

**WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**SUNDAY, February 15, 2026**

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Divine Service 10:15 AM

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR**

**The Transfiguration of Our Lord Sunday**

**DIVINE SERVICE SETTING FOUR**

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**“FROM GOD THE FATHER, VIRGIN BORN” (STAND ON LAST VERSE)**

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✠ **PSALM 2:6-12** (*antiphon: verse 6*)

P <sup>6</sup>As for me, I have set My King

C **on Zion, My holy hill.”**

P <sup>7</sup>I will tell of the decree:

C **The LORD said to me, “You are My Son; today I have begotten You.**

P <sup>8</sup>Ask of Me, and I will make the nations Your heritage,

C **and the ends of the earth Your possession.**

P <sup>9</sup>You shall break them with a rod of iron

C **and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”**

P <sup>10</sup>Now therefore, O kings, be wise;

C **be warned, O rulers of the earth.**

P <sup>11</sup>Serve the Lord with fear,

C **and rejoice with trembling.**

P <sup>12</sup>Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, for His wrath is quickly kindled.

C **Blessed are all who take refuge in Him.**

P <sup>6</sup>As for me, I have set My King

C **on Zion, My holy hill.”**

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** **O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING -- EXODUS 24:8-18**

**P** The Old Testament reading for the Transfiguration of our Lord Sunday is from the twenty-fourth chapter of Exodus.

<sup>8</sup>And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words." <sup>9</sup>Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup>and they saw the God of Israel. There was under His feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. <sup>11</sup>And He did not lay His hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank. <sup>12</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to Me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." <sup>13</sup>So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them." <sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day He called to Moses out

of the midst of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

#### **THE GRADUAL** (*Psalm 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 -- 2 PETER 1:16-21**

P The Epistle reading is from the first chapter of Second Peter.

<sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. <sup>17</sup>For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to Him by the Majestic Glory, "This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased," <sup>18</sup>we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with Him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. <sup>21</sup>For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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## ✠THE HOLY GOSPEL -- MATTHEW 17:1-9

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

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

<sup>1</sup>After six days Jesus took with Him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became white as light. <sup>3</sup>And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with Him. <sup>4</sup>And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for You and one for Moses and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup>He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased; listen to Him." <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." <sup>8</sup>And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. <sup>9</sup>And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

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

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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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“TIS GOOD, LORD, TO BE HERE”

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**NEXT WEEK'S TEXTS:** Psalm 32:1-7; Genesis 3:1-21; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

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## Trinity Stewardship Ministry

**John 13:34-35 “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”**

By the Spirit's power, we live in an intimate relationship with our Heavenly Father. No longer intent on serving ourselves, we realize that God pours out His blessings on us in order that we might pass His blessings on to others. When we stay in close fellowship with Jesus through His Word and Sacrament, He will use us as His channels through whom His blessings flow. We are blessed to be a blessing. Through our faithful service to others, we are filled with His joy and peace.

Christ Jesus, help me to serve You by serving others, I pray. Amen.  
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 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 15** - “The message of Jesus’ transfiguration—the fact that Jesus is God and Savior—has the power to transfigure you, to give you metamorphosis, to transform you from a bug to a butterfly! That’s what metamorphosis means. So, this week—and forever!—live a new life, one worthy of Christ, in whose sunshine and light, in whose transfiguration, you now bask.” *Rev. Paul Marggraf* –***A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life***

• ***[lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)***

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

**February 15 (Transfiguration)** – In the Transfiguration of Jesus, we see that the glory of the Almighty God was hidden in the human flesh of our Lord. What a great reminder that God can work remarkable and glorious things through that which the world views as normal and ordinary. God, who can bring about the restoration of the fallen world through human flesh and blood, can also do wonderful and amazing things through surprise pregnancies, people born with severe disabilities, and those with terminal illnesses. Instead of turning to death in these cases, we should look for the ways that God might be hiding His good and gracious will in them.

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### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026 THROUGH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026**

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>TIME</u>   | <u>EVENT</u>                         |
|-------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| SUNDAY      | 9:00 A.M.     | <b>Adult Education Hour</b>          |
|             | 10:15 A.M.    | <b>Divine Worship/Communion</b>      |
|             |               | <b>Mission Sunday-Ysleta</b>         |
| MONDAY      | After Service | <i>Meal for Mites hosted by LWML</i> |
|             |               | <i>President's Day</i>               |
|             | 6:30 P.M.     | <i>Gideons Meeting</i>               |
| TUESDAY     | 9:30 A.M.     | Ruth Bible Study                     |
|             | 5:00 P.M.     | Bell Choir Practice                  |
| WEDNESDAY   |               | Ash Wednesday                        |
|             | 9:00 A.M.     | Men's Bible Study                    |
|             | 10:30 A.M.    | TOPS                                 |
|             | 6:00 P.M.     | Soup & Sandwich Supper               |
|             | 7:00 P.M.     | <b>Ash Wednesday Worship Service</b> |
| THURSDAY    | 9:30 A.M.     | Quilters                             |
|             | 7:00 P.M.     | Board of Directors Meeting           |
| SUNDAY      | 9:00 A.M.     | <b>Adult Education Hour</b>          |
|             | 10:15 A.M.    | <b>Divine Worship</b>                |

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

*The flowers adorning the chancel area this morning have been placed to the glory of God by Bob & Jan Thede in celebration of their son-in-law Matt's birthday, Jan's birthday, and their great-granddaughter Eloisa's first birthday.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHURCH DIRECTORY:** I have began updating information for a church directory for 2026 (this time without pictures). ***Please check your information listed in one of the directories on the table in the narthex. If it is correct please indicate that by initialing your entry.*** I hope to get one produced as soon as possible

**EDUCATION:** Our first quarterly congregational activity for 2026 will be on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> following the worship service. It will be a Potato Bar with all the toppings. The Education committee will provide the potatoes and drinks. Sign-up sheets for toppings and desserts will be up by Sunday, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you have questions, please contact Sue Kelly (575-430-2100.)

**THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2026** has been posted. The following date is still available on the 2026 flower chart: Aug. 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.

**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 of the book of Genesis, picking up with chapter 18! Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as we continue our new series through the book of Numbers. On Concord Matters this week (2/21 at 10 a.m. CT), we're continuing our study of Holy Baptism as found in the Large Catechism— is Baptism



limited to those who can understand it? Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfu.org](http://kfu.org) or in the KFUE Radio app!

### **BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN**

The campaign ends next Sunday. Quite a few baby bottles have already been returned - nicely full. Thanks! Please get your bottles filled and returned by next Sunday. Alternatively, you may write a check to Southern New Mexico Outreach and place it in the envelope on the bulletin board. Thank you for your continued support for this valuable service to our community.



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

**SUNDAY, FEB. 8, 2026 : WORSHIPPED: 73 ONLINE: 10**

**SUNDAY, FEB. 8, 2026: GENERAL FUND: \$2,356**

**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN, DOLLAR PROJECT: \$19.00**

**YSLETA MISSION: \$5.00**

**FLOWERS: \$72.00**

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: 28**

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: 1**

**TUESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY: 9**

**WEDNESDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: 7**

**THURSDAY AFTERNOON LADIES BIBLE STUDY: 4**

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

**MUSIC: Michael Cortez**

**HOSTS:** Robert & Susan Rentschler

**ELDER:** Bob Klose

**ALTAR GUILD:** Robin Haymes

**TELLERS:** Yvonne Steeby

Susan Rentschler

Becky Worley

**ATTENDANCE:** Cheryl Sandenaw

**SOUND TECH:** Matt Anderson

**USHERS:** Bob Thede, Tammy Thede

Robert Johnson, Trey Johnson

### **ASSISTING IN OUR ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE, FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>**

**MUSIC: Michael Cortez**

**ELDER:** Bob Klose

**ATTENDANCE:** Cheryl Sandenaw

**ALTAR GUILD:** Robin Haymes

**TELLERS:** Merry Zumwalt

Susan Rentschler

Vicki Leonard

**SOUND TECH:** Matt Anderson

### **ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>**

**MUSIC: Michael Cortez**

**HOSTS:** Glen & Chris Schlehuser

**ELDER:** Dick Dommers

**LITURGIST:** Dick Dommers

**SERMON:** Matt Clark

**ALTAR GUILD:** Robin Haymes

**TELLERS:** Dick Dommers

Susan Rentschler

Merry Zumwalt

**ATTENDANCE:** Cheryl Sandenaw

**SOUND TECH:** Jim Kline

**USHERS:** Gerald Moore, Irvin Torres

Sandy Klose, Cameron Maltz

**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, Vicky Cosio, Joe Guerrero, 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, Mary Thompson,  
Ethan Trowbridge, Tanner Wedd, and all troops serving in harms way

**LEST WE FORGET**

Family & friends of Karen Ostash

**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.

## **2026 LENTEN SCHEDULE**

**Feb. 25, 2026, Midweek 2** **7:00 P.M.**

**The Hands of Christ – John 8:1-11**

Lenten Supper

**March, 4, 2026, Midweek 3** **7:00 P.M.**

**The Mouth of Christ – Luke 4:14-22a**

Lenten Supper

**March, 11, 2026, Midweek 4** **7:00 P.M.**

**The Ears of Christ – Mark 7:31-37**

Lenten Supper

**March, 18, 2026, Midweek 5** **7:00 P.M.**

**The Eyes of Christ – John 9:1-11**

Lenten Supper

**March, 25, 2026, Midweek 6** **7:00 P.M.**

**The Heart of Christ – John 11:17-44**

Lenten Supper

**April 2, 2026, Maundy Thursday (with Holy Communion)** **7:00 p.m.**

**The Blood of Christ – Luke 22:7-20**

**April 3, 2026, Good Friday Tenebrae** **7:00 P.M.**

**The Body of Christ Crucified – John 19:17-30**

**GUEST PASTOR FOR LENTEN SERVICES: REV. JOHN A. FLAMME**

**April 5, 2026, Easter Sunday** **10:15 A.M.**

**The Risen Body of Christ – Luke 24:1-12**

**PASTOR WARREN GRAFF**

- Easter Breakfast (8:00 a.m – 9:30 a.m.)
- Easter Worship Service – 10:15 A.M.