

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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SUNDAY, February 2, 2025

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Divine Service 10:15 AM

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR
THE PURIFICATION OF MARY AND THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD
DIVINE SERVICE SETTING ONE**

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OPENING HYMN PAGE 659

“LORD OF OUR LIFE”

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✠ **PSALM 84**; *antiphon: verse 4*

Pastor: ¹How lovely is Your dwelling place,

People: O LORD of hosts!

Pastor: ²My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;

People: my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Pastor: ³Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,

People: at Your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

Pastor: ⁴Blessèd are those who dwell in Your house,

People: ever singing Your praise!

Pastor: ⁵Blessèd are those whose strength is in You,

People: in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Pastor: ⁶As they go through the Valley of Baca they make a place of springs;

People: the early rain also covers it with pools.

Pastor: ⁷They go from strength to strength;

People: each one appears before God in Zion.

Pastor: ⁸O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;

People: give ear, O God of Jacob!

Pastor: ⁹Behold our shield, O God;

People: look on the face of Your anointed!

Pastor: ¹⁰For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

People: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Pastor: ¹¹For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.

People: No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly.

Pastor: ¹²O LORD of hosts,

People: blessèd is the one who trusts in You!

**ALL: 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.**

Pastor: 4Blessèd are those who dwell in Your house,
People: ever singing Your praise!

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: ♪ And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

ALL: Almighty and ever-living God, as Your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in the substance of our flesh, grant that we may be presented to You with pure and clean hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ♪ Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING -- 1 SAMUEL 1:21-28

Reader: The Old Testament reading for the Purification of Mary and the Presentation of our Lord is from the first chapter of First Samuel.

²¹The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. ²²But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, so that he may appear in the presence of the LORD and dwell there forever." ²³Elkanah her husband said to her, "Do what seems best to you; wait until you have weaned him; only, may the LORD establish his word." So the woman remained and nursed her son until she weaned him. ²⁴And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh. And the child was young. ²⁵Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. ²⁶And she said, "Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. ²⁷For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition that I made to Him. ²⁸Therefore I have lent him to the LORD. As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD." And he worshiped the LORD there.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL (Psalm 48:1, 8a, 9)

Pastor: Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised

People: **in the city of our God, His holy mountain.**

Pastor: As we have heard, so have we seen

People: **in the city of the LORD of hosts.**

Pastor: We have thought on Your steadfast love, O God,

People: **in the midst of Your temple.**

THE EPISTLE -- HEBREWS 2:14-18

Reader: The Epistle reading is from the second chapter of Hebrews.

¹⁴Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. ¹⁶For surely it is not angels that He helps, but He helps the offspring of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore He had to be made like His brothers in every respect, so that He might become a merciful and faithful High Priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸For because He Himself has suffered when tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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✠THE HOLY GOSPEL -- LUKE 2:22-32

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the second chapter.

People: ♪ Glory to You, O Lord.

²²When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said, ²⁹“Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; ³⁰for my eyes have seen Your salvation ³¹that You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people Israel.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: ♪ Praise to You, O Christ.

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“THE WILL OF GOD IS ALWAYS BEST”

THE SERMON “A LONGING SOUL”

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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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Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

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NEXT WEEK'S TEXTS: Psalm 138; Isaiah 6:1-8; 1 Corinthians 14:12b-20; Luke 5:1-11

NEXT WEEK: What has God given for you to do?

THIS WEEKS READINGS: Jeremiah 15--28

1. Have you ever considered yourself the clay and the pot? How has the Lord formed something you may never have thought of?
2. What was the yoke Jeremiah was to make?

T H I S W E E K

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025 THROUGH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 A.M.	Divine Worship/Communion
MONDAY	7:00 P.M.	Adult Information Class
TUESDAY	9:30 A.M.	Ruth Bible Study
WEDNESDAY	9:00 A.M.	Men's Bible Study
	10:30 A.M.	TOPS
	4:45 P.M.	Bell Choir Practice
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 A.M.	Divine Worship
	After Service	LWML Meal for Mites

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers adorning the chancel area this morning have been placed to the glory of God by Cody & Merry Zumwalt in thanks to God for their many blessings and their church family.

LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

February 2 – Presentation of Our Lord and Purification of Mary/Candlemas - Luke 2:24 – “[They went] to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.’” Throughout the Old and New Testaments, God gives us the pattern of proportional giving. If you look at Leviticus 12, you’ll see that the sacrifice for purification was either a lamb or a pair of birds if the family had no means to buy a lamb. God calls us to give in proportion to how He has blessed us — and of course Jesus sets the pattern by giving not only a portion, but His all.

LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

February 2 “All life is sacred. Your life is sacred. Every life has infinite worth and eternal value. Your life matters—from conception to natural death to eternity. The psalmist declares: ‘I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well’ (Psalm 139:14).” *Rev. Robert Mohns, Lutheran Church–Canada* **-A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life — www.lutheransforlife.org**

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

February 2 – Epiphany V – Both Isaiah (Isaiah 6:5) and Peter (Luke 5:8) believed their sinfulness unforgivable. Many mothers and fathers conclude the same about aborting their own children. Yet God’s mercy overflows the altar (Isaiah 6:6-7) and even the temple (Luke 5:3) until Jesus preaches it in public abundance. And in both cases He commissions agents to continue announcing. Let us also extend His grace to hearts broken by abortion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH KEYS: We are taking an inventory of the church keys. If you have a church key please let the office know what number of key you have. Jim Wilkes

FLOWER CHART FOR 2025 These are dates that are still available on the Flower Chart:: August 17th, 24th & 31st; September 21st; November 23rd & 30th; and December 21st & 28th. Cheryl Richey

LWML: It's time to renew/order your "Lutheran Woman's Quarterly" magazine. The cost is \$6.00. Place your money in an envelope and earmark it "LWML Quarterly" and drop it in the Mite Box or give it to LWML's treasurer, Diane Kline. Your subscription will begin with the Summer issue. When the magazine comes in Diane will place it in your box at church. Please remember to pick it up. The Quarterly keeps you informed on the happenings at LWML.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM 850 & KFUE.org: We continue in the books of Isaiah on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT) and Job on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT). Tune in to the Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9 a.m. CT) to hear this month's episode of Searching Scripture, and join us as we revisit National Lutheran Schools week with some special segments! Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org or on the KFUE Radio app!

MISSION FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY is Ysleta Lutheran Mission Care, El Paso. This very active mission needs the support of other churches to survive. Not only does the mission conduct worship services, Bible Studies, Sunday School and VBS, but it also attends to the needs of the poor through many, many outreach services.

VISITOR MUGS: The committee has put together some coffee mugs for our visitors. They are located on the inside bottom of the Guestbook podium. A very handy place for you to get one to give visitors when you show them the guest book and ask them to sign it. Please, on the Sundays that you are hosting be sure to hand out a mug to each family. Thanks for helping us with this.

TRACT OF THE MONTH: A Simple Explanation of The Church Year: "At first glance, the Church Year can seem confusing. Understanding when it starts, what its different seasons are, and how it works with the calendar year can be daunting. The Church Year starts in late November or early December. It cycles through three main sections, or "times," each divided into smaller seasons. This book will help you better understand both the cycle of the Church Year and how the Church celebrates the work of Christ throughout it." Be sure to pick up a copy of this month's tract to learn more about the church year.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

PLEASE DONATE YOUR CHANGE: The 2025 Baby Bottle Campaign is ongoing. The campaign will run until February 23rd when all bottles should have been returned. You may simply write a check to Southern New Mexico Outreach. Please put your checks in the envelope provided in the narthex. Please DO NOT write checks and put them in the offering plate.

How to pray for life: The following serves as a strong foundation to begin lifting our voices together in prayer during a critical time.

For families and communities: *'But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.'* Jeremiah 29:7, ESV. Pray for the families and communities surrounding these preborn children and their parents. Pray they would become havens of grace, support, and truth. Pray that God would raise up supporters and advocates who will walk alongside those in need.

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!

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025: WORSHIPPED: 72 ONLINE: 21

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025: GENERAL FUND: \$743.00

DOLLAR PROJECT: \$14.00

MISSION-LUTHER CLASSIC COLLEGE: \$20.00

SOUTH SUNDAY, PASTOR CRAMM MEMORIAL: \$475.00

YSLETA LUTHERAN MISSION: \$25.00

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

HOSTS:	Nora Sotak & Merry Zumwalt	ELDER:	Dick Dommers
ALTAR GUILD:	Gayan Moore	TELLERS:	Sandy Klose
	Hannah Keeler		Susan Kelly
ATTENDANCE:	Hannah Keeler	SOUND TECH:	Vicki Leonard
USHERS:	Tom Blackmon, Jim Fladhammer		
	Larry & Beverly Van Duyn		
1ST LESSON:	Jim Wilkes	2ND LESSON:	Susan Kelly

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

HOSTS:	Vicki Leonard & Cheryl Richey	ELDER:	Matt Anderson
ALTAR GUILD:	Gayan Moore	TELLERS:	Joyce Macon
	Hannah Keeler		Bob Klose
ATTENDANCE:	Hannah Keeler	SOUND TECH:	Bob Klose
USHERS:	Norbert Sanchez, Susan Kelly		
	Glen & Christine Schlehuser		
1ST LESSON:	George Schweers	2ND LESSON:	Marianne Schweers

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

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

Darrell & Sheila Anderson, Darren Belcher, **Allen Burmeister**, Ellen Clark, Douglas Clark, Vicky Cosio, Mike Fladhammer, Veronica Holman, Scout Hughes, **Kristi Humphrey**, Jim Johnson, Carey Mitchell, Pastor Shelby Moon, Charles Oliva, Rachel Preus, Logan Radford, Connie Rogers, Jessica Schroeder, Judy Smith, Roger Strom, Ann Waghorn, Betty Wilkes, Goldie Williamson, Paul Woodruff, 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**, Brendon Garritano, Ryan Hobson, Caleb Jaecks, Cody Phelps, Daniel Smelser, Bryant Roeske, Kyle Steeby, Tanner Wedd, and all troops serving in harms

LEST WE FORGET

PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING

Landon James Torres, born January 25th to Raymond & Morgan (Sebring) Torres

FOR OUR HOMEBOUND

Kay Burger, **Lothar Butzkies**, **Frank & Shirley Enyeart**, Rodney Greer, **Shirley Hill**, **Colleen Sandenaw**, **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.