

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Divine Service 10:15 AM

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR
Second Sunday after Christmas**

DIVINE SERVICE SETTING FOUR

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✠ **PSALM 119:97-104** (*antiphon: verse 99*)

P ⁹⁷Oh how I love Your law!

C **It is my meditation all the day.**

P ⁹⁸Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,

C **for it is ever with me.**

P ⁹⁹I have more understanding than all my teachers,

C **for Your testimonies are my meditation.**

P ¹⁰⁰I understand more than the aged,

C **for I keep Your precepts.**

P ¹⁰¹I hold back my feet from every evil way,

C **in order to keep Your word.**

P ¹⁰²I do not turn aside from Your just decrees,

C **for You have taught me.**

P ¹⁰³How sweet are Your words to my taste,

C **sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

P ¹⁰⁴Through Your precepts I get understanding;

C **therefore I hate every false way.**

P ⁹⁹I have more understanding than all my teachers,

C **for Your testimonies are my meditation.**

**A 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.**

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P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

A **Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same 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 -- 1 KINGS 3:4-15

P The Old Testament reading for second Sunday after Christmas is from the third chapter of First Kings.

⁴ The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to Your servant David my father, because he walked before You in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward You. And You have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, You have made Your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And Your servant is in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. ⁹Give Your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern Your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this Your great people?" ¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹And

God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴And if you will walk in My ways, keeping My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days." ¹⁵And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL (*Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a.*)

P To us a Child is born, to us a Son is given;.

C **and the government shall be upon His shoulder.**

P And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

C **Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

P Sing to the Lord a new song,

C **for He has done marvelous things!**

THE EPISTLE -- EPHESIANS 1:3-14

P The Epistle reading is from the first chapter of Ephesians.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love ⁵He predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will, ⁶to the praise of His glorious grace, with which He has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, ⁸which He lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of His will, according to His purpose, which He set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of Him Who works all things according to the counsel of His will, ¹²so that we who were the first

to hope in Christ might be to the praise of His glory. ¹³In Him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in Him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴Who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of His glory.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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✠THE HOLY GOSPEL -- LUKE 2:40-52

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the second chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁴⁰The Child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon Him. ⁴¹Now His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when He was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the Boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing Him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for Him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for Him. ⁴⁶After three days they found Him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers. ⁴⁸And when His parents saw Him, they were astonished. And His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You treated us so? Behold, Your father and I have been searching for You in great distress." ⁴⁹And He said to them, "Why were you looking for Me? Did you not know that I must be in My Father's house?" ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that He spoke to them. ⁵¹And He went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And His mother treasured up all these things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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“WORD OF GOD, COME DOWN ON EARTH”

THE SERMON

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2026

Jim Wilkes, President	Glen Schlehuser, Vice President,
Jim Kline, Treasurer	Jill Clark, Secretary
Vicki Leonard, Financial Secretary	Lola Ableidinger, Stewardship Chair
Sue Kelly, Education Chair	Norbert Sanchez, Trustee Chair
Merry Zumwalt, Evangelism Chair,	Dick Dommers, Elder
Robert Klose, Elder	Allen Burmeister, Elder
Matt Clark, Elder	

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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 29; Isaiah 42:1-9; Romans 6:1-11; Matthew 3:13-17

LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

January 4 – Second Sunday after Christmas -Luke 2:49 – “And he said to them, ‘Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?’” What a privilege the Lord has given to us by calling us to come to His house! It is not a burden but rather an honor and a blessing for us to always be able to come to a place where we know God is present for us in His gifts of Word and Sacrament. Likewise, the Lord has honored us by allowing us to support the work of His house with our tithes and offerings.

LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

January 4 - “Your story might not look as extraordinary as Esther’s. It might not be as exciting as David’s or as tumultuous as Rahab’s or as terrifying as Mary’s. But you don’t have to be extraordinary for God to work through you. He can accomplish great things through something as unassuming as prayer or as simple as a meal for a new mother.” *Grace MacPherson*

–A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

January 4 (Christmas 2) – God used Joseph, who adopted Jesus as his own son (Luke 2:41), to care for our Lord as He (Jesus) mysteriously lived a perfectly human life as our substitute. Through Jesus, God has now adopted us as His own children and has promised us an eternal inheritance in His kingdom (Ephesians 1:5, 11). Christians should be encouraged to likewise consider and promote adoption as a godly way to preserve and care for the lives of God's precious children and bring them into His kingdom.

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!

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

The Baby Bottle Campaign begins on January 18th, Sanctity of Life Sunday. Please read the January *Trinitarian* article on Pregnancy Resources Plus to learn what they do and what your donations will be used for. You may pick up a baby bottle after church on January 18th for your change and bills. You may also write a check to Southern New Mexico Outreach and place it in the envelope provided on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please do not contribute through our church collections. If you have questions or concerns, please talk to Hannah, the campaign coordinator.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026 THROUGH SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	Adult Education Hour
	10:15 A.M.	Divine Worship/Communion
	After Service	Congregational Call Meeting
TUESDAY		Epiphany
	9:30 A.M.	Ruth Bible Study
	5:00 P.M.	Bell Choir Practice
WEDNESDAY	9:00 A.M.	Men's Bible Study
	10:30 A.M.	TOPS
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	Adult 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 Lisa Cramm in memory of her husband Pastor Kevin Cramm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS: If you have ordered flowers and have not paid yet, please remit the payment requested in the white envelope you have received from Cheryl. Identify your regular envelope number on the payment envelope to receive credit for the payment.

