

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

OPENING HYMN..... PAGE 579

“THE LAW OF GOD IS GOOD AND WISE”

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 528

“O, FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING (VERSES 1-5)

OLD TESTAMENT READING -- ISAIAH 58:3-9A

L The Old Testament reading for the fifth Sunday after Epiphany is from the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah.

³Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it? Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. ⁴Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. ⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and

to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the LORD? ⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? ⁸Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. ⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and He will say, 'Here I am.' If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE -- 1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-12

Reader: The Epistle reading is from the second chapter of First Corinthians.

¹And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. ³And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. ⁶Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love Him"—¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit Who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL – MATTHEW 5:13-20

✠ L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the fifth chapter.

¹³[Jesus said:] "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. ¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the

house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father Who is in heaven. ¹⁷Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

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 578

"THY STRONG WORD" STAND ON VERSE 6

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 as we continue 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 Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 487
“COME, YOU FAITHFUL, RAISE THE STRAIN”

†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 848
“LORD, WHOSE LOVE THROUGH HUMBLE SERVICE”

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NEXT WEEK'S TEXTS: Psalm 2:6-12; Exodus 24:8-18; 2 Peter 1:18-21; Matthew 17:1-9

Trinity Stewardship Ministry



"The Lord says: 'These people come near to Me with their mouth and honor Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me'" (Isaiah 29:13).

February: the month devoted to love. Stores are filled with heart-shaped boxes of candy and heart-shaped cards and vases of flowers with heart-shaped gift tags. All this is available for the consumer so that he can find the appropriate expression of his devotion to his loved one. If that expression of love has been preceded by a year of thoughtful and loving words and deeds, it is welcomed and cherished by the recipient. If not, it is just an empty ritual, done out of duty rather than true devotion. Our relationship with the Lord is similar. He, too, desires our sincere devotion, not empty lip service. Stewardship is serving, helping, giving, but love is the basis for stewardship. Without love, our good deeds are empty and without merit.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for Your unconditional love for me. Let Your love within me overflow to others. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Lola Ableidinger, Stewardship Chair

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LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

February 8 - "God loves you in your vulnerability so much that He subjected Himself to conform to a vulnerable human body. So today ... remember that Jesus, in whom all things hold together, loves you, individually. He is fully present with you just as He was in His mother's arms. God's peace be with you this day, this night." *Andrea Delwiche*

– *A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

February 8 (Epiphany 5) – "You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). God's people do wonderful things before the world: march for life, support local pregnancy resource centers, speak up on behalf of the unborn and vulnerable. However, we must always remember that we are to shine our light before men, not to earn favor with men or with God. Such self-serving works "will not make your voice be heard on high" (Isaiah 58:4). Instead, knowing Christ crucified and having the mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:2, 16), we let our light shine before men to give glory to God (Matthew 5:16), that all might have life now and forever.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026 THROUGH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 A.M.	Divine Worship
MONDAY	After service	Congregation Meeting on Call process
	5:30 P.M.	Boards of Evangelism & Stewardship Meeting
TUESDAY	9:30 A.M.	Ruth Bible Study
	5:00 P.M.	Bell Choir Practice
WEDNESDAY	9:00 A.M.	Men's Bible Study
	10:30 A.M.	TOPS Meeting
	11:30 A.M.	PEO Meeting
SATURDAY		Valentine's Day
	10:00 A.M.	LWML Meeting
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 A.M.	Divine Worship/Communion
	After Service	Mission Sunday- Ysleta LWML Meal for Mites

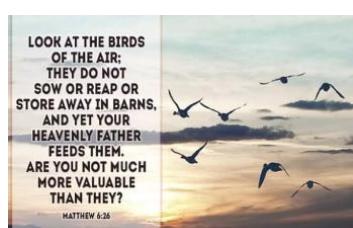
ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers adorning the chancel area this morning have been placed to the glory of God by Juli Bailey in praise to God.

