

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY, November 24, 2024

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Divine Service 10:15 AM

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE
Last Sunday of the Church Year
DIVINE SERVICE SETTING FOUR**

✚ INDICATES TO STAND

DEDICATION OF NEW CHURCH SIGN (In memory of Virginia Nielsen)
(Original sign In memory of Allen and Roger Humphrey)

HYMN OF INVOCATION PAGE 646
"CHURCH OF GOD, ELECT AND GLORIOUS"

✚ **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** PAGE 203

✚ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** PAGE 204

✚ **PSALM 93; antiphon: verse 2**

Pastor: ¹The LORD reigns; He is robed in majesty;

People: the LORD is robed; He has put on strength as His belt.

Pastor: Yes, the world is established;

People: it shall never be moved.

Pastor: ²Your throne is established from of old;

People: You are from everlasting.

Pastor: ³The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice;

People: the floods lift up their roaring.

Pastor: ⁴Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea,

People: the LORD on high is mighty.

Pastor: ⁵Your decrees are very trustworthy;

People: holiness befits Your house, O LORD, forevermore.

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: ²Your throne is established from old,

People: You are from everlasting.

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

ALL: Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING -- REVELATION 1:4B-8

Reader: The first reading for the last Sunday of the church year is from the first chapter of Revelation.

Grace to you and peace from Him Who is and Who was and Who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To Him Who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of Him. Even so. Amen. ⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "Who is and Who was and Who is to come, the Almighty."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL (*Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5*)

Pastor: These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

People: They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Pastor: Blessèd are those whose strength is in You,

People: in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

THE EPISTLE -- JUDE 20-25

Reader: The Epistle reading is from the book of Jude.

²⁰But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; ²¹keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. ²²And have mercy on those who doubt; ²³save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh. ²⁴Now to Him Who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, ²⁵to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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✠THE HOLY GOSPEL -- JOHN 18:33-37

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the eighteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

³³Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to Him, “Are You the King of the Jews?” ³⁴Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about Me?” ³⁵Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You over to me. What have You done?” ³⁶Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But My kingdom is not from the world.” ³⁷Then Pilate said to Him, “So You are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to My voice.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

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“LORD ENTHRONED IN HEAVENLY SPLENDOR”

THE SERMON “KINGDOM OF PRIESTS”

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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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NEXT WEEK'S TEXTS: Psalm 146; 1 Kings 17:8-16; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

NEXT WEEK: Does the song that says: “It is hard to be humble, when you are perfect in every way” apply even a little bit to you?

THIS WEEK’S READINGS: Proverbs 1-9

1. You are going to be reading in the Proverbs for a couple weeks. As you read them, make note of the ones that you want to remember
2. Proverbs 5, 6, 7 seem to focus on a warning. What is that warning about and why so much emphasis especially today?

LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

November 24 – Last Sunday of the Church Year - Isaiah 51:6 – “For the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment.” The things of this earth that hold our attention, that cause us worry, that tempt us away from the Lord, are all passing away. They will vanish like a garment. They are not for us to worry over, but rather to use for the Lord’s purposes. The things of this world are not ends in and of themselves, but only means to be used wisely by the children of the kingdom that has no end.

LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

November 24 - “In spades the Lord has taught me, and prayerfully you also, that Psalm 23 is a thanksgiving psalm. He anoints our heads, which is the Old Testament way of saying He chooses us as kings. He makes us a part of His royal household! Man, are we blessed as His kids!” *Pastor Keith Haberstock, guest speaker on “The Lutheran Hour”* – **A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org**

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

November 24 – Pentecost XXVII – The Scriptural Ancient of Days has gray hair (Daniel 7:9). The Word of the Lord pictures Him as aged. And while the world idolizes youthfulness, the Bible speaks flatteringly of getting old. “Elder” is a compliment, long life is blessing, and advanced years embody wisdom and honor, even though they often also entail weaknesses. The Gospel of everlasting life in Christ leaves no room for physician-assisted suicide.

T H I S W E E K

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 THROUGH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 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
	4:45 P.M.	Bell Choir Practice
WEDNESDAY	9:00 A.M.	Men's Bible Study
	10:30 A.M.	TOPS
THURSDAY	10:15 A.M.	Thanksgiving Worship Service
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 A.M.	Divine Worship/Communion

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers adorning the chancel area this morning have been placed to the glory of God by Vicki Leonard in memory of her husband Benny.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIGHWAY CLEANUP: Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, December 7th, 10:00 A.M.** for our next highway cleanup. Meet at our church sign just west of White Sands National Park. Please dress appropriately for the weather. Gloves, trash grabbers, vests and trash bags will be provided. See Hannah for more information.

FLOWER CHART FOR 2025 has been posted. Please sign up for your special occasions or in memory of someone. The cost is \$36.00 for two arrangements or if you would like to share with someone the cost is \$18.00. I would like to ask that you come to the front of the church after the service on the Sunday you have flowers and I will give you the flower arrangements. Thank you to all of you who have been faithful in providing flowers. Cheryl Richey

THE CHILDREN'S DAY ACTIVITY that was scheduled for Monday, November 25th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. has been cancelled. We will try offering another activity during the month of December.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM 850 & KFUE.org: We continue our study of the Psalms of thanksgiving on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and discuss chapters 8-11 in the Gospel of John on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Tune into Concord Matters this Saturday (11/30 at 10:00 a.m. CT) to learn more about the Lutheran view of the Sacrament. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org or on the KFUE Radio app!

