

**WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR  
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD  
SERVICE OF PRAYER AND PREACHING**

**OPENING HYMN** ..... PAGE 407

**“TO JORDAN CAME THE CHRIST, OUR LORD” VERSES 1-3**

**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 42:1-9**

L The Old Testament reading for the Baptism of Our Lord is from the forty-second chapter of Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>Behold My servant, Whom I uphold, My chosen, in Whom My soul delights; I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup>He will not cry aloud or lift up His voice, or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup>a bruised reed He will not break, and a faintly burning wick He will not quench; He will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be discouraged till He has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for His law. <sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the LORD, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread out the earth and what

comes from it, Who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: <sup>6</sup>“I am the LORD; I have called You in righteousness; I will take You by the hand and keep You; I will give You as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, <sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup>I am the LORD; that is My name; My glory I give to no other, nor My praise to carved idols. <sup>9</sup>Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### THE EPISTLE -- ROMANS 6:1-11

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

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. <sup>10</sup>For the death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### THE HOLY GOSPEL – MATTHEW 3:13-17

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

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented Him, saying, “I need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?” <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus was baptized, immediately He went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on Him; <sup>17</sup>and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased.”

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 407

**"TO JORDAN CAME THE CHRIST, OUR LORD" VERSES 4-7**

**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 Pastor Grabau as he considers the call we have extended to him, 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 Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same 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 HYMN .....** **PAGE 722**

**“LORD, TAKE MY HAND AND LEAD ME”**

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**NEXT WEEK's TEXTS:** Psalm 40:1-11; Isaiah 49:1-7; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9;  
 John 1:29-42a

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**LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY**

**January 11 – The Baptism of Our Lord - Matthew 3:15** – “But Jesus answered him, ‘Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.’” The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. Here, Jesus plunges Himself into our sins and soaks them up in His Baptism, so that in our Baptism we might be cleansed and renewed. The whole of Jesus’ life, everything He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us.

**LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR**

**January 11 (Baptism of our Lord)** – Jesus was baptized to “fulfill all righteousness” (Matthew 3:15), that all whom God created and gave breath to (Isaiah 42:5) might be baptized into His death and resurrection and have everlasting life (Romans 6:4-5). Living in that new life in Christ and dying to sin (Romans 6:7-8) means that we are to cherish all life the way God does, caring about our neighbor’s physical life and wellbeing, as well as their everlasting life in Christ.

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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026 THROUGH SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	<i>Christian Education Hour</i>
	10:15 A.M.	<i>Divine Worship</i>
MONDAY	5:30 P.M.	<i>Board of Evangelism Meeting</i>
	6:30 P.M.	<i>Board of Stewardship Meeting</i>
TUESDAY	9:30 A.M.	<i>Ruth Bible Study</i>
	5:00 P.M.	<i>Bell Choir Practice</i>
WEDNESDAY	9:00 A.M.	<i>Men’s Bible Study</i>
	10:30 A.M.	<i>TOPS Meeting</i>
THURSDAY	9:30 A.M.	<i>Quilters</i>
	7:00 P.M.	<i>Board of Directors’ Meeting</i>
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	<b>Christian Education Hour</b>
	10:15 A.M.	<b>Sanctity of Life Sunday/Communion</b> <b>Start of Baby Bottle Campaign</b> <b>Mission Sunday-Ysleta</b>

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

*The flowers adorning the chancel area this morning have been placed to the glory of God by Bob & Sandy Klose in celebration of their granddaughter Hunter's birthday.*

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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.

**THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2026** has been posted. The following dates are still available on the 2026 flower chart: June 14<sup>th</sup>; Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> and Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>. Cheryl Richey

**ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS:** The Adult Sunday School class started the study of the Catechism today 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. 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:** The Dollar project this month will be for the Baby Bottle campaign for the Pregnancy Help Center.

**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.

**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN:** The Baby Bottle Campaign begins on January 18<sup>th</sup> , Sanctity of Life Sunday. Please read the January *Trinitarian* article on Pregnancy Resources Plus to learn what they do and what your donations will be used for. You may pick up a baby bottle after church on January 18<sup>th</sup> for your change and bills. You may also write a check to Southern New Mexico Outreach and place it in the envelope provided on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please do not contribute through our church collections. If you have questions or concerns, please talk to Hannah, the campaign coordinator.

**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM 850 & KFUO.org:** On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT), we've begun a new study in the book of Genesis! This week's study will take us through chapters 2 and 3. 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 for Concord Matters this weekend (1/17

at 10 a.m. CT) — we're continuing our study of the Lord's Prayer with the 5th Petition! Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfu.org](http://kfu.org) or in the KFUO Radio app.

**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.

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

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026:** WORSHIPPED: 69 COMMUNED: 62

**CHRISTMAS EVE, DEC. 24, 2025:** GENERAL FUND: \$210.00

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2025:** GENERAL FUND: \$5,280.00

**TOYS FOR NURSERY - DOLLAR PROJECT:** \$30.00

**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN, DOLLAR PROJECT:** \$4.00

**FLOWERS:** \$36.00

**LUTHERAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION:** \$55.00

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

**MUSIC:** Michael Cortez

**HOSTS:** Cheryl Sandenaw

**ELDER:** Dick Dommers

**LITURGIST:** Dick Dommers

**SERMON:** Bob Klose

**ALTAR GUILD:** Gayan Moore

**TELLERS:** Dick Dommers

Hannah Keeler

Merry Zumwalt

**ATTENDANCE:** Hannah Keeler

**SOUND TECH:** Sherri Cortez

**USHERS:** Norbert Sanchez, Sue Kelly

Glen & Christine Schlehuser

### **ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>**

**MUSIC:** Michael Cortez

**HOSTS:** Robert & Stacy Johnson

**ELDER:** Matt Clark

**ALTAR GUILD:** Gayan Moore

**TELLERS:** Nora Sotak

Hannah Keeler

Linde Van Cleave

**ATTENDANCE:** Hannah Keeler

**SOUND TECH:** Matt Anderson

**USHERS:** Robert Johnson, Trey Johnson

Bob Thede, Tammy Thede

**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, Sammie Feldman, Verna Fladhammer, May Lynn Hays & family, Kristi Humphrey, Jim Johnson, Janet Kushlan, Carly Lowen, Carey Mitchell, Rob & Karen Ostash, Tim Polling, Rachel Preus, Logan Radford, Robert Rentschler, Janet Rooker, Connie Rogers, Kyle Schaare, Jessica Schroeder, David Steeby, Roger Storm, Irvin Torres, 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,**

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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.