

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY, March 12, 2023

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Divine Service 10:15 AM

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT DIVINE SERVICE SETTING ONE

✠ INDICATES TO STAND

OPENING HYMN PAGE 420

“CHRIST, THE LIFE OF ALL THE LIVING” VERSES 1, 3, 5, AND 7

✠ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION PAGE 151

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD PAGE 152

✠ PSALM 95:1-9

Pastor: ¹Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

People: **let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation!**

Pastor: ²Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;

People: **let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!**

Pastor: ³For the LORD is a great God,

People: **and a great King above all gods.**

Pastor: ⁴In His hand are the depths of the earth;

People: **the heights of the mountains are His also.**

Pastor: ⁵The sea is His, for He made it,

People: **and His hands formed the dry land.**

Pastor: ⁶Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

People: **let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

Pastor: ⁷For He is our God,

People: **and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.**

Pastor: Today, if you hear His voice,

People: **⁸do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,**

Pastor: ⁹when your fathers put Me to the test

People: **and put Me to the proof, though they had seen My work.**

✠ KYRIE PAGE 152

✠ SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: 🎵 **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

ALL: O God, Whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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 --- EXODUS 17:1-7

Reader: The Old Testament reading for the third Sunday in Lent is from the seventeenth chapter of Exodus.

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

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 5:1-8

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

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit Who has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

✠THE HOLY GOSPEL -- JOHN 4:5-26

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

People: 🎵 **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁵[Jesus] came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as He was from His journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. ⁷There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." ⁸(For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to Him, "How is it that You, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and Who it is that is saying to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do You get that living water? ¹²Are You greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." ¹⁷The woman answered Him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." ¹⁹The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but You say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship Him. ²⁴God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming (He Who is called Christ). When He comes, He will tell us all things." ²⁶Jesus said to her, "I Who speak to you am He."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAYPAGE 855

"FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL WOMEN" VERSES 1, 10, 3 AND 4, STAND ON THE LAST VERSE

THE SERMON "I AM HE"

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✠THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

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“MAY GOD BESTOW ON US HIS GRACE” STAND ON LAST VERSE

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NEXT WEEK'S TEXTS: Psalm 127; 2 Samuel 7:4-16; Romans 4:13-18; Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

NEXT WEEK: Many families today are blended families. How do fathers deal with all the different relationships?

TODAY'S LIGHT READERS

TODAY'S LIGHT: Ezekiel 13--24

1. According to the allegory of Ezekiel 16, God found us abandoned shortly after we were born, and He says to us, "Live" (v. 6). He made us to flourish like a plant of the field, and we "grew up and became tall and arrived at full adornment" (v. 7). Apply this allegory to what God has done in your life.
2. Ezekiel 22:30-31 talks about looking for a man to stand before Him for the land so God should not destroy it. God says, though, that He found no one. Reflect on what Jesus has done for us in light of these verses. How did Jesus serve as such a man? From what dreadful consequences did He deliver us?

LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

March 12 – Lent 3 - Exodus 17:3 – “But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, ‘Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?’” Even the Israelites, who saw miracles with their own eyes, fell into unbelief and fear. From this distance we can see how foolish their worry is. How foolish will our worries appear from the distance of eternity? The Lord cared for them, and He will care for us.

LIFE “QUOTES” FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

March 12 - “Despite the hardships we experience and the sin we face, God’s work submerges us in a pool of joy; through our Baptism, He daily refreshes us, strengthening our bonds to Him and to each other. Yes, we Christians are connected more deeply than participation in any march or gathering can offer. By God’s grace, we have become family. We share a home and a future.” *Michelle Bauman, Y4Life*

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

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

March 12 – Lent III – Jesus delights to invite the Samaritan woman into His fellowship and forgiveness for her sordid past (John 4:13-18). So He has received each of us, notwithstanding our mistakes and failures. And so He insists we know the joy and hope of explicitly articulating the same grace to any who suffer the guilt and grief of aborting their own children. He holds their lives as precious as those already lost.

