

**WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**SUNDAY, February 1, 2026**

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Divine Service 10:15 AM

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR  
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  
DIVINE SERVICE SETTING FOUR**

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**“SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE”**

✠ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ..... PAGE 203

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ..... PAGE 204

✠ PSALM 15 (*antiphon: Psalm 16:1*)

P <sup>1</sup>O LORD, who shall sojourn in Your tent?

C **Who shall dwell on Your holy hill?**

P <sup>2</sup>He who walks blamelessly and does what is right

C **and speaks truth in his heart;**

P <sup>3</sup>who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his neighbor,

C **nor takes up a reproach against his friend;**

P <sup>4</sup>in whose eyes a vile person is despised, but who honors those who fear the LORD;

C **who swears to his own hurt and does not change;**

P <sup>5</sup>who does not put out his money at interest and does not take a bribe against the innocent.

C **He who does these things shall never be moved.**

P <sup>1</sup>Preserve me, O God,

C **for in You I take refuge.**

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 know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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 -- MICAH 6:1-8**

P The Old Testament reading for fourth Sunday after Epiphany is from the sixth chapter of Micah.

<sup>1</sup>Hear what the LORD says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. <sup>2</sup>Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has an indictment against His people, and He will contend with Israel. <sup>3</sup>“O My people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer Me! <sup>4</sup>For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. <sup>5</sup>O My people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.” <sup>6</sup>“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? <sup>7</sup>Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” <sup>8</sup>He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**THE GRADUAL** (*Psalms 117:1-2a; 96:8*)

**P** Praise the LORD, all nations!

**C** **Extol Him, all peoples!**

**P** For great is His steadfast love toward us,

**C** **and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

**P** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;

**C** **bring an offering, and come into His courts!**

**THE EPISTLE -- 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31**

**P** The Epistle reading is from the first chapter of First Corinthians.

<sup>18</sup>For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." <sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. <sup>26</sup>For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, Whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. <sup>31</sup>Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

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**✠THE HOLY GOSPEL -- MATTHEW 5:1-12**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the fifth chapter.

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

Seeing the crowds, He went up on the mountain, and when He sat down, His disciples came to Him. And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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**“JESUS SAT WITH HIS DISCIPLES”**

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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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**“O JESUS, KING MOST WONDERFUL”**

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**NEXT WEEK'S TEXTS:** Psalm 112:1-9; Isaiah 53:3-9a; 1 Corinthians 2:1-16;  
Matthew 5:13-20



## Trinity Stewardship Ministry

**I Corinthians 12:4-7 “There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to all for their particular service. The Spirit’s presence is shown in some way in every person for the good of all.”**


God has given each person spiritual and practical gifts. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy God supplies. Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God Himself was speaking through you. Some are great organizers and administrators. Others are gifted musicians and artists, others have the gift of teaching, hospitality, or service. When everyone in the congregation uses his or her gifts to serve, the church becomes a powerful force for good, a strong witness for Jesus, and a mighty army to combat Satan’s attacks.

And everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ.

Lola Ableidinger, Stewardship chair

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### **LWML MEAL FOR MITES**

With a  for Mission the LWML is hosting their annual Meal for Mites on Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> immediately following the worship service. The meal will be provided and all donations will be turned in for Missions that have been approved for the 2025-2027 Biennium. (There is a copy of the Missions being supported on the LWML bulletin board.) Please come and join us!

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### **LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE**

**February 1** “You may have a messy story. Your family may have a dysfunctional past. Your past (or present) may be filled with greed, sexual immorality, or other idols. But Jesus won’t let that stop Him from reaching out to you with the message of His unconditional love. You might be far from good, but you are not too far gone for God.” *Pastor Mike Novotny, Time of Grace* –**A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)**

## **LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR**

**February 1 (Epiphany 4)** – Tragically there are many people who do in fact sacrifice the fruit of their bodies for the sins of their soul (Micah 6:7), killing their own children to undo or cover up the sinful choices they've made. How foolish is the so-called "wisdom" of the world (1 Corinthians 1) that calls death life! And though the Lord could rightly bring an indictment against His people for this evil (Micah 6:2), He instead shames the "strong" and "wise" among us by sacrificing His only begotten Son to cover the sins of the entire world (1 Corinthians 1:27-28). In Christ crucified, all who believe will inherit the kingdom of heaven, and those who mourn the wanton destruction of life will be comforted forevermore (Matthew 5:3-4).

