

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR
THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
SERVICE OF PRAYER AND PREACHING**

OPENING HYMN..... PAGE 725
“CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER”

OPENING VERSICLES..... PAGE 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 HYMN..... PAGE 729
“I AM TRUSTING THEE LORD JESUS” (VERSES 1-4)

OLD TESTAMENT READING -- ISAIAH 63:7-14

L The Old Testament reading for the first Sunday after Christmas is from the sixty-third chapter of Isaiah.

7I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD, the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel that He has granted them according to His compassion, according to the abundance of His steadfast love. ⁸For He said, “Surely they are My people, children who will not deal falsely.” And He became their Savior. ⁹In all their affliction He was afflicted, and the angel of His presence saved them; in His love and in His pity He redeemed them; He lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. ¹⁰But they

rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit; therefore He turned to be their enemy, and Himself fought against them. ¹¹Then He remembered the days of old, of Moses and his people. Where is He Who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of his flock? Where is He Who put in the midst of them His Holy Spirit, ¹²Who caused His glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses, Who divided the waters before them to make for Himself an everlasting name, ¹³Who led them through the depths? Like a horse in the desert, they did not stumble. ¹⁴Like livestock that go down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD gave them rest. So You led Your people, to make for Yourself a glorious name.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE -- GALATIANS 4:4-7

Reader: The Epistle reading is from the fourth chapter of Galatians.

⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL – MATTHEW 2:13-23

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the second chapter.

¹³When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and His mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the Child, to destroy Him.” ¹⁴And he rose and took the Child and His mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called My Son.” ¹⁶Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: ¹⁸“A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.” ¹⁹But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰saying, “Rise, take the Child and His mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the Child’s life are dead.” ²¹And he rose and took the Child and His mother and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. ²³And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

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 389

"LET ALL TOGETHER PRAISE OUR GOD"

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 of continuing 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 God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, 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 Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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.....PAGE 940

“HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE THY NAME” (STAND ON LAST VERSE)

†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 387

“JOY TO THE WORLD”

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NEXT WEEK's TEXTS: Psalm 119:97-104; 1 Kings:3:4-15; Ephesians 1:3-14;
Luke 2:40-52

LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

December 28 – Christmas 1 -Galatians 4:4 – “But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law.” Jesus was born under the law so that He might fulfill the law in our place. His perfect righteousness is credited to us. And it is this free forgiveness of sins and this crediting of righteousness that sets us free to follow our Lord in godly living. Since we are freed from the law’s condemnation, we are freed from any mercenary attitudes. Now that the Lord has shown His love to us in saving us, we freely show our thanks to Him in generosity, humility and kindness.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2025 THROUGH SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	<i>Adult Education Hour</i>
	10:15 A.M.	<i>Divine Worship</i>
TUESDAY	9:30 A.M.	Ruth Bible Study
THURSDAY		New Year's Day
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	<i>Adult Education Hour</i>
	10:15 A.M.	<i>Divine Worship/Communion</i>
	After service	Congregation Meeting to vote on a call candidate

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers adorning the chancel area this morning have been placed to the glory of God by Robert & Stacy Johnson in praise to God for the blessings of the past year and praying for guidance and protection in the coming year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED: The church office will be closed on Friday, December 26th.

YOUTH ACTIVITY DAY: There will be a Children's/Youth Activity Day on Monday, December 29th from 1:00-3:00 pm. There will be games, crafts, Bible stories, and snacks. It is for children from Pre-K through 5th grade. Middle school students are welcome to come and help as well as participate. Abby Anderson will be in charge of the two activity days. If you have any questions please talk to Sue Kelly or Abby Anderson.

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 on January 4, 2026 after the service to vote on a call candidate to be presented by the Call Committee.

THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2026 has been posted. The following dates are still available on the 2026 flower chart: Jan. 18th and 25th; Feb. 1st; March 8th; May 10th & 17th; June 14th; Aug. 2nd, 23rd & 31st; Oct. 25th; Nov. 1st & 22nd; and Dec. 27th. Cheryl Richey

ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS: The Adult Sunday School class will start the study of 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 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 it from Amazon for \$15.99. Those wishing to become members will receive a free copy. Thanks, Pastor John Flamme.

SPECIAL DOLLAR PROJECT: Our dollar project monies for the month of December will go to replace the toys in the nursery (some of the current ones now are about 30 years old) and for painting and refreshing up the room. The Dollar project in January will be for the Baby Bottle campaign for the Pregnancy Help Center.

NO MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: There will be no Men's Bible study Dec. 31st as Pastor Flamme will be in Texas. Class resumes January 7th.

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.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM 850 & KFUO.org: Here at KFUO, we celebrate Christmas for all 12 days of the season! From now through January 6th, tune in for special programming featuring sacred music, Scripture readings, and greetings from missionaries and chaplains across the LCMS! As always, you can find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFUO Radio app.

MISSION FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER: The Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF) Help Share the Gospel. With your assistance, LHF gives books of the Lutheran faith to people around the world in their own languages. Our Mission Sunday is the 3rd Sunday of the month.

TRACT OF THE MONTH: "A Simple Explanation of Confession" - Confession changes between Christian denominations, making it a difficult concept to understand. What do Lutherans believe about confession? What sins should be confessed? What qualifies a pastor to forgive sins? And where does God's forgiveness come from? Answer all of these questions and more in this short, informative booklet. (CPH.org)

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

SUNDAY, DEC. 21, 2025: WORSHIPPED: 74 COMMUNED: 61 ONLINE: 8

SUNDAY, DEC. 21, 2025: GENERAL FUND: \$1,607.00

LUTHERAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION: \$270.00

TOYS FOR NURSERY - DOLLAR PROJECT: \$5.00

FLOWERS: \$36.00

SOUTH SUDAN MISSION-PROJECT MAGWI: \$1,000.00

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

HOSTS: Jim & Diane Kline

ELDER: Dick Dommers

LITURGIST: Matt Anderson

SERMON: Robert Rentschler

ALTAR GUILD: Cheryl Richey

TELLERS: Joyce Macon

Diane Kline

Bob Klose

ATTENDANCE: Diane Kline

SOUND TECH: Vicki Leonard

USHERS: Gerald Moore, Irvin Torres

Sandy Klose, Cameron Maltz

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 4TH

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

HOSTS: Robert & Stacy Johnson

ELDER: Bob Klose

ALTAR GUILD: Gayan Moore

TELLERS: ?

Hannah Keeler

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ATTENDANCE: ?

SOUND TECH: Jim Kline

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, Ruth Buttke, Ellen Clark, Douglas Clark, Jim Coburn, Sammie Feldman, Verna Fladhammer, Jennifer Fogleman, Jill Guiterrez, 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, Janet Rooker, Jessica Schroeder, David Steeby, Roger Storm, Irvin Torres, Matt Vick, Ann Waghorn, Pat Worley, 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

Hannah Weathers (daughter of Jody Oetting & granddaughter of Jean Oetting)

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.