

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY, September 15, 2024

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Divine Service 10:15 AM

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

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HYMN OF INVOCATION PAGE 611

“CHIEF OF SINNERS THOUGH I BE”

✠ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION PAGE 203

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD PAGE 204

✠ PSALM 116:1-9; *antiphon: verse 5*

Pastor: ¹I love the LORD, because He has heard

People: my voice and my pleas for mercy.

Pastor: ²Because He inclined His ear to me,

People: therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

Pastor: ³The snares of death encompassed me;

People: the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

Pastor: ⁴Then I called on the name of the LORD:

People: “O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”

Pastor: ⁵Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;

People: our God is merciful.

Pastor: ⁶The LORD preserves the simple;

People: when I was brought low, He saved me.

Pastor: ⁷Return, O my soul, to Your rest;

People: for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

Pastor: ⁸For You have delivered my soul from death,

People: my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;

Pastor: ⁹I will walk before the LORD

People: in the land of the living.

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: ⁵Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;

People: our God is merciful.

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

ALL: Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING -- ISAIAH 50:4-10

Reader: The Old Testament reading for the seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost is from the fiftieth chapter of Isaiah.

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning He awakens; He awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. ⁷But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. ⁸He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. ⁹Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. ¹⁰Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

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 3:1-12

Reader: The Epistle reading is from the third chapter of James.

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and

sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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✠THE HOLY GOSPEL -- MARK 9:14-29

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴ When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵And immediately all the crowd, when they saw Him, were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted Him. ¹⁶And He asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" ¹⁷And someone from the crowd answered Him, "Teacher, I brought my son to You, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked Your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." ¹⁹And He answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to Me." ²⁰And they brought the boy to Him. And when the spirit saw Him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²²And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." ²³And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." ²⁴Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" ²⁵And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." ²⁶And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." ²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸And when He had entered the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" ²⁹And He said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

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"OH, FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING" VERSES 1-5

THE SERMON "SMALL BUT UNRULY"

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OFFERING

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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Divine Service, Setting Four from Lutheran Service Book

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NEXT WEEK'S TEXTS: Psalm 54; Jeremiah 11:18-20; James 3:13-4:10; Mark 9:30-37

NEXT WEEK: Does it ever seem there is a war going on within you?

THIS WEEK'S READINGS: 2 Chronicles 34—Ezra 8

1. What was so interesting about the long reign of Manasseh?
2. Why was the close of 2 Chronicles so unbelievable

LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

Sept. 15 – Trinity17 - Mark 9:24 – “Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, ‘I believe; help my unbelief!’” Haven’t we often felt like this! And notice that Jesus does not throw the man out because of his weakness of faith: He still has pity, and He still blesses the man. But neither does Jesus leave people in weakness of faith. He blesses us and calls us to a deeper faith, as He did to the disciples in the boat on the storm-tossed sea. How does our faith grow? By hearing the Word of God. What does our faith lead to as it grows? A godly life lived in thanksgiving to our Lord.

LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

September 15 - *“I pray that you will recognize and value those people in your life who were blessed by God so they could be a blessing to you! I especially pray that you will then use the blessings God has bestowed on you to bless those around you and to pass these blessings on to your own descendants to a thousand generations. Now is the time to pass on the gift. Now is the time to pass the baton to the next runner in the race! To God be all the glory!”* Barbara Lane Geistfeld, *Lutherans For Life* – **A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org**

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

September 15 – Pentecost XVII - Promoting or even permitting abortion and physician-assisted suicide condemns precious human beings who are made in the likeness of God (James 3:9). Thanks be to God that in the good news of receiving every neighbor as gift and privilege, the Lord has given us a tongue to sustain with a word the one who is weary (Isaiah 50:4)!

T H I S W E E K

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 THROUGH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 A.M.	Divine Worship/Communion
TUESDAY	9:30 A.M.	Ruth Bible Study
WEDNESDAY	9:00 A.M.	Men’s Bible Study
	10:30 A.M.	TOPS
THURSDAY	10:30 A.M.-2:00 P.M.	Gideon’s Pastors Appreciation luncheon
	7:00 P.M.	Board of Directors Meeting
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 Pastor Bill & Cyndi Heithold in celebration of Cyndi’s birthday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAREWELL RECEPTION: There will be a farewell reception after the service for Pastor and Ruth Buttke. They are moving to Illinois to be near their son. This will be their last Sunday to be with us, so join us in wishing them well.

THANK YOU to all the ladies who donated items to the Pregnancy Resources Plus Center during our LWML Fall Rally. Everything was much appreciated by the Center. Wilma Jaecks delivered all the items.

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.**

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Continue studying Psalm 119 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT) and Hosea on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and join us for more stories of KFUE's 100-year history on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. CT). Remember to mark your calendars for KFUE Radio's Centennial Celebration broadcast, October 12 at 10:00 a.m. CT! Tune in at kfue.org or RSVP for the in-person event at kfue.org/rsvp by September 20.

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.

THE MISSION FOR September & 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 am. 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. More details will be provided later.

2024 CHRISTIAN CULTURE CONFERENCE: 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

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| 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

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

SUNDAY, SEPT. 8, 2024: WORSHIPPED: 61

SUNDAY, SEPT. 8, 2024, GENERAL FUND: \$3,650.00

DOLLAR PROJECT-YSLETA BACKPACKS: \$11.00

FLOWERS: \$36.00

MEMORIAL-DARLENE OBERLING: \$225.00

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

MUSIC: Bobby Anderson

HOSTS:	Irvin Torres & Linde Van Cleave	ELDER:	Robert Rentschler
ALTAR GUILD:	Sheila Anderson Wilma Jaecks	TELLERS:	Susan Kelly Sandy Klose
ATTENDANCE:	Merry Zumwalt	SOUND TECH:	Jim Kline
USHERS:	Robert & Trey Johnson Bob & Tammy Thede		
1ST LESSON:	Ruth Wilkes	2ND LESSON:	Jill Clark

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

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:	?????

LWML Celebration on Sunday October 6, 2024

“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.

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 the chance 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.

LWML Sunday is celebrated annually in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) churches. Come, join us on LWML Sunday on October 6, 2024. Watch for more information about Lutheran Women in Mission, and become involved in reaching others with the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Darrell & Sheila Anderson, Brianna Bickham, Darren Belcher, Donna Belcher, Jerimiah Carr, 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, Michelle Luevano, Betsy Miller, **Gerald Moore**, 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.

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

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.