

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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SUNDAY, March 5, 2023

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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

TRINITY RINGERS	“WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS”
OPENING HYMN	PAGE 440
	“JESUS I WILL PONDER NOW” VERSES 1, 3, 5, 6
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✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD	PAGE 152
✠ PSALM 121	
Pastor: ¹ lift up my eyes to the hills.	
People: From where does my help come?	
Pastor: ² My help comes from the LORD,	
People: Who made heaven and earth.	
Pastor: ³ He will not let your foot be moved;	
People: He Who keeps you will not slumber.	
Pastor: ⁴ Behold, He Who keeps Israel	
People: will neither slumber nor sleep.	
Pastor: ⁵ The LORD is your keeper;	
People: the LORD is your shade on your right hand.	
Pastor: ⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day,	
People: nor the moon by night.	
Pastor: ⁷ The LORD will keep you from all evil,	
People: He will keep your life.	
Pastor: ⁸ The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in	
People: from this time forth and forevermore.	
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✠ SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY	
Pastor: The Lord be with you.	
People: ♪ And also with you.	

Pastor: 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

Reader: 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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL (*Hebrews 12:2*)

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

People: the founder and perfecter of our faith,

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

People: and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

Reader: 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.**

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✠ THE HOLY GOSPEL -- JOHN 3:1-17

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the third chapter.

People: **♪ 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.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: **♪ Praise to You, O Christ.**

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“GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO THAT HE GAVE” *STAND ON LAST VERSE*

THE SERMON “JUDGEMENT OR SALVATION”

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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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"GOD LOVES ME DEARLY"

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**MIDWEEK OF LENT 2
WATER GIVES YOU LIFE**

Water circulates throughout Scripture to wash, cleanse, flood, and reshape. Like a potter, your heavenly Father remodels you every day, conforming you more closely to the image of His Son, Jesus. As a baptized child of God, you will grow to appreciate through the example of daily washings how rich an inheritance is given to you by the water and the Word in Holy Baptism.

NEXT WEEK'S TEXTS: Psalm 95:1-9; Exodus 17:1-7; Romans 5:1-8; John 4:5-26

NEXT WEEK: What didn't the woman know?

TODAY'S LIGHT READERS

TODAY'S LIGHT: Ezekiel 1--12

1. At God's command, Ezekiel ate the scroll of God's Word and filled his stomach with it. Ezekiel 3:3 records that the scroll tasted as sweet as honey in his mouth. God would have His people consume His Word so that it becomes a motivating, focusing, guiding influence in our lives. What portion of God's Word is especially meaningful to you as you have learned it?
2. God is always calling people to repentance so that He might receive, save, and forgive them. When disasters come, it's as if God is saying, as He did to the people in Ezekiel's day, "Then you will know that I am Lord" (Ezekiel 7:4). What experiences in your life have caused you to make a similar observation?

T H I S W E E K

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023 THROUGH SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023

<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.	Bible Study
TUESDAY	8:30 A.M.	Circuit Pastors' Meeting-El Paso
	9:30 A.M.	Ruth Bible Study
	5:30 P.M.	Bell Choir Practice
WEDNESDAY	9:00 A.M.	Men's Bible Study
	10:30 A.M.	TOPS
	11:30 A.M.	PEO Meeting
	6:00 P.M.	Soup & Sandwich Supper
	7:00 P.M.	Midweek Lenten Worship Service
SATURDAY	10:00 A.M.	LWML Meeting-Bible Study & Fellowship
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 Larry & Beverly Van Duyn in celebration of their son Steven's birthday.

LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

March 5 – Lent 2 - John 3:16 – “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” This is perhaps the most well-known and beloved verse in the New Testament, for good reason. This simple Gospel message is the foundation for our whole life, including our new life in Christ. This new life is characterized by thankfulness and devotion to our Father who has provided for us so lavishly in Christ.

LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

March 5 - “But death isn’t a part of the life for which we were created—for we were created. You didn’t morph from pond scum into an intelligent hairless monkey; you were handcrafted by the Lord of the Universe.” *Hannah Nissing, Bulldogs4Life, the Y4Life team at Concordia, Nebraska*

-A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life — www.lutheransforlife.org

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

March 5 – Lent II – Father Abraham was justified (Romans 4:2-3); that is, he had a reason for coming into being and continuing to live. Abraham was not justified by works, that is; this reason arose from elsewhere than his own origin, appearance, or ability. Abraham was justified by grace; that is, God’s creating, redeeming, and calling defined his identity. The Gospel proclaims the sanctity of life to all Abraham’s offspring (Romans 4:16)!

BACKPACK MINISTRY

We are still collecting food items for the Love INC Backpack Ministry this school year. 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.

Back Pack 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!

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.

LWML MARCH MEETING: Saturday, March 11 is our regular LWML business meeting at 10 am. Kuia Taiaroa, Executive Director from Habitat for Humanity will be our guest speaker. Our hosts are: Bev Van Duyn and Cheryl Richey. Come join us and learn more about this program that helps families in our local community build or improve homes.

THE MISSION FOR MARCH AND APRIL is Lutheran Hispanic Missionary Institute. The mission of the LHMI is preparing workers to multiply healthy Hispanic Ministries. The Institute trains men and women as missionaries, lay leaders, and leaders who will go on to serve as called church workers to sow the seed of the Gospel among Hispanics.