LWML MEAL FOR MITES

With a for  Mission the LWML is hosting their annual Meal for Mites on Sunday, Febr. 15th 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!

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN



The Baby Bottle Campaign is ongoing. Please continue to add money to your baby bottles! The campaign will end on February 22nd. Please return your baby bottles/contributions on or before that date just full of \$++. Checks to Southern New Mexico Outreach may be placed in the envelope hanging on the bulletin board above the baby bottle "cradle." Thanks to all of you for your continuing generous support of Pregnancy Resources Plus.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOUP & SANDWICH SUPPERS: Our Wednesday night Lenten Soup and Sandwich suppers begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18th. The soup and sandwich suppers are at 6:00 p.m. and the worship service 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.

CHURCH DIRECTORY: I have begun updating information for a church directory for 2026 (this time without pictures). *If you have moved and have a new address or phone number in the past couple of years please let me know so that your information can be correct in the new directory. There are a couple of copies on the table in the narthex to check to see if your information is correct.* I hope to get one produced as soon as possible.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: Just a reminder that youth Sunday School is at 9:00am instead of after church service. Thank you to Abby Anderson for doing a great job running the 2 Youth Activity days during Christmas break. Be on the lookout for our first Congregational Activity Sunday for 2026. More details to follow in future church bulletins.

THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2026 has been posted. The only date available on the 2026 flower chart is Aug. 30th. Cheryl Richey

SPECIAL DOLLAR PROJECT: The Dollar project this month will be for the Baby Bottle campaign for Pregnancy Resources Plus.

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.

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 & KFUO.org: We’re continuing our study through the book of Genesis on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT). Tune in as we discuss chapters 14-17. Join us on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as Pastor Booel leads us in a new study of the book of Numbers! On Concord Matters this Saturday (2/14 at 10 a.m. CT), we’ll be studying Holy Baptism as discussed in the Large Catechism. What is the power, profit, and purpose of Baptism? Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFUO Radio app!

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

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, FEB. 1, 2026: WORSHIPPED: 83 COMMUNED: 68 ONLINE: 6
SUNDAY, FEB. 1, 2026: GENERAL FUND: \$4,787.00
JANUARY 2026, MONTHLY ONLINE GIVING: \$4,700.00
BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN, DOLLAR PROJECT: \$4.00
FLOWERS: \$72.00
YSLETA MISSION: \$185.00

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: 32
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: 3
TUESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY: 10
WEDNESDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: 8
THURSDAY AFTERNOON LADIES BIBLE STUDY: 4

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

HOSTS:	Vicki Leonard, Cheryl Richey	ELDER:	Matt Clark
LITURGIST:	Matt Clark	SERMON:	Bob Klose
ALTAR GUILD:	Robin Haymes Susan Rentschler	TELLERS:	Joyce Macon Bob Klose
ATTENDANCE:	Cheryl Sandenaw	SOUND TECH:	Sherri Cortez
USHERS:	Norbert Sanchez, Sue Kelly Glen & Christine Schlehuser		

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

HOSTS:	Robert & Susan Rentschler	ELDER:	Bob Klose
ALTAR GUILD:	Robin Haymes Susan Rentschler	TELLERS:	Yvonne Steeby Becky Worley
ATTENDANCE:	Cheryl Sandenaw	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, Vicky Cosio, Sammie Feldman, Jill Guterrez, May Lynn Hays & family, Jim Johnson, Janet Kushlan, Carly Lowen, Carey Mitchell, Rob & Karen 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, 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,

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. 18, 2026, Ash Wednesday	7:00 P.M.
The Feet of Christ – Luke 7:36-50	
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	
April 5, 2026, Easter Sunday	7:00 P.M.
The Risen Body of Christ – Luke 24:1-12	

- Easter SonRise Worship – 7:30 a.m.
- Easter Breakfast (8:00 a.m – 9:30 a.m.)
- Easter Worship Service – 10:15 A.M.

GUEST PASTOR: REV. JOHN A. FLAMME