

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY, March 1, 2026

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Divine Service 10:15 AM

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR
THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
DIVINE SERVICE SETTING ONE**

✚ INDICATES TO STAND

OUR GUEST PASTOR TODAY IS PASTOR JOHN FLAMME

OPENING HYMN PAGE 435

“COME TO CALVARY’S HOLY MOUNTAIN”

✚ **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** PAGE 151

✚ **SERVICE OF THE WORD**..... PAGE 152

✚ **PSALM 121**

P 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills.

C **From where does my help come?**

P 2 My help comes from the LORD,

C **Who made heaven and earth.**

P 3 He will not let your foot be moved;

C **He Who keeps you will not slumber.**

P 4 Behold, He Who keeps Israel

C **will neither slumber nor sleep.**

P 5 The LORD is your keeper;

C **the LORD is your shade on your right hand.**

P 6 The sun shall not strike you by day,

C **nor the moon by night.**

P 7 The LORD will keep you from all evil,

C **He will keep your life.**

P 8 The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in

C **from this time forth and forevermore.**

✚ **KYRIE** PAGE 152

✠ (*Hymn of Praise not sung during Lent*)

✠ **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C **♪ And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

ALL: O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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 -- GENESIS 12:1-9

P The Old Testament reading for the second Sunday in Lent is from the twelfth chapter of Genesis.

¹The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, Who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL (*Hebrews 12:2*)

P [O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,

C **the founder and perfecter of our faith,**

P Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame,

C **and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

THE EPISTLE -- ROMANS 4:1-8, 13-17

P The Epistle reading is from the fourth chapter of Romans.

¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but trusts Him Who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: ⁷"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; ⁸blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin." . . . ¹³For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in Whom he believed, Who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

✠ VERSE FOR LENT..... PAGE 157

✠ THE HOLY GOSPEL -- JOHN 3:1-17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the third chapter.

C **♪ Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with Him." ³Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to Him, "How can these things

be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except He Who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life. ¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord
P **♪ Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY *PAGE 601*
“ALL WHO BELIEVE AND ARE BAPTIZED”

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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.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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"THINE FOREVER, GOD OF LOVE"

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NEXT WEEK'S TEXTS: Psalm 95:1-9; Exodus 17:1-7; Romans 5:1-8; John 4:5-30, 39-42

T H I S W E E K

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026 THROUGH SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 A.M.	Divine Worship/Communion
TUESDAY	9:30 A.M.	<i>Ruth Bible Study</i>
	5:15 P.M.	<i>Bell Choir Practice</i>
WEDNESDAY	9:00 A.M.	<i>Men's Bible Study</i>
	10:30 A.M.	TOPS
	6:00 P.M.	<i>Soup & Sandwich Supper</i>
	7:00 P.M.	Midweek Lenten Worship Service
THURSDAY	9:30 A.M.	<i>Quilters</i>
SUNDAY	2:00 A.M.	<u>Daylight Saving Time Begins</u>
	9:00 A.M.	Christian 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 Gerald & Gayan Moore in honor of their 58th wedding anniversary and in celebration of their sons Richard and Charles and grandson Karl's birthdays.

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

March 1 (Lent 2) – Salvation comes only through faith in Christ, Who was “lifted up” on the cross as the payment for the world’s sins (John 3:14-15). Not even Abraham our forefather was saved by his works or inner worth (Romans 4:2-3). In choosing to redeem us by His own grace apart from our works, God shows us that our value is not found in a person’s own qualities. Instead, every person is precious to God and worthy of dignity because “God so loved the world that He gave His only Son” (John 3:16).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOUP & SANDWICH SUPPERS: Our Wednesday night Lenten Soup and Sandwich suppers continue this week. The soup and sandwich suppers are at 6:00 pm and the worship services 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: The Education Committee will have their next meeting after church on Sunday, March 8th in the Library.

EASTER BREAKFAST: There will be an Easter breakfast served from 8:30 to 9:30 on Easter Sunday before the 10:15 service. The children’s Easter Egg Hunt will follow the worship service.

LWML RIO GRANDE ZONE Spring Workshop, Saturday, March 28, 2026--9:30 –10:00 Registration (Sign Up & Ingathering List On Bulletin Board). Snacks and lunch will be provided at San Pablo Lutheran Church, El Paso.

TRACT OF THE MONTH: What about The Small Catechism -What is the Small Catechism? Why did Luther write the Small Catechism? What is the benefit of the Small Catechism? How can the Small Catechism be used in the life of the individual Christian? How can the Catechism be used in congregations? **These questions, and more, are answered in this tract by Dr. A. L. Barry, former President of The LCMS.**

MISSION FOR MARCH / APRIL: LCMS Disaster Response: The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod’s Disaster Response ministry responds to immediate and long-term needs following natural and man-made disasters. Learn more at the following website: [lcms.org/how-we-serve/mercy/disaster-response](https://www.lcms.org/how-we-serve/mercy/disaster-response)

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

SUNDAY, FEB. 22, 2026: WORSHIPPED: 65 ONLINE:
WED., FEB. 25, 2026: WORSHIPPED: 31 ONLINE: 12
ASH WEDNESDAY, FEB. 18, 2026: GENERAL FUND: \$264.00
SUNDAY, FEB. 22, 2026, GENERAL FUND: \$415.00
PREGNANCY PLUS-BABY BOTTLES: \$82.00
MISSION-YSLETA: \$51.00

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: 29
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: 5
TUESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY: 11
WEDNESDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: 8
THURSDAY AFTERNOON LADIES BIBLE STUDY: 4

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

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

ASSISTING IN OUR LENTEN SERVICE, MARCH 4TH

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

ELDER: Matt Clark **ATTENDANCE:** Cheryl Sandenaw
ALTAR GUILD: Cheryl Richey **SOUND TECH:** Vicki Leonard
Diane Kline

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

HOSTS: Bob & Jan Thede **ELDER:** Bob Klose
LITURGIST: Bob Klose **SERMON:** Allen Burmeister
ALTAR GUILD: Cheryl Richey **TELLERS:** Lola Ableidinger
Diane Kline Cheryl Sandenaw
ATTENDANCE: Diane Kline **SOUND TECH:** Sherry Cortez
USHERS: Norbert Sanchez, Sue 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, Allen & Belinda Burmeister, Brianna Bickham, Ellen Clark,
Douglas Clark, Jim Coburn, Vicky Cosio, Sammie Feldman, Jill Guterrez, 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

Family & Friends of Sarah Van Dorn, Susan Rentschler's mother

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.