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### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026 THROUGH**

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
<i>SUNDAY</i>	<b>9:00 A.M.</b>	<b><i>Adult Education Hour</i></b>
	<b>10:15 A.M.</b>	<b><i>Divine Worship/Communion</i></b>
<i>TUESDAY</i>	9:30 A.M.	Ruth Bible Study
	5:00 P.M.	Bell Choir Practice
<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	9:00 A.M.	Men's Bible Study
	10:30 A.M.	TOPS
<i>THURSDAY</i>	9:30 A.M.	Quilters
<i>SATURDAY</i>	11:00 A.M.	Memorial service for Verna Fladhammer
		<i>Luncheon to follow</i>
<i>SUNDAY</i>	<b>9:00 A.M.</b>	<b><i>Adult Education Hour</i></b>
	<b>10:15 A.M.</b>	<b><i>Divine Worship</i></b>

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

*The flowers adorning the chancel area this morning have been placed to the glory of God by Rick & Nora Sotak in thanks to God for their many blessings.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MEMORIAL SERVICE:** The memorial for Verna Fladhammer will be on Saturday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Heithold will be the officiant for the service. A luncheon will be provided after the service.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY:** I have began updating information for a church directory for 2026 (this time without pictures). ***If you have moved and have a new address or phone number in the past couple of years please let me know so that your information can be correct in the new directory.*** I hope to get one produced as soon as possible

**YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Just a reminder that youth Sunday School is at 9:00am instead of after church service. Thank you to Abby Anderson for doing a great job running the 2 Youth Activity days during Christmas break. Be on the lookout for our first Congregational Activity Sunday for 2026. More details to follow in future church bulletins.

**THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2026** has been posted. The following dates are still available on the 2026 flower chart: Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Cheryl Richey

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

**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.

**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), we’re continuing our study through the book of Genesis! This week we’ll cover chapters 11-13. Tune in for Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as we look at the miracles of Jesus in the Gospels! Don’t forget to join us on The Coffee Hour this week (weekdays at 9 a.m. CT) — we’ll be introducing the all-new online edition of the Book of Concord from CPH, sharing this month’s Searching Scripture feature, and bringing you Episode 5 of our latest history series, “The Battle for the Augsburg Confession.” Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or in the KFUE Radio app!

**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN**

The Baby Bottle Campaign has begun! Please continue to add money to your baby bottles! The campaign will end on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please return your baby bottles/contributions on or before that date just full of \$\$\$\$. Checks to Southern New Mexico Outreach may be placed in the envelope hanging on the bulletin board above the baby bottle “cradle.” Thanks to all of you for your continuing generous support of Pregnancy Resources Plus.



## **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026 : CHURCH CANCELLED DUE TO SNOW**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026: WORSHIPPED: 76 COMMUNED: 68**

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: 33**

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: 3**

**TUESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY: 12**

**WEDNESDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: 6**

**THURSDAY AFTERNOON LADIES BIBLE STUDY: 5**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2025: GENERAL FUND: \$6,660.00**

**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN, DOLLAR PROJECT: \$12.00**

**YSLETA MISSION: \$191.00**

### **ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**MUSIC:** Michael Cortez

<b>HOSTS:</b>	Jim & Diane Kline	<b>ELDER:</b>	Dick Dommers
<b>ALTAR GUILD:</b>	Robin Haymes	<b>TELLERS:</b>	Sandy Klose
	Susan Rentschler		Susan Kelly
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Cheryl Sandenaw	<b>SOUND TECH:</b>	Vicki Leonard
<b>USHERS:</b>	Tom Blackmon, Jim Fladhammer		
	Larry & Beverly Van Duyn		

