

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Divine Service 10:15 AM

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

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“A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD”

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✠ **PSALM 67**

P ¹May God be gracious to us and bless us

C **and make His face to shine on us,**

P ²That Your way may be known on earth,

C **Your saving power among all nations.**

P ³Let the peoples praise You, O God;

C **Let all the peoples praise You!**

P ⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

C **for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**

P ⁵Let the peoples praise You, O God;

C **Let all the peoples praise You!**

P ⁶The earth has yielded its increase;

C **God, our God, shall bless us.**

P ⁷God shall bless us;

C **let all the ends of the earth fear Him!**

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P The Lord be with you.

C ♪ And with thy spirit

P Let us pray.

A **Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ♪Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING -- ISAIAH 56:1, 6-8

P The Old Testament Reading for the twelfth Sunday after Pentecost is from the fifty-sixth chapter of Isaiah.

¹Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon My salvation will come, and My deliverance be revealed. . . .⁶"And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to Him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be His servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast My covenant—⁷these I will bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on My altar; for My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." ⁸The Lord GOD, Who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, "I will gather yet others to Him besides those already gathered."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL (*Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.*)

P Fear the LORD you His saints

C **for those who fear Him lack nothing!**

P Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

C **but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

THE EPISTLE READING -- ROMANS 11:1-2A, 13-15, 28-32

P The Epistle reading is from the eleventh chapter of Romans

¹I ask, then, has God rejected His people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected His people whom He

foreknew. . . .¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? . . .²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has consigned all to disobedience, that He may have mercy on all.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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✠ **THE HOLY GOSPEL ---- MATTHEW 15:21-28**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.

C **♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord**

²¹Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ²³But He did not answer her a word. And His disciples came and begged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before Him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶And He answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

C **♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

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"FROM GOD CAN NOTHING MOVE ME" *STAND ON LAST VERSE*

THE SERMON "ROMAN 11:1-2A, 13-15, 28-32"

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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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"GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING"

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NEXT WEEK'S TEXTS: Psalm 138; Isaiah 56:1-6; Romans 11:33—12:8; Matthew 16:13-20

T H I S W E E K

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026 THROUGH SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M. 10:15 A.M.	<i>Christian Education Hour</i> <i>Divine Worship/Communion</i> <i>Mission Sunday-LCMS Seminary Fund</i>
MONDAY		<i>Church office is closed</i>
TUESDAY	9:30 A.M. 5:15 P.M.	<i>Ruth Bible Study</i> <i>Bells Choir practice</i>
WEDNESDAY	9:00 A.M. 10:30 A.M. 11:30 A.M.	<i>Men's Bible Study</i> <i>TOPS</i> <i>PEO Meeting</i>
THURSDAY	7:00 P.M.	<i>Board of Directors meeting</i>
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M. 10:15 A.M.	<i>Christian Education Hour</i> <i>Divine Worship</i> <i>Mission Sunday-LCMS Seminary Fund</i>

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers adorning the chancel area this morning have been placed to the glory of God by Matt and Jill Clark in honor of their 34th wedding anniversary.

SERVANT EVENT MISSIONS IMMERSION WEEK

Hosted by Yselta Lutheran Mission Human Care. From September 28th- October 3rd, this is a one week immersive experience for Church leaders, lay servants, mission advocates and pastors. In hands-on service, practical workshops, immersion in Scripture and spiritual renewal you'll be equipped and encouraged in bringing mission minded ministry home.

Registration fee is \$200 for each person to attend. Registration fee includes meals, lodging, local transport, workshops, and mission opportunities.

Register online through YLM.org
or call at (915) 858-2588

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU. Lola Ableidinger would like to thank everyone at Trinity for all the prayers, cards and visits while she is recuperating from hip surgery.

2026-2027 SUNDAY SCHOOL: The children and youth 2026-2027 Sunday School will begin next Sunday, August 23rd at 9:00 am.

