

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025

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Bible Classes and Sunday School, 9:00 AM,

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Divine Service 10:15 AM

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
DIVINE SERVICE SETTING THREE**

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PSALM 98

P ¹Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

C **His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.**

P ²The LORD has made known His salvation'

C **He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

P ³He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

C **All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

P ⁴Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

C **break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

P ⁵Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,

C **with the lyre and the sound of melody!**

P ⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn

C **make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!**

P ⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

C **the world and those who dwell in it!**

P ⁸Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together ⁹before the LORD,

C **for He comes to judge the earth.**

P He will judge the world with righteousness,

C **and the peoples with equity.**

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P The Lord be with you.

C **♪ And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

A **O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ♪Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING -- MALACHI 4:1-6

P The Old Testament reading for the twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost is from the fourth chapter of Malachi.

¹“For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts. ⁴“Remember the law of My servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. ⁵“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ⁶And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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

P These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

C **They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

P Blessèd are those whose strength is in You

C **in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

THE EPISTLE -- 2 THESSALONIANS 3:6-13

P The Epistle reading is from the third chapter of Second Thessalonians.

⁶Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. ⁹It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. ¹²Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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THE HOLY GOSPEL – LUKE 21:5-28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the twenty-first chapter.

C **♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

⁵ While some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, [Jesus] said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” ⁷And they asked Him, “Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?” ⁸And He said, “See that you are not led astray. For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is at hand!’ Do not go after them. ⁹And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.” ¹⁰Then He said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. ¹²But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for My name's sake. ¹³This will be your opportunity to bear witness. ¹⁴Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, ¹⁵for I

will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all for My name's sake. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your lives. ²⁰"But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. ²¹Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, ²²for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. ²³Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. ²⁴They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. ²⁵"And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

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

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P Lord, in Your mercy,
C **Hear our Prayer**

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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“EVENING AND MORNING”

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NEXT WEEK'S TEXTS: *St. Andrew, the Apostle*-Last Sunday of the Church Year:
Psalm 46; Ezekiel 3:16-21; Romans 10:8b-18; John 1:35-42a

LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

November 16 – Luke 21:6 – “As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” Everything in this world is headed for the graveyard, but some things are also destined to rise from the grave. On that Day of Resurrection — as we look back on our earthly life — what will we see? What will have really mattered? This is a good question to ask ourselves in this season of the church year that focuses on The Last Things.

LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

November 16 “When life around us is dark and despairing, when troubles are real and overwhelming, when our hurts outweigh our joys, take a moment to think about God’s beautiful creation given for us as a ‘good and perfect gift.’ Take a moment to remember that we have another Light in our world—our Lord Jesus Who is the Creator of all things and is the light of men.” *Barbara Lane Geistfeld, DVM, Lutherans For Life - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

November 16 – As the days draw closer to Christ’s return, we have witnessed people brought before kings and governors for the sake of Jesus’ name and the truth that every life is precious in God’s sight, just like Jesus warned (Luke 21:10-12). But don’t be afraid! “This is your opportunity to bear witness” (Luke 21:13)! We can go out “leaping like calves from the stall” (Malachi 4:2), proclaiming the sanctity of all life because we know that God promises to “give you a mouth and wisdom” (Luke 21:15) and that the “sun of righteousness” shall soon “rise with healing in its wings” (Malachi 4:2).

T H I S W E E K

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025 THROUGH SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	<i>Adult Education Hour</i>
	10:15 A.M.	<i>Divine Worship/Communion</i>
	<i>Mission Sunday-</i>	<i>Lutheran Heritage Foundation</i>
	<i>After Service</i>	<i>Annual Congregation Meeting</i>
MONDAY	6:30 P.M.	<i>Gideons</i>
TUESDAY	9:30 A.M.	<i>Ruth Bible Study</i>
	5:00 P.M.	<i>Bell Choir Practice</i>
WEDNESDAY	9:00 A.M.	<i>Men's Bible Study</i>
	10:30 A.M.	<i>TOPS</i>
THURSDAY	9:30 A.M.	<i>Quilters</i>
	2:15 P.M.	<i>Ladies' Bible Study</i>
	7:00 P.M.	<i>Board of Directors Meeting</i>
SUNDAY		<i>Last Sunday in the Church Year</i>
	9:15 A.M.	<i>Adult Education Hour</i>
	10:15 A.M.	<i>Divine Worship</i>
	<i>After service</i>	<i>Potluck in great room</i>
	1:00 P.M.	<i>Congregation meeting to call a Pastor</i>

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 daughter Laura's birthday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Our annual meeting is today, after the worship service . We will vote on the 2026 budget and election of new officers. Current officers and committee chairs will deliver their annual reports Here is a list of officer positions for our Board of Directors:

Congregation secretary
Treasurer
Stewardship Chair
Trustee Chair
Elders (3)

CONSTITUTION: There is a list of current members who have signed the constitution on the table in the Narthex. **You must be at least 18 years old and a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in order to be eligible to sign the constitution and vote.** New members need to sign the constitution. There are also copies of the constitution provided for you on the table.

POTLUCK & CONGREGATION MEETING: We will have a Congregation Pastor Call Meeting on Sunday, November 23rd at 1:00 p.m. Pastor Cave from Las Cruces will be attending. There will be a potluck lunch (a sign-up sheet is on the board in the narthex) following the 10:15 a.m. worship service. This will give Pastor Cave enough time to drive from Cruces to Alamogordo after his worship service to attend the Call meeting.