### **ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>**

**MUSIC:** Michael Cortez

<b>HOSTS:</b>	Vicki Leonard, Cheryl Richey	<b>ELDER:</b>	Matt Clark
<b>LITURGIST:</b>	Matt Clark	<b>SERMON:</b>	Bob Klose
<b>ALTAR GUILD:</b>	Robin Haymes	<b>TELLERS:</b>	Joyce Macon
	Susan Rentschler		Bob Klose
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Cheryl Sandenaw	<b>SOUND TECH:</b>	Sherry Cortez
<b>USHERS:</b>	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, Vicky Cosio, Sammie Feldman, Jill Guiterrez, May Lynn Hays & family, Jim Johnson, Janet Kushlan, Carly Lowen, Carey Mitchell, Rob & Karen 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, Mary Thompson, Ethan Trowbridge, Tanner Wedd, and all troops serving in harms way

**LEST WE FORGET**

Family and friends of **Verna Fladhammer**

**PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING**

**FOR OUR HOMEBOUND**

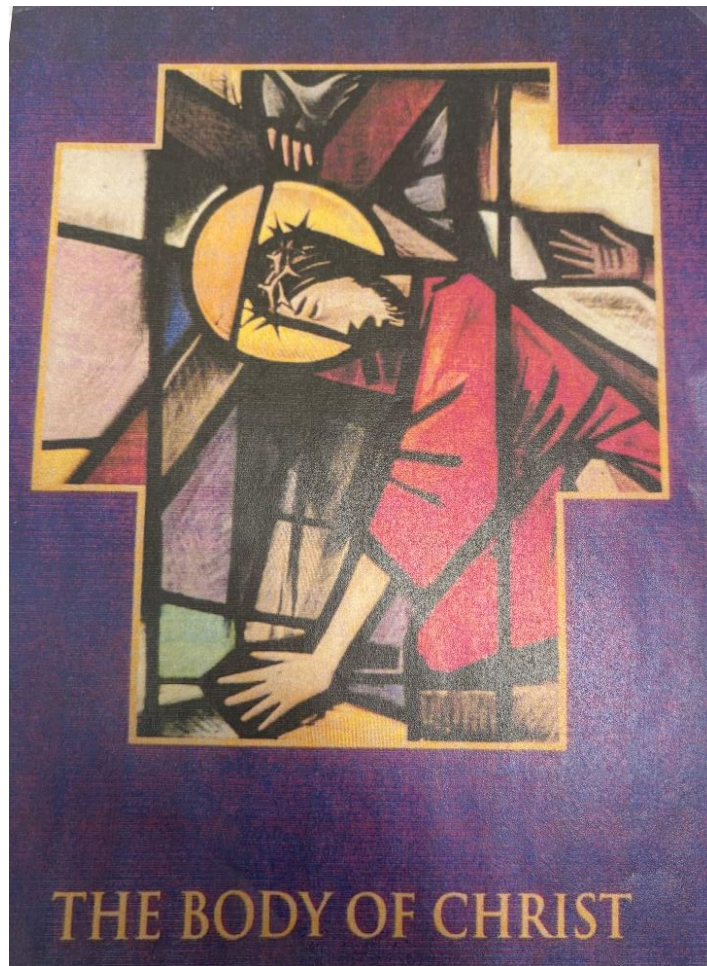
**Kay Burger, Lothar Butzkies, Bill English, Tom & Darlene Gilmore, Rodney Greer, Shirley Hill, Jim & Ruth Wilkes, Lee Wood,**

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**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.



### **LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE AND MESSAGES**

Feb. 18, 2026	Ash Wednesday	<b>The Feet of Christ</b> - Luke 7:36-50
Feb. 25, 2026	Lenten Midweek 2	<b>The Hands of Christ</b> – John 8:1-11
March 4, 2026	Lenten Midweek 3	<b>The Mouth of Christ</b> - Luke 4:14-22a
March 11, 2026	Lenten Midweek 4	<b>The Ears of Christ</b> – Mark 7:31-37
March 18, 2026	Lenten Midweek 5	<b>The Eyes of Christ</b> - John 9:1-11
April 2, 2026	Maundy Thursday	<b>The Blood of Christ</b> - Luke 22:7-20
April 3, 2026	Good Friday	<b>The Body of Christ Crucified</b> - John 19:17-30
April 5, 2026	Easter Sunday	<b>The Risen Body of Christ</b> - Luke 24