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**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR
THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL
SERVICE OF PRAYER AND PREACHING**

OPENING HYMN..... PAGE 611
“CHIEF OF SINNERS THOUGH I BE”

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 729
“I AM TRUSTING THEE LORD JESUS” (VERSES 1-4)

FIRST READING -- ACTS 9:1-22

L The first reading for the Conversion of St. Paul is from the ninth chapter of Acts.

¹But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed

around him. ⁴And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?” ⁵And he said, “Who are You, Lord?” And He said, “I am Jesus, Whom you are persecuting. ⁶But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. ¹⁰Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.” ¹¹And the Lord said to him, “Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” ¹³But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name.” ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine to carry My name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of My name.” ¹⁷So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus Who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹and taking food, he was strengthened. For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. ²⁰And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.” ²¹And all who heard him were amazed and said, “Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this Name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?” ²²But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE -- GALATIANS 1:11-24

Reader: The Epistle reading is from the first chapter of Galatians.

¹¹For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel. ¹²For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹³For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it. ¹⁴And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for

the traditions of my fathers. ¹⁵But when He Who had set me apart before I was born, and Who called me by His grace, ¹⁶was pleased to reveal His Son to me, in order that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone; ¹⁷nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. ¹⁸Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and remained with him fifteen days. ¹⁹But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother. ²⁰(In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie!) ²¹Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. ²²And I was still unknown in person to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. ²³They only were hearing it said, "He who used to persecute us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." ²⁴And they glorified God because of me.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please Stand for the Gospel

✠THE HOLY GOSPEL – MATTHEW 19:27-30

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the nineteenth chapter.

²⁷Then Peter said in reply, "See, we have left everything and followed You. What then will we have?" ²⁸Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for My name's sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life. ³⁰But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

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 517

"BY ALL YOUR SAINTS IN WARFARE" VERSES 1, 12, & 3 (STAND ON VERSE 3)

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 the 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 Almighty God, You turned the heart of him who persecuted the Church and by his preaching caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world. Grant us ever to rejoice in the saving light of Your Gospel and, following the example of the apostle Paul, to spread it to the ends of the earth; 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 940

“HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE THY NAME” (STAND ON LAST VERSE)

†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 HYMNPAGE 802

“IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE”

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NEXT WEEK's TEXTS: Psalm 15; Micah 6:1-8; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

TRINITY STEWARDSHIP



I Corinthians 12:4-7 “There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. There different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to all for their particular service. The Spirit’s presence is shown in some way in every person for the good of all.”

God has given each person spiritual and practical gifts. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy God supplies. Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God Himself was speaking through you. Some are great organizers and administrators. Others are gifted musicians and artists, others have the gift of teaching, hospitality, or service. When everyone in the congregation uses his or her gifts to serve, the church becomes a powerful force for good, a strong witness for Jesus, and a mighty army to combat Satan’s attacks. And everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. Lola Ableidinger, Stewardship chair

LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

January 25 - “The One who gives us our new beginning in Baptism is the same God who fashioned us and gave us our first beginning in the womb. It is God who brings forth life. It is God who created us, who ‘knits us together,’ so that we are ‘intricately and wonderfully made.’ Some say that the Bible never mentions abortion, and thus we should not speak against it. How far from the truth! The decisive moral truth of what Scripture teaches is this: Human beings are such from fertilization. And—it is a sin to shed innocent blood.” *Rev. Paul Clark, Lutherans For Life of Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

January 25 (Epiphany 3) – Abortion and assisted suicide are often followed by crushing amounts of guilt and shame. While the Church rightly teaches that these are sins against God and neighbor, may we never forget that Christ has sent us to preach the Gospel, which is the power of God unto salvation (1 Corinthians 1:17-18). In Christ, “there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish,” (Isaiah 9:1), for He has come in the fulfillment of His promises, bringing the Kingdom of God near to us (Matthew 4:14-17), that all who repent and believe in Him can take shelter in the Lord (Psalm 27:5).

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026