

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY, December 29, 2024

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Divine Service 10:15 AM

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE
First Sunday after Christmas
DIVINE SERVICE SETTING FOUR**

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“SEE THIS WONDER IN THE MAKING”

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BAPTISM OF COLBY ALEXANDRA CLARK

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✠ PSALM 111; *antiphon: verse 9 a, b*

Pastor: ¹Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,

People: in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Pastor: ²Great are the works of the LORD,

People: studied by all who delight in them.

Pastor: ³Full of splendor and majesty is His work,

People: and His righteousness endures forever.

Pastor: ⁴He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered;

People: the LORD is gracious and merciful.

Pastor: ⁵He provides food for those who fear Him;

People: He remembers His covenant forever.

Pastor: ⁶He has shown His people the power of His works,

People: in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

Pastor: ⁷The works of His hands are faithful and just;

People: and His precepts are trustworthy;

Pastor: ⁸they are established forever and ever,

People: to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

Pastor: ⁹He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever.

People: Holy and awesome is His name!

Pastor: ¹⁰The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

People: His praise endures forever!

**ALL: 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.**

Pastor: ⁷The works of His hands are faithful and just;

People: and His precepts are trustworthy;

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

ALL: 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. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING -- EXODUS 13:1-3A, 11-15

Reader: The Old Testament reading for the first Sunday after Christmas is from the thirteenth chapter of Exodus.

¹The LORD said to Moses, ²“Consecrate to Me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is Mine.” ³Then Moses said to the people, “Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the LORD brought you out from this place. . . ¹¹“When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as He swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, ¹²you shall set apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the LORD’s. ¹³Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. ¹⁴And when in time to come your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ you shall say to him, ‘By a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. ¹⁵For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.’”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL (*Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a*)

Pastor: To us a Child is born, to us a Son is given;

People: and the government shall be upon His shoulder.

Pastor: And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

People: Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Pastor: Sing to the Lord a new song,

People: for He has done marvelous things!

THE EPISTLE -- COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

Reader: The Epistle reading is from the third chapter of Colossians.

¹²Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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✠THE HOLY GOSPEL -- LUKE 2:22-40

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the second chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

²²When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said, ²⁹“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; ³⁰for my eyes have seen Your salvation ³¹that You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people Israel.” ³³And His father and His mother marveled at what was said about Him. ³⁴And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, “Behold, this Child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.” ³⁶And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of Him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the Child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon Him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

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“GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY”

THE SERMON “FEAR OF THE LORD”

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“HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION”

Divine Service, Setting Four from Lutheran Service Book

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NEXT WEEK’S TEXTS: Psalm 119:97-104; 1 Kings 3:4-15, 11-15; Ephesians 1:3-14; Luke 2:40-52

NEXT WEEK: We think of wisdom as applying what you have learned. What does the Bible say about wisdom and where it is found?

THIS WEEK’S READINGS: Isaiah 7--25

1. The Lord gives a couple of signs to Ahaz. What were they?
2. There are Oracles on various peoples. Why may it have been hard for Isiah to bring them to these peoples?

LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

December 29 – Christmas I - Luke 2:38 – “And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.” Notice here how giving thanks to God leads to good works (speaking about Jesus, in this case). Thankfulness towards God for all He has done for us is the foundation of a Christian life lived in godliness. For if we know all that the Lord has done for us, how can we not strive to honor Him with what we think, say and do?

LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

December 29 “We long to hear those words from the master, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! Come! Share your master’s happiness!’ Someday you will hear them as He welcomes you into eternal dwellings. But for now, there is much to do for Jesus. So, as you go to live for Him, let those words echo in your mind and spur you on to be faithful and fruitful servants in His kingdom.” *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls*
- A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

December 29 – Christmas I – The Old Testament ritual of redeeming firstborns clearly declares that the Lord lends us our children, but they belong to Him (Exodus 13:11-12). Little ones are gifts and privileges, not property, preferences, accessories, or rights. The coming of Christ extends this designation to every neighbor, including those of advanced age (Luke 2:25-26, 36-38). Let us not neglect to teach and admonish one another about it (Colossians 3:16)!

T H I S W E E K

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, THROUGH SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 A.M.	Divine Worship
TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.	New Year's Eve Worship Service with Communion
WEDNESDAY		New Year's Day
THURSDAY	9:30 A.M.	Quilters
SATURDAY	10:00 A.M.	LWML Undecorate tree
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 A.M.	Divine Worship/Communion

ALTAR FLOWERS

*The flowers adorning the chancel area this morning have been placed to the glory of God by
Pastor Kevin & Lisa Cramm.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH KEYS. We are taking an inventory of the church keys. If you have a church key please let the office know what number of key you have. Jim Wilkes

NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE. Our New Year's Eve Service will be at 7:00 p.m. with Communion.

PLEASE BEGIN SAVING YOUR CHANGE: The 2025 Baby Bottle Campaign will begin on Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, January 19th. The campaign will run until February 23rd when all bottles should have been returned. Please keep this campaign in mind as you accumulate change in the next few weeks. More information will be available in the January *Trinitarian* and in upcoming bulletins.

THE DECEMBER ACTIVITY DAY for children will be tomorrow, Dec. 30th from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Abby Anderson will be in charge and planning all the activities. Snacks will be served. If you have any questions please contact Sue Kelly at 575-430-2100.

FLOWER CHART FOR 2025 has been posted. Please sign up for your special occasions or in memory of someone. The cost is \$36.00 for two arrangements or if you would like to share with someone the cost is \$18.00. I would like to ask that you come to the front of the church after the service on the Sunday you have flowers and I will give you the flower arrangements. Thank you to all of you who have been faithful in providing flowers. Cheryl Richey

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM 850 & KFYO.org: Celebrate the season of Christmas with sacred music and songs during the 12 Days of Christmas, December 24th-January 6th. Regular programming will resume on January 7th.

MISSION FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER is the **Lutheran Heritage Foundation** - Translating, publishing, distributing, and introducing books and materials that are Bible-based, Christ-centered, and Reformation-driven. (*This is what Pastor Cramm uses for support for Africa trips.*)

VISITOR MUGS: The committee has put together some coffee mugs for our visitors. They are located on the inside bottom of the Guestbook podium. A very handy place for you to get one to give visitors when you show them the guest book and ask them to sign it. Please, on the Sundays that you are hosting be sure to hand out a mug to each family. Thanks for helping us with this.

TRACT OF THE MONTH: A Simple Explanation of Christmas: “Christmas is the day when Christians remember and celebrate Jesus’ birth over two thousand years ago. God’s only Son, Jesus, was born to live His life among humanity and to die for the forgiveness of sins everywhere. He is our Savior and the baby born in the manger: the reason Christians celebrate. This booklet briefly describes the biblical account of Jesus’ birth and some of the traditions Christians have for celebrating Christmas in their congregations and families.” Be sure to pick up a copy of this month’s tract to read.

BACKPACK MINISTRY

We are collecting food items for the Love INC Backpack Ministry for the Tularosa schools. 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.

Backpack Food Suggestions

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| 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!

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024: WORSHIPPED: 71 ONLINE: 7

CHRISTMAS EVE, DEC. 24, 2024: WORSHIPPED: 106

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18, 2024, GENERAL FUND: \$84.00

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024, GENERAL FUND: \$1,466.00

DOLLAR PROJECT: \$15.00

LUTHERAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION: \$25.00

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

HOSTS:	Merry Zumwalt & Jericho Vertain	ELDER:	Robert Rentschler
ALTAR GUILD:	Christine Schlehuser	TELLERS:	Merry Zumwalt
	Beverly Van Duyn		Vicki Leonard
ATTENDANCE:	Merry Zumwalt	SOUND TECH:	Jim Kline
USHERS:	Volunteers		
1ST LESSON:	Nora Sotak	2ND LESSON:	Hannah Keeler

ASSISTING IN OUR NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE

MUSIC: Cyndi Heithold

ELDER:	Matt Anderson	SOUND TECH:	Vicki Leonard
ATTENDANCE:	Merry Zumwalt		

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 5TH

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

HOSTS:	????	ELDER:	Dick Dommers
ALTAR GUILD:	Sandy Krueger	TELLERS:	Vicki Leonard
	Stacy Johnson		Joyce Macon
ATTENDANCE:	Cheryl Sandenaw	SOUND TECH:	Vicki Leonard
USHERS:	Tom Blackmon, Jim Fladhammer		
	Larry & Beverly Van Duyn		
1ST LESSON:	Ruth Wilkes	2ND LESSON:	Jim Wilkes

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE COME TO YOU IN PRAISE AND PRAYER

Darrell & Sheila Anderson, Darren Belcher, Donna Belcher, **Allen & Belinda Burmeister**, Ellen Clark, Douglas Clark, Vicky Cosio, **Pastor Kevin Cramm**, Donna & Billie Crawford, Mike Fladhammer, Lee Fellows, Janet Fidel, Gari Ann Gage, **Darlene Gilmore**, Donna Holiday, Veronica Holman, Scout Hughes, Jim Johnson, Michelle Luevano, **Robyn Luevano**, Carey Mitchell, Rick Morrison, Damian Orchard, Cindy Ostler, Chad Parks, Rachel Preus, Logan Radford, Connie Rogers, Laura Salazar, Jessica Schroeder, Judy Smith, Roger Strom, Sarah Van Dorn, Ann Waghorn, Hannah Weathers, Betty Wilkes, Paul Woodruff, Karen Zinn, 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, Tanner Wedd, and all troops serving in harms way

LEST WE FORGET

PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING

Baptism of Colby Alexandra Clark

FOR OUR HOMEBOUND

Kay Burger, **Lothar Butzkies**, **Frank & Shirley Enyeart**, Rodney Greer, **Shirley Hill**, **Colleen Sandenaw**, **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.