

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY, September 17, 2023

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Divine Service 10:15 AM

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR
THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
DIVINE SERVICE SETTING THREE**

✚ INDICATES TO STAND

OPENING HYMN PAGE 610

“LORD JESUS, THINK ON ME”

✚ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION PAGE 184

✚ SERVICE OF THE WORD PAGE 186

✚ PSALM 103:1-12

Pastor: ¹Bless the LORD, O my soul,

People: and all that is within me bless His holy name!

Pastor: ²Bless the LORD, O my soul,

People: and forget not all His benefits,

Pastor: ³Who forgives all Your iniquity,

People: Who heals all your diseases,

Pastor: ⁴Who redeems your life from the pit,

People: Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

Pastor: ⁵Who satisfies you with good

People: so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Pastor: ⁶The LORD works righteousness

People: and justice for all who are oppressed.

Pastor: ⁷He made known His ways to Moses,

People: His acts to the people of Israel.

Pastor: ⁸The LORD is merciful and gracious,

People: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Pastor: ⁹He will not always chide,

People: nor will He keep His anger forever.

Pastor: ¹⁰He does not deal with us according to our sins,

People: nor repay us according to our iniquities.

Pastor: ¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

People: so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him;

Pastor: ¹²as far as the east is from the west,

People: so far does He remove our transgressions from us.

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: *♪* And with thy spirit

Pastor: Let us pray.

ALL: O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *♪*Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING -- GENESIS 50:15-21

Reader: The Old Testament Reading for the sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost is from the fiftieth chapter of Genesis.

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

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 Reading -- Romans 14:1-12

Reader: The Epistle reading is from the fourteenth chapter of Romans

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. ⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains,

abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God." ¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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✠ THE HOLY GOSPEL ---- MATTHEW 18:21-35

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

People: **♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord**

²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. ²³"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also My heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: **♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

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"LORD OF GLORY, YOU HAVE BOUGHT US"

THE SERMON "FORGIVENESS"

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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 27:1-9; Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30; Matthew 20:1-16

NEXT WEEK: Can God bestow blessings as He chooses?

TODAY'S LIGHT READERS

TODAY'S LIGHT: Galatians 1--6

1. Paul writes to the Galatians, "If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ" (Galatians 1:10). Explain Paul's words.
2. Explain the positive and negative applications of reaping and sowing explained in Galatians 6:8. What positive seeds do you plan to sow today? What negative will you ask God's Spirit to enable you to ignore?

LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

September 17 – Proper 19 - Romans 14:7 – “For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself.”

We just don't belong to ourselves — we belong first of all to God, and through Him, we belong to our neighbors. We are here to serve God in our service to one another. God has called you to this service through your vocation: as a Christian you serve others in the church, as a neighbor you serve others in society, and as a son or daughter, husband or wife, father or mother, you serve your family.

LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

September 17 - "No matter what our days bring, God is the answer. His love never ends. His strength is our strength. He cares about each one of us in the most intimate of relationships. Through Jesus, we are His beloved children. We are here, in the land of the living, for His good purpose and at His will. Each day is a day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!" *Barbara Lane Geistfeld, D.V.M., Lutherans For Life*

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LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

September 17 – Pentecost XVI – Surprise pregnancy often comes with complications and difficulties. Terminal diagnosis can involve suffering and sorrow. But our God brought Jesus back from the dead. He makes it His way to wring blessings out of burdens (Genesis 50:19-20). Are we in the place of God, to let abortion or assisted suicide judge (Romans 14:4) someone else's life as hopeless?