“THE CHOSEN”: The DVD’s have been found! The next showing of “The Chosen” will be March 12th after the church service, in the Bible Study room. Bring a lunch and join us!

TRACT OF THE MONTH: “In the dark, dark place where thoughts of suicide dwell, questions swirl and torment. Is suicide an unforgivable sin? Do people who commit suicide go to hell? Does Jesus still love me? The Bible has answers.” The tract of the month for March is “**A Biblical Response to Suicide**” The booklets in the “**A Biblical Response to**” series are well written and interesting. Be sure to check them out. In case you missed last months booklet “**A Biblical Response to Abortion**”, it will still be out there.

LWML RIO GRANDE ZONE Spring Workshop, Saturday, March 25, 2023--9:30 –10:00 AM: Registration (Sign Up & Ingathering List On Bulletin Board). Snacks and lunch will be provided -- Zion Lutheran Church

TRINITY LUNCH BUNCH will have their first lunch of this year at Pizza 9 at noon on Monday, March 20. The sign up list is on the bulletin board. Come out and join us—it’s a great time to just get together for food and fellowship! Monday doesn’t have to be the permanent date—we will discuss during lunch how we want to set this up. Hope to see you there. This is for all women of the congregation.

EDUCATION: The Education committee has decided to try something new with our Sunday School program. Starting February 26th, we will try using a rotation of teachers by month to teach the classes. If you are interested in teaching for a month or two or have questions, please sign-up on the sheet hanging on the bulletin board or contact me. Blessings! Susan Kelly, 575-430-2100.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Hear a Lenten Organ Recital and Worship Service on 3/8 at 11:00 a.m. CT from Peace Lutheran in St. Louis, study John 12 on Sharper Iron's "The Word Made Flesh" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and begin studying the book of Hosea on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org or wherever you get your podcasts!

WORSHIP ANEW” is a National Lutheran TV program sponsored by Terry Marquardt and Trinity Lutheran Church of Alamogordo. It’s on KVBA Vision Broadcasting, on Sunday at 12:30 p.m. or Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. It’s streaming on KVBA TV.org or 14.1 Digital, 19 Analog, 22 Cable. (times listed below).

Worship Anew can also be viewed at any time over the internet. Simply to go <https://worshipanew.org/>

Sunday	5:30 AM	Sunday 12:30 PM
Wed.	11:30 AM	Friday 8:00 AM
Friday	2:00 PM	Friday 6:30 PM

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

ASH WED., FEB. 22, 2023: WORSHIPPED: 42 ONLINE: 4
SUNDAY, FEB. 26, 2023: WORSHIPPED: 84 ONLINE: 8
WED., MARCH 1, 2023: WORSHIPPED: 20 ONLINE: 2
ASH WEDNESDAY, FEB. 22, 2023: GENERAL FUND: \$175.00
SUNDAY, FEB. 26, 2023, GENERAL FUND: \$2,475.00
DOLLAR PROJECT: \$12.00
FLOWERS: \$90.00
MISSION-YSLETA: \$1.00
LWML: \$30.00

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORGANIST: LISA CRAMM

HOSTS: Allen & Belinda Burmeister **ELDER:** Jim Wilkes
ALTAR GUILD: Christine Schlehuser **TELLERS:** Dick Dommers
Beverly Van Duyn Megan Bowman
ATTENDANCE: Hannah Keeler **SOUND TECH:** Ben Clark
USHERS: Tom Blackmon, Jim Fladhammer
Larry & Beverly Van Duyn
1ST LESSON: Shirley Enyeart **2ND LESSON:** Ruth Wilkes

ASSISTING IN OUR LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE, MARCH 8TH

PIANIST: Cyndi Heithold

ELDER: Jim Wilkes **SOUND TECH:** Ben Clark
TELLERS: Linde Van Cleave, Cheryl Sandenaw
ATTENDANCE: Hannah Keeler
1ST LESSON: Lisa Collins **2ND LESSON:** Jill Clark

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH

ORGANIST: Lisa Cramm

HOSTS: Pastor & Ruth Buttke **ELDER:** Robert Rentschler
ALTAR GUILD: Christine Schlehuser **TELLERS:** Lola Ableidinger
Beverly Van Duyn Nora Sotak
ATTENDANCE: Hannah Keeler **SOUND TECH:** Bob Klose
USHERS: Marvin Bunker, Susan Kelly
Glen & Christine Schlehuser
1ST LESSON: Yvonne Steeby **2ND LESSON:** Dick Dommers

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

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

Darrell Anderson, Sofia Banks, Joshua Bentley, Ellen Clark, Harriet Douglas, Ruth Fogelman, Owen Frantz, Darwin Haslid, Rocky Hett, Ronda Jones, **Bob Klose**, Brody Mahlendorf, Janet Marsh, Maria Martin, Lorraine Nuernberger, Chad Parks, April Parson, Logan Radford, Connie Rogers, Jessica Schroeder, Ann Waghorn, Rosanne Wehmeyer, Martyrs for the faith, Our Nation's Leaders,

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, Warren Black, Shannon Bowman, **Zac Collins**, Caleb Jaecks, Jason Lee, **Natasha Thomas**, Anthony Uttke, Tanner Wedd, and all troops serving in harms way

LEST WE FORGET

Debbie Luschuski (Pastor's cousin)

PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING

FOR OUR HOMEBOUND

Kay Burger, Lothar Butzkies, Rodney Greer, Denise Griffiths, Shirley Hill

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.