MISSION FOR JULY & AUGUST IS THE LCMS JOINT SEMINARY FUND: The LCMS Joint Seminary Fund was established to supplement the Synod subsidy by directly soliciting the church for charitable donations. Gifts to the LCMS Joint Seminary Fund are restricted exclusively to supporting both of our world-class seminaries. Our LCMS seminaries have only three sources of operating revenue: 1) Investment income from endowment, 2) Tuition paid by students after financial aid is awarded (often in the form of student loans), & 3) Financial gifts graciously supplied by God's people. Mission Sundays are the third Sunday of the month.

TRACT OF THE MONTH: What about the Apostle's Creed by A.I. Barry. Answers the following questions: *What do we confess about God the Father, God the Son and about the Holy Spirit? Why do we use creeds?* Pick one up in the Narthex the next time you pass by the spinning track rack at church.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM850 & KFuo.org: Our study of the book of Matthew continues on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT)! Tune in to "The Reign of Heaven Stands Near" as we look at Matthew 16-18. Join us on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as we move forward in our latest study of the minor prophets. We'll be picking up this week with the book of Nahum. Don't forget to listen to Concord Matters this Saturday (8/22 at 10 a.m. CT)! Pastor Brady Finnern is leading a new study through the Formula of Concord, and this week we'll be discussing the controversies which led up to the Formula's writing. Find your favorite programs on demand by visiting kfuo.org!

Trinity Stewardship Ministry



"So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith" (Galatians 6:10).

When we give generously to people in need, we demonstrate more love for them than for our money. In your precious name.

Chris Schlehuser, Stewardship Co-Chair

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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

SUNDAY, AUG. 9, 2026: WORSHIPPED: 58 ONLINE: 9

SUNDAY, AUG. 9, 2026: GENERAL FUND: \$2,315.00

LCMS SEMINARY FUND: \$155.00

SPECIAL DESIGNATED ACCOUNT: \$1,000.00

TLC ENDOWMENT FUND: \$1,451.52:

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY: 20

RUTH BIBLE STUDY (TUES. MORNING): 5

WEDNESDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: 9

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

HOSTS: Susan Kelly, Jan Thede

ELDER: Matt Clark

ALTAR GUILD: Sheila Anderson

TELLERS: Wilma Jaecks

Wilma Jaecks

Vicki Leonard

ATTENDANCE: Cody & Merry Zumwalt

SOUND TECH: Sheri Cortez

USHERS: Bob Thede, Tammy Thede
Robert Johnson, Trey Johnson

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 23RD

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

HOSTS: Jim & Diane Kline

ELDER: Bob Klose

ALTAR GUILD: Sheila Anderson

TELLERS: Dick Dommers

Wilma Jaecks

Merry Zumwalt

ATTENDANCE: Cody & Merry Zumwalt

SOUND TECH: Matt Anderson

USHERS: Cameron Maltz, Gerald Moore
Irvin Torres, Cody Zumwalt

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE COME TO YOU IN PRAISE AND PRAYER

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

Lola Ableidinger, Darrell & Sheila Anderson, Paul & Cathy Anderson, Allen & Belinda Burmeister, Ellen Clark, Douglas Clark, Vicky Cosio, **Jan Dommers,** Rosemary Ferguson, Bob Freeman, **Goldie Gressman,** Rob Gressman, Jill Guiterrez, Veronica Holman, Ron Hust, **Wilma Jaecks,** Jim Johnson, Jim & **Hannah Keeler,** Karen King, Janet Kushlan, Todd Lindsay, Carey Mitchell, Grady Nicholson, Rob Ostash, Connie Prather, Rachel Preus, Logan Radford, Carl & Janet Rooker, **Susan Rentschler,** Connie Rogers, Tammy Salmons, Dana Sandenaw, Jessica Schroeder, **Glen Schlehuser,** Pete Stebbins, Roger Storm, **Tammy Thede, Irvin Torres,** Rogelio Torres, Matt Vick, Ann Waghorn, Margaret Worley, **Jim & Ruth Wilkes,** Rob Williams, 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,** Brendan Garritano, Ryan Hobson, Caleb Jaecks, Cody Phelps, Daniel Smelser, Bryant Roeske, Kyle Steeby, and all troops serving in harms way

LEST WE FORGET

PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING

FOR OUR HOMEBOUND

Bill English, Tom & Darlene Gilmore, Rodney Greer, Shirley Hill, 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.