T H I S W E E K

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 THROUGH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M. 10:15 A.M.	Christian Education Hour Divine Worship/Communion Mission Sunday-LCMS Disaster Response
	After Service	Stewardship Pledge Potluck
TUESDAY	9:30 A.M. 7:00 P.M.	Ruth Bible Study Adult Information Class
WEDNESDAY	9:00 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	Men's Bible Study TOPS
THURSDAY	9:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.	Quilters Board of Directors Meeting
FRIDAY	4:15 P.M.	Confirmation
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M. 10:15 A.M.	Christian Education Hour Divine Worship

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers adorning the chancel area this morning have been placed to the glory of God by Robyn Luevano in memory of her husband Ernest.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARD POTLUCK TODAY: There is a potluck lunch today following the worship service. Everyone is invited. There will be pledge cards on the table under the bulletin board beginning August 27, 2023. These will be available through September 17, 2023. If you complete one of these cards simply place it in my mailbox. Pledge cards will be on the tables. The cards completed at the potluck will be placed in a basket on the table by the door. This will be the culmination of our pledge drive. The pledges will be calculated, totaled, and used by the Board of Directors during the September 21, 2023 meeting, to aid in the planning of next year's budget. Please pray about what you desire to give back to the Lord for the works of His church. Thank you for all you do for the Lord. In Christ's Service, Sandy Klose, Stewardship Chairperson

2023 CHURCH DIRECTORY: The 2023 Church Directory has been completed and printed. If you have not received your copy please drop by the church office for your copy. I will be out in the narthex Sunday morning with the directories so you will be able to pick one up from me then. Thanks, Jan

ON-LINE GIVING: Trinity Lutheran has an option of doing online giving for your weekly, biweekly or monthly giving through a program called Give+ and an organization called Vanco. There is no charge to the church or the individual for this service. Monies can be designated for general fund or missions as you choose. You can do this through a savings or a checking account. We have been using this system for about a year and a half and have not had any issues. You can stop, place on hold, increase or decrease payment at any time. It is handy if you leave town frequently, because you don't have to worry about catching up or missing. It is done automatically. You receive a notification by email and a receipt for payment by email. Please check with Vicki Leonard if you have any questions.

THE MISSION FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER is 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.

TRACT OF THE MONTH: September's booklet is "**A Biblical Response to Cults**". "How can we identify a cult? What makes something a cult rather than an organized religion? And how can we help friends, family members, or neighbors who may be part of one? This month's booklet details the telltale markers of a cult, including real-world examples, and shows how we can use Scripture to identify harmful beliefs in cults or any other group. With this firm biblical foundation, readers will be equipped to avoid cults themselves and to have Gospel-centered discussions with people in their lives who might be involved in a cult." Be sure to pick up this month's tract or any of the previous month's tracts to read!

LUTHERAN SEMINARY, NOVOSIBIRSK, SIBERIA: Since the fall of the Soviet Union the opportunity of the Russian people to worship the Lord has been reestablished. At the Rocky Mountain District convention last year, a financial goal was set to support the Lutheran seminary in Siberia. The district goal is \$150,000. Each congregation is being asked to establish a special fund to help support the district's goal. The Trinity goal is \$2050. This amounts to approximately \$12 per communicant member. When making your donation to the seminary, you can denote it on your envelope as Siberia Seminary, or something similar.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Begin the book of Joshua on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), study The Cause of Sin in the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (9/23 at 10:00 a.m. CT), and study Leviticus 18-22 on "The Holiness of God" on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUE Radio app!

WORSHIP ANEW is a National Lutheran TV program sponsored by Terry Marquardt and Trinity Lutheran Church of Alamogordo. It's on KVBA Vision Broadcasting, on Sunday at 12:30 p.m. or Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. It's streaming on KVBATV.org or 14.1 Digital, 19 Analog, 22 Cable. (times listed below).

Worship Anew can also be viewed at any time over the internet. Simply go to <https://worshipanew.org/>

Sunday	5:30 AM	Sunday 12:30 PM
Wed.	11:30 AM	Friday 8:00 AM
Friday	2:00 PM	Friday 6:30 PM

BACKPACK MINISTRY

We are still collecting food items for the Love INC Backpack Ministry this school year. 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!

