

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Divine Service 10:15 AM

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
SERVICE OF PRAYER AND PREACHING**

OPENING HYMNPAGE 657

“A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD”

OPENING VERSICLESPAGE 260

L This is the day which the Lord has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

L Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C **Teach me Your paths.**

L Sanctify us in Your truth.

C **Your Word is truth.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

C **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.**

OLD TESTAMENT HYMNPAGE 528

“O, FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING” (VERSES 1-5)

OLD TESTAMENT READING -- GENESIS 3:1-21

L The Old Testament reading for the first Sunday in Lent is from the third chapter of Genesis.

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?” ²And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the

trees in the garden, ³but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’ ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. ⁸And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰And he said, “I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” ¹¹He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹²The man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” ¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” ¹⁶To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.” ¹⁷And to Adam He said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; ¹⁸thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” ²⁰The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE -- ROMANS 5:12-19

Reader: The Epistle reading is from the fifth chapter of Romans.

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the One Who was to come. ¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one Man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one Man Jesus Christ. ¹⁸Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one Man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL – MATTHEW 4:1-11

✠L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the fourth chapter.

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, He was hungry. ³And the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But He answered, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵Then the devil took Him to the holy city and set Him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down, for it is written, "He will command His angels concerning you,' and "On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" ⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹And he said to Him, "All these I will give You, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve.'" ¹¹Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to Him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

✠RESPONSORY.....PAGE 263

L Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

L Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

✠THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.....PAGE 264

C **You shall have no other gods.**

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

✠THE APOSTLE'S CREED.....PAGE 264

✠THE LORD'S PRAYER.....PAGE 264

HYMN OF THE DAY.....PAGE 544

"O LOVE, HOW DEEP" VERSES 2, 4, 6

THE SERMON

OFFERING

✠PRAYER.....PAGE 265

L In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

- L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, Trinity as we pray for God's guidance as we continue our call process, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

✠ **COLLECT OF THE DAY** PAGE 265

- L O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

✠ **COLLECT FOR THE WORD** PAGE 265

- L O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

✠MORNING PRAYER.....PAGE 266

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

THE NEW TESTAMENT HYMN..... OMITTED DURING LENT

✠BLESSING.....PAGE 267

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMNPAGE 600

“MARK HOW THE LAMB OF GOD’S SELF-OFFERING”

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NEXT WEEK'S TEXTS: Psalm 121; Genesis 12:1-9; Romans 4:1-8, 13-17; John 3:1-17

Trinity Stewardship Ministry



2 Corinthians 5:17 *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation”*

As our relationships with the Lord grow, the way we think, speak, and act changes. We develop new attitudes and new behavior. Through faith, we understand that our purpose in life is to serve and glorify God. We serve and glorify our Father as we live in relationship in His family, the Church. As we grow spiritually, we have greater love for and influence with these brothers and sisters in the Lord. Our relationships with Christ compel us to reach out to all people.

Christ Jesus, help me to serve You by serving others, I pray. Amen.

Lola Ableidinger, Stewardship Chair

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026 THROUGH SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 A.M.	Divine Worship
TUESDAY	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 Meeting
	11:30 A.M.	PEO Meeting
	6:00 P.M.	Soup & Sandwich Supper
	7:00 P.M.	Midweek Lenten 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 Ray & Sandy Krueger in memory of family members.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

The Baby Bottle Campaign ends today. Many thanks for all the nice full bottles that have already been returned. If you still have a baby bottle, please return it (full, hopefully) in the next few days so it can be returned to Pregnancy Resources Plus. We will know in a few weeks how much our congregation contributed during this campaign.

TRINITY LWML QUARTERLIES

Bulk – Delivered to TLC
Summer 2026 – Spring 2027 Issues
Subscribe: \$6.50 per Year
Sign up by Feb. 28, 2026

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOUP & SANDWICH SUPPERS: The soup and sandwich suppers continue this next Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. and the worship service follows at 7:00 pm. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for individuals to provide soups and sandwiches each week during Lent. Sign up and join the fellowship.

EDUCATION: Our first quarterly congregational activity for 2026 will be on Sunday, March 15th following the worship service. It will be a Potato Bar with all the toppings. The Education committee will provide the potatoes and drinks. Sign-up sheets for toppings and desserts will be up by Sunday, Feb. 22nd. If you have questions, please contact Sue Kelly (575-430-2100.)

THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2026 has been posted. The following date is still available on the 2026 flower chart: Aug. 30th. Cheryl Richey

SPECIAL DOLLAR PROJECT: The Dollar project this month will be for the Baby Bottle campaign for Pregnancy Resources Plus.

MISSION FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY: Ysleta Lutheran Mission Care (YLM), 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.

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.