MISSION FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER is the **Lutheran Heritage Foundation** - Translating, publishing, distributing, and introducing books and materials that are Bible-based, Christ-centered, and Reformation-driven. *(This is what Pastor Cramm uses for support for Africa trips.)*

VISITOR MUGS: The Evangelism committee has purchased coffee mugs with our Trinity logo, our church name, and Alamogordo, NM. We have items from various sources, and information about our church to put in them. Please, on the Sundays that you are hosting be sure to hand out ONE mug per family, visitor, or group (if it seems multiple people in a group would need one, that's fine).

TRACT OF THE MONTH: A Simple Explanation of Angels: “Movies, TV shows, greeting cards, figurines, and art – popular culture is saturated with images and references to the heavenly beings called angels. But what does the Bible actually tell us about angels? How are angels truly portrayed in God’s Word? While reading through this booklet, you will be surprised by how much society’s understanding of angels is influenced by pop culture. **A Simple Explanation of Angels** explores who angels are and what they do as “ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation” (Hebrews 1:14).” This easy-to-read booklet gives an overview “of what God wants us to know about angels.” It is the Word of God, not pop culture that should shape our view about angels, what they are and how they function. Be sure to pick this month’s tract up to read.

MIDWEEK OF ADVENT 1

HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED: WONDERFUL COUNSELOR

Our first midweek Advent sermon is “Wonderful Counselor” – a title given to Jesus in Isaiah 9:6. We will learn how God rescues us from the cunning counsel of the devil and blesses us with the wonderful counsel of His Son Whose Word of Truth sets us free from sin and it’s damning deception. (see John 8:31).

SOUP & SANDWICH SUPPERS: There will be a soup & sandwich supper before each Advent service beginning on Wednesday, December 4th at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Advent service at 7:00 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board for providing soup or sandwiches. Just sign up your name and what you plan to bring for whichever advent service you wish to provide soup.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

December 21, 2024

Meet at church at 5:00

Bring a couple of cookies to share with the other carolers after we sing
Hot chocolate and tea provided

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

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

SUNDAY, NOV. 17, 2024: WORSHIPPED: 45 ONLINE: 12

SUNDAY, NOV. 10, 2024, GENERAL FUND: \$2,670.00

SUNDAY, NOV. 17, 2024, GENERAL FUND: \$325.00

DOLLAR PROJECT: \$3.00

MISSIONS-LUTHERAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION: \$191.00

FOOD BASKETS: \$140.00

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

MUSIC: Bobby Anderson

HOSTS:		ELDER:	Robert Rentschler
ALTAR GUILD:	Diane Kline	TELLERS:	Dick Dommers
	Cheryl Richey		Merry Zumwalt
ATTENDANCE:	Hannah Keeler	SOUND TECH:	Vicki Leonard
USHERS:	Bob & Sandy Klose		
	Gerald Moore, Irvin Torres		
1ST LESSON:	George Schweers	2ND LESSON:	Marianne Schweers

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP ON THANKSGIVING DAY

PIANIST: Lola Ableidinger

ELDER:	Jim Wiles	SOUND TECH:	Vicki Leonard
ALTAR GUILD:	Diane Kline	ATTENDANCE:	Hannah Keeler
			Cheryl Richey
1ST LESSON:	Ruth Wilkes	2ND LESSON:	Dick Dommers

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

MUSIC: ??????

HOSTS:	Cheryl Sandenaw	ELDER:	Jim Wilkes
ALTAR GUILD:	Christine Schlehuser	TELLERS:	Linde Van Cleave
	Beverly Van Duyn		Cheryl Sandenaw
ATTENDANCE:	Merry Zumwalt	SOUND TECH:	Bob Klose
USHERS:	Tom Blackmon, Jim Fladhammer		
	Larry & Beverly Van Duyn		
1ST LESSON:	Gerald Moore	2ND LESSON:	Gayann Moore

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE COME TO YOU IN PRAISE AND PRAYER

Darrell & Sheila Anderson, Darren Belcher, Donna Belcher, **Allen Burmeister**, Ellen Clark, Douglas Clark, **Pastor Kevin Cramm**, Donna & Billie Crawford, Mike Fladhammer, Lee Fellows, Gari Ann Gage, **Darlene Gilmore**, Donna Holiday, Veronica Holman, Scout Hughes, Jim Johnson, Michelle Luevano, **Robyn Luevano**, Charles Newby, Damian Orchard, Cindy Ostler, Chad Parks, Logan Radford, Connie Rogers, Laura Salazar, Jessica Schroeder, Judy Smith, Roger Strom, Sarah Van Dorn, Ann Waghorn, Hannah Weathers, Betty Wilkes, Paul Woodruff, 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**, Brendon Garritano, Ryan Hobson, 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**, **Frank & Shirley Enyeart**, 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.