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY

Rally day for Sunday School is Sunday, October 1, 2023

Sunday School Surveys will be passed out at church or mailed out this week to all families with school age children. Please take the time to fill them out and return to church as soon as possible. Please put them in my church mail box (Sue Kelly) or mail them back to Trinity Lutheran Church. You may also place them in the plastic box on the Church office door.

The Education Committee is looking for volunteers to teach Sunday School classes for a month at a time. If you are interested in teaching a class every Sunday morning for a month during the upcoming school year (Oct-May), please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex. If you have any questions please contact Sue Kelly, 575-430-2100. Lessons and materials will be provided. Sue Kelly, Education Chair

LWML Sunday is Sunday, October 1, 2023

Our congregation will have the opportunity to gather together in worship under the theme “The King is Coming” based on Psalm 24:7–10. Throughout human history, God pictured the coming redemptive King through various images of His promise, providence, provision, and protection for His people. We could easily become down and out because of the evil of our world, and quickly give up because of the constant bad news; but hope, peace, joy, and love is the promise of our God for His people. Christ is the King of Glory! The Gospel is our only hope, as the King of glory comes in, with, and through the Gospel, as we were buried with Him in Baptism and raised with Him to a new life!

We will be celebrating LWML Sunday 2023 on October 1st. The author of this service is Rev. Dr. Roosevelt Gray, Jr., Director of LCMS Black Ministry.

Our LWML looks forward to sharing the wonderful mission of the Lutheran Women in Mission — God’s ministry around the world through mite offerings, service, and prayer. LWML will have a bake sale following the worship service.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

SUNDAY, SEPT. 10, 2023: WORSHIPPED: 67
SUNDAY, SEPT. 10, 2023, GENERAL FUND: \$2,078.00
DOLLAR PROJECT: \$10.00
FLOWERS: \$108.00
LCMS DISASTER FUND: \$6.00

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORGANIST: Lisa Cramm

HOSTS:	Bob & Jan Thede	ELDER:	Robert Rentschler
ALTAR GUILD:	Sandra Krueger Wilma Jaecks	TELLERS:	Shirley Enyeart Vicki Leonard
ATTENDANCE:	Mary Leslie Schmitt	SOUND TECH:	Matt Anderson
USHERS:	Robert & Trey Johnson Bob & Tammy Thede		
1ST LESSON:	Ruth Wilkes	2ND LESSON:	Dick Dommers

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

ORGANIST: Lisa Cramm

HOSTS:	Tammy Thede Irvin Torres	ELDER:	Matt Anderson
ALTAR GUILD:	Sandra Krueger Wilma Jaecks	TELLERS:	Megan Bowman Dick Dommers
ATTENDANCE:	Mary Leslie Schmitt	SOUND TECH:	Jim Kline
USHERS:	Bob & Sandy Klose Gerald Moore, Irvin Torres		
1ST LESSON:	Lola Ableidiner	2ND LESSON:	Shirley Enyeart

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

Darrell Anderson, Brianna Bickham, Ellen Clark, Carol Collins, Chuck Collins, **Laurie Di Paolo**, **Valerie English**, Owen Frantz, Tom Good, Donna Holiday, Scout Hughes, Ronda Jones, Linda Linn, Janet Marsh, Lyle Nachand, Nowak Family, Beth Omenhiser, Damian Orchard, Chad Parks, Logan Radford, Connie Rogers, Carl Rooker, Judy Ruiz, Ann Schlehuser, Jessica Schroeder, Sharon Taylor, Sarah Van Dorn, Christine Vertein, Ann Waghorn, Hannah Weather, Rosanne Wehmeyer, Betty Wilkes, **Lee Wood**, 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, Shannon Bowman, **Zac Collins**, Caleb Jaecks, **Natasha Thomas**, Anthony Uttke, Tanner Wedd, and all troops serving in harms way

LEST WE FORGET

Family and friends of Marilyn Hughes

PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING

FOR OUR HOMEBOUND

Kay Burger, **Lothar Butzkies**, Rodney Greer, **Shirley Hill**

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.