ADULT INFORMATION CLASS: Pastor John Flamme is starting an **adult information class** for those who are interested in becoming members of Trinity. The classes are at 9:00-10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6th, Dec. 13th and Dec. 20th. There are ten classes in all and the classes would start up again on Jan. 2, 2026. Interested persons should contact the church office asap at 575-437-1482 or email the church at tlchurchlcms@yahoo.com.

NAME TAGS: Help us all get to know each other better! If you need a name tag, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. You can choose between a magnetic or clip-on style. Your name tag will be placed in your church mailbox.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM 850 & KFUO.org: This week begins a new series on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT)! “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” will take listeners through a study of some of the hymns of thanksgiving in Lutheran Service Book. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as we continue our series on the Gospel of Matthew! This week’s study will cover chapters 22-25. Don’t forget to tune in to Concord Matters this Saturday (11/22 at 10 a.m. CT). We’ll be starting a discussion of the Lord’s Prayer as found in the Large Catechism. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFUO Radio app!

MISSION FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER: The Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF) Help Share the Gospel. With your assistance, LHF gives books of the Lutheran faith to people around the world in their own languages.

FACEBOOK: Follow us on FB and be a platform for the Gospel among your own FB friends list by sharing posts from our church as well as from Portals of Prayer, LCMS, KFUO Radio, and others. Search for us on FB using “TrinityLutheranAlamogordo”.

TRACT OF THE MONTH: "A Simple Explanation of Confession" - Confession changes between Christian denominations, making it a difficult concept to understand. What do Lutherans believe about confession? What sins should be confessed? What qualifies a pastor to forgive sins? And where does God's forgiveness come from? Answer all of these questions and more in this short, informative booklet. (CPH.org)

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!



THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

All donations will be accepted through November 23, 2025
 Leave donations on the table in the Great Room

Trinity LWML and the Evangelism Committee are sponsoring Thanksgiving Food Baskets for 2025. This year we will be helping five families. Below are ideas to help you do your shopping for the Food Baskets. This list is just to help you get started, feel free to add your own items, but please, all donations should be shelf stable.

Money donations can be placed in the offering plate, Mark the envelope "Food Baskets"
 Questions? Talk to Nora Sotak or Merry Zumwalt

Instant Mashed Potatoes

Canned Yams

Marshmallows

Canned or Dried Beans

Rice

Canned Vegetables

Canned Soup

Stuffing Mix

Broth (chicken and beef)

Pie Crust and Pie Filling

Pasta and Pasta Sauce

Canned Chicken, Ham

Tuna

Peanut Butter and Jelly

Macaroni and Cheese

Crackers

Sugar (white and brown)

Flour

Oil

Muffin/Cake/Brownie Mix

Apple Sauce/Canned Fruit

Cereal

Jell-O

Pudding Mix

Bottled Fruit Juice

Shelf Stable Milk

Dish Soap

Paper Plates

Paper Towels

Napkins

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

SUNDAY, NOV., 9, 2025: WORSHIPPED: 66 ONLINE: 8

SUNDAY, NOV., 9, 2025: GENERAL FUND: \$1,062.00

FOOD BASKETS: \$38.00

FLOWERS: \$72.00

LUTHERAN HERITAGE FUND: \$5.00

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

HOSTS:	Cheryl Sandenaw, Becky Worley	ELDER:	Bob Klose
ALTAR GUILD:	Robin Haymes	TELLERS:	Yvonne Steeby
	Susan Rentschler		Becky Worley
ATTENDANCE:	Merry Zumwalt	SOUND TECH:	John Davis
USHERS:	Bob Thede, Tammy Thede		
	Robert Johnson, Trey Johnson		

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

HOSTS:	Matt & Cindi Anderson	ELDER:	Matt Anderson
LITURGIST:	Bob Klose	SERMON:	Dick Dommers
ALTAR GUILD:	Robin Haymes	TELLERS:	Joyce Macon
	Susan Rentschler		Vicki Leonard
ATTENDANCE:	Merry Zumwalt	SOUND TECH:	Cindi Anderson
USHERS:	Gerald Moore, Irvin Torres		
	Sandy Klose, Cameron Maltz		

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

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

Darrell & Sheila Anderson, Allen & Belinda Burmeister, Ruth Buttke, Ellen Clark,
Douglas Clark, Jim Coburn, Sammie Feldman, **Verna Fladhammer,** Jill Guterrez,
Kristi Humphrey, Jim Johnson, Caroline Kelly, Janet Kushlan, Carly Lowen, AryElla Mitchell,
Carey Mitchell, Rob & Karen Ostash, Robert Patrick, Tim Polling, Rachel Preus, Logan Radford,
Robert Rentschler, Connie Rogers, Janet Rooker, Jessica Schroeder, David Steeby, Roger Storm,
Matt Vick, Ann Waghorn, Hannah Weathers, **Jim Wilkes,** 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

Friends and family of Ruth Gebhardt

PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING

Irvin Torres (doesn't need surgery on his foot)

FOR OUR HOMEBOUND

**Kay Burger, Lothar Butzkies, Bill English, Tom & Darlene Gilmore, Rodney Greer,
Shirley Hill, Jim & Ruth Wilkes, 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.