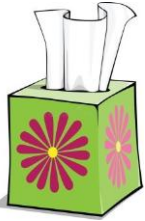
CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM 850 & KFUE.org: On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT), tune in as we pick up our study of Genesis with chapter 21! Tune in for Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as we look at the book of Numbers. This week, we'll be picking up with chapter 11. Don't forget to join us for Concord Matters (2/28 at 10 a.m. CT)! We'll be concluding our study of Baptism as laid out in Luther's Large Catechism. What does it look like for believers to walk in their Baptisms daily? Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFUE Radio app!

TRINITY CHURCH DIRECTORY

I am updating information for a church directory for 2026 (this time without pictures). **Please check your information listed in one of the directories on the table in the narthex. If it is correct please indicate that by initialing your entry.** I hope to get one produced as soon as possible

Rio Grande Spring Zone Rally Lutheran Women in Mission

Ingathering items will be
collected for San Pablo
school distribution



- Kleenex
- Hand Sanitizer
- Dry Erase Markers
- Clorox Wipes

SAVE THE DATE

March 28, 2026

San Pablo Lutheran Church

301 S. Schutz Dr, El Paso, TX 79907

9:30am – Registration

10:00am - Opening

Fellowship & Bible Study

**“Faith that can move Mountains”
Matthew 17:20b**

2026 LENTEN SCHEDULE

Feb. 25, 2026, Midweek 2 The Hands of Christ – John 8:1-11 Lenten Supper	7:00 P.M.
March, 4, 2026, Midweek 3 The Mouth of Christ – Luke 4:14-22a Lenten Supper	7:00 P.M.
March, 11, 2026, Midweek 4 The Ears of Christ – Mark 7:31-37 Lenten Supper	7:00 P.M.
March, 18, 2026, Midweek 5 The Eyes of Christ – John 9:1-11 Lenten Supper	7:00 P.M.
March, 25, 2026, Midweek 6 The Heart of Christ – John 11:17-44 Lenten Supper	7:00 P.M.

GUEST PASTOR: REV. JOHN A. FLAMME (LENTEN SERVICES)

April 2, 2026, Maundy Thursday (with Holy Communion) The Blood of Christ – Luke 22:7-20	7:00 p.m.
April 3, 2026, Good Friday Tenebrae The Body of Christ Crucified – John 19:17-30	7:00 P.M.
April 5, 2026, Easter Sunday The Risen Body of Christ – Luke 24:1-12	7:00 P.M.

VACANCY PASTOR: WARREN GRAFF (EASTER SERVICE)

- Easter Breakfast (8:00 a.m – 9:30 a.m.)
- Easter Worship Service – 10:15 A.M.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

SUNDAY, FEB. 15, 2026: WORSHIPPED: 72 COMMUNED: 62 ONLINE: 4
ASH WED., FEB. 18: WORSHIPPED: 58
SUNDAY, FEB. 15, 2026: GENERAL FUND: \$1,982.00
BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN, DOLLAR PROJECT: \$2.00
YSLETA MISSION: \$125.00

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: 29
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: 5
TUESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY: 10
WEDNESDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: 8
THURSDAY AFTERNOON LADIES BIBLE STUDY: 4

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

HOSTS:	Glen & Chris Schlehuser	ELDER:	Dick Dommers
LITURGIST:	Dick Dommers	SERMON:	Matt Clark
ALTAR GUILD:	Robin Haymes	TELLERS:	Dick Dommers
	Susan Rentschler		Merry Zumwalt
ATTENDANCE:	Cheryl Sandenaw	SOUND TECH:	Jim Kline
USHERS:	Gerald Moore, Irvin Torres		
	Sandy Klose, Cameron Maltz		

ASSISTING IN OUR LENTEN SERVICE, FEBRUARY 25TH

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

ELDER:	Bob Klose	ATTENDANCE:	Cheryl Sandenaw
ALTAR GUILD:	Robin Haymes	SOUND TECH:	Jim Kline
	Susan Rentschler		

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

HOSTS:	Nora Sotak & Yvonne Steeby	ELDER:	Matt Clark
ALTAR GUILD:	Cheryl Richey	TELLERS:	Nora Sotak
	Diane Kline		Linde Van Cleave
ATTENDANCE:	Diane Kline	SOUND TECH:	Vicki Leonard
USHERS:	Tom Blackmon, Jim Fladhammer		
	Larry & Beverly Van Duyn		

**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, Brianna Bickham, Ruth Buttke, Ellen Clark, Douglas Clark, Jim Coburn, Vicky Cosio, Sammie Feldman, Jill Guiterrez, May Lynn Hays & family, Jim Johnson, Janet Kushlan, Carly Lowen, Carey Mitchell, Rob Ostash, Tim Polling, Rachel Preus, Logan Radford, **Robert Rentschler**, Janet Rooker, Connie Rogers, Dana Sandenaw, Jessica Schroeder, David Steeby, Roger Storm, 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, Daniel Smelser, Bryant Roeske, Kyle Steeby, Arcadia Thomason, Ethan Trowbridge, Tanner Wedd, and all troops serving in harms way

LEST WE FORGET

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.