.M.	<b>Divine Worship</b>

### 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, their daughter-in-law Paula’s and son Christopher’s birthdays.*

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## **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE**

**SUNDAY, AUG., 31 , 2025: WORSHIPPED: 60    ONLINE: 8**

**SUNDAY, AUG. 31, 2025:    GENERAL FUND:**

### **ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**MUSIC:** Michael Cortez

<b>HOSTS:</b>	Glen & Chris Schlehuser	<b>ELDER:</b>	Bob Klose
<b>ALTAR GUILD:</b>	Sheila Anderson	<b>TELLERS:</b>	Lola Ableidinger
	Wilma Jaecks		Nora Sotak
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Bob Klose	<b>SOUND TECH:</b>	Jim Kline
<b>USHERS:</b>	Tom Blackmon, Jim Fladhammer		
	Larry & Beverly Van Duyn		

### **ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025**

**MUSIC:** Michael Cortez

<b>HOSTS:</b>	Nora Sotak	<b>ELDER:</b>	Matt Anderson
	Yvonne Steeby		
<b>LITURGIST</b>	Dick Dommers	<b>SERMON:</b>	Robert Rentschler
<b>ALTAR GUILD:</b>	Sheila Anderson	<b>TELLERS:</b>	Susan Kelly
	Wilma Jaecks		Sandy Klose
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Bob Klose	<b>SOUND TECH:</b>	Vicki Leonard
<b>USHERS:</b>	Susan Kelly, Norbert Sanchez		
	Glen & Christine Schlehuser		

## **HEAVENLY FATHER, WE COME TO YOU IN PRAISE AND PRAYER**

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

**Darrell & Sheila Anderson, Allen Burmeister,** Ruth Buttke, Ellen Clark, Douglas Clark, Jim Coburn, Sammie Feldman, Mike Fladhammer, Jill Guitierrez, Scout Hughes, Jim Johnson, Caroline Kelly, Carey Mitchell, Jim Money, Tim Polling, Rachel Preus, Logan Radford, Connie Rogers, Jessica Schroeder, David Steeby, Roger Storm, Ann Waghorn, Ken Wernle, Hannah Weathers, **Jim Wilkes,** Randa Worley, Karen Zinn, Don Zumwalt, Martyrs for the faith, Our Nation's Leaders, Public Safety Personnel, Trinity's pastoral call process

***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,** Brendon Garritano, Ryan Hobson, Caleb Jaecks, Cody Phelps, Daniel Smelser, Bryant Roeske, Kyle Steeby, Arcadia Thomason, Ethan Trowbridge, Tanner Wedd, and all troops serving in harms way

### **LEST WE FORGET**

Family and friends of Tom Good,

## **PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING**

### **FOR OUR HOMEBOUND**

Kay Burger, Lothar Butzkies, 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.