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.

T H I S W E E K

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, THROUGH SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
<i>SUNDAY</i>	2:00 A.M.	<i>Daylight Saving Time Begins!</i>
	9:00 A.M.	<i>Christian Education Hour</i>
	10:15 A.M.	<i>Divine Worship</i>
	<i>After service</i>	<i>"The Chosen" in fellowship hall</i>
<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>5:30 P.M.</i>	<i>Board of Evangelism Meeting</i>
	<i>5:30 P.M.</i>	<i>Board of Education Meeting</i>
	<i>7:00 P.M.</i>	<i>Bible Study</i>
<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>9:30 A.M.</i>	<i>Ruth Bible Study</i>
	<i>4:30 P.M.</i>	<i>Devotions-Betty Dare</i>
	<i>5:30 P.M.</i>	<i>Bell Choir Practice</i>
<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>9:00 A.M.</i>	<i>Men's Bible Study</i>
	<i>10:30 A.M.</i>	<i>TOPS</i>
	<i>6:00 P.M.</i>	<i>Soup & Sandwich Supper</i>
<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>7:00 P.M.</i>	<i>Lenten Worship Service</i>
	<i>9:00 A.M.</i>	<i>Quilters</i>
<i>SUNDAY</i>	<i>9:00 A.M.</i>	<i>Christian Education Hour</i>
	<i>10:15 A.M.</i>	<i>Divine Worship/Communion</i> <i>Mission Sunday-LHMI</i>

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers adorning the chancel area this morning have been placed to the glory of God by Bob and Jan Thede in celebration of Bob's 80th birthday today.

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.

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” today 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 next Education Committee meeting is Monday, March 13th at 5:30 p.m. We will be discussing VBS curriculum and ideas for other summer activities for the youth. Feel free to join us and share your ideas. Questions, please contact Susan Kelly at 575-430-2100.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Study John 13-14 on Sharper Iron's "The Word Made Flesh" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), hear a Lenten Organ Recital and Worship Service on 3/15 at 11:00 a.m. CT, and study Hosea 6-10 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUE Radio app!

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

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

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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, MARCH 5, 2023: WORSHIPPED: 81 COMMUNED: 69

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023: WORSHIPPED: 29

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2023, GENERAL FUND: \$85.00

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023, GENERAL FUND: \$7,040

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023, GENERAL FUND: \$747.00

DOLLAR PROJECT: \$21.00

FLOWERS: \$18.00

MISCELLANEOUS DONATION-OFFICE SUPPLIES: \$30.00

LUTHERAN HISPANIC MISSIONARY INSTITUTE: \$50.00

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

MUSIC: Lisa Cramm

HOSTS:	Pastor & Ruth Buttke	ELDER:	Robert Rentschler
ALTAR GUILD:	Christine Schlehuser Beverly Van Duyn	TELLERS:	Lola Ableidinger 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

ASSISTING IN OUR LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE, MARCH 15TH

PIANIST: Cyndi Heithold

ELDER:	Robert Rentschler	SOUND TECH:	Bob Klose
TELLERS:	Sandy Klose, Susan Kelly		
ATTENDANCE:	Hannah Keeler		
1ST LESSON:	Lisa Collins	2ND LESSON:	Susan Kelly

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 19TH

MUSIC: Lola Ableidinger

HOSTS:	Benjamin & Erica Clark	ELDER:	Matt Anderson
ALTAR GUILD:	Christine Schlehuser Beverly Van Duyn	TELLERS:	Joyce Macon Bob Klose
ATTENDANCE:	Hannah Keeler	SOUND TECH:	Matt Anderson
USHERS:	Robert Johnson, Trey Johnson Ray Krueger, Bob Thede		
1ST LESSON:	Matt Clark	2ND LESSON:	Shirley Enyeart

**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, **Lee Wood**, 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

Retired Pastor Richard Bolland, Pagosa Springs, CO

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.