CONGREGATION MEETING: There will be a congregation meeting today after the service to vote on a call candidate to be presented by the Call Committee.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY: (YLM) Ysleta Lutheran Mission Care, El Paso — This very active mission needs the support of other churches to survive. Pastor Karl Heimer ministers with nine other churches in the Juarez area through support of their pastors' worship services, Bible Studies, Sunday School, VBS and meet the needs of the poor along with servant events building and repairing homes, and much, much more.

SPECIAL DOLLAR PROJECT: Our dollar project monies for the month of January will go for the Baby Bottle Campaign for the Pregnancy Help Center.

ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS: The Adult Sunday School class that meets at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays has graciously agreed to study the Catechism so that those wishing to become members of Trinity can be instructed in the Christian Faith. This instruction is also for members desiring a refresher in the faith and the class will begin in January. The class will

make use of the latest 2017 catechism with explanation from CPH. If you don't have this edition please contact Jan in the church office and she can order a copy for you for \$19.99 each or you can order the book on your own from Amazon for \$15.99. Those wishing to become members will receive a free copy. Thanks, Pastor John Flamme.

BOTTLE CAP PROJECT: LWML is still collecting bottle caps of all sizes. We have a bin in the Education Office for the Caps you collect. The bottle caps are used to make prosthetics for disabled patients, of low-income, in Mexico. Rosy, a deaconess from one of the Juarez Lutheran Mission churches, picks up the bottle caps from Isleta Lutheran Missions and delivers them to the Collection Center in Juarez where the prosthetics are made. What a blessing for the disabled. Thank you for your support.

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES: Your 2026 offering envelopes are either in your church mailbox or on the table in the narthex. Thank you, Vicki Leonard

THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2026 has been posted. The following dates are still available on the 2026 flower chart: Aug. 2nd, 23rd & 30th and Oct. 25th. Cheryl Richey

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM 850 & KFUE.org: A blessed New Year and Happy Epiphany! This week on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT), we're launching into a new study of the book of Genesis. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as we begin "The Magnificent 37", a new series on the miracles of Jesus! On the Coffee Hour this week (weekdays at 9 a.m. CT), we have some fun things to share, including a new series on the history of the Augsburg Confession with Dr. Cameron MacKenzie and an introduction to this year's Searching Scripture theme! Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFUE Radio app.

TRACT OF THE MONTH: The Small Catechism by Dr. Martin Luther
Pick up a pocket-sized 16-page pamphlet version of the "The Small Catechism" published by CPH St. Louis. Contains The Ten Commandments, The Apostle's Creed, The Lord's Prayer, The Sacrament of Holy Baptism, The Office of the Keys and Confession, The Sacrament Of The Altar, and the Morning and Evening Prayers – all with explanations

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

SUNDAY, DEC. 28, 2025: WORSHIPPED: 48 ONLINE: 8

SUNDAY, DEC. 28, 2025: GENERAL FUND:

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TOYS FOR NURSERY - DOLLAR PROJECT:

NURSERY FUND:

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

HOSTS:	Robert & Stacy Johnson	ELDER:	Bob Klose
ALTAR GUILD:	Gayann Moore	TELLERS:	?
	Hannah Keeler		?
ATTENDANCE:	Hannah Keeler	SOUND TECH:	?
USHERS:	Tom Blackmon, Jim Fladhammer		
	Larry & Beverly Van Duyn		

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 11TH

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

HOSTS:	Cheryl Sandenaw, Wilma Jaecks	ELDER:	Dick Dommers
LITURGIST:	Dick Dommers	SERMON:	Bob Klose
ALTAR GUILD:	Gayann Moore	TELLERS:	?
	Hannah Keeler		?
ATTENDANCE:	Diane Kline	SOUND TECH:	?
USHERS:	Norbert Sanchez, Susan Kelly		
	Glen & Christine Schlehuser		

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

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

Darrell & Sheila Anderson, Jean Anderson, **Allen & Belinda Burmeister**, Ruth Buttke, Ellen Clark, Douglas Clark, Jim Coburn, Sammie Feldman, **Verna Fladhammer**, Jill Guitierrez, May Lynn Hays & family, **Kristi Humphrey**, Jim Johnson, Janet Kushlan, Carly Lowen, Carey Mitchell, Rob & Karen Ostash, Robert Patrick, Tim Polling, Rachel Preus, Logan Radford, **Robert Rentschler**, Connie Rogers, Jessica Schroeder, David Steeby, Roger Storm, **Irvin Torres**, Matt Vick, Ann Waghorn, Karen Zinn, Don Zumwalt, 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, Cody Phelps, Daniel Smelser, Bryant Roeske, Kyle Steeby, Arcadia Thomason, Ethan Trowbridge, Tanner Wedd, and all troops serving in harms way

LEST WE FORGET

Richard Bunker, brother of **Marvin & Joyce Bunker** and **Tom & Darlene Gilmore** who passed away December 31, 2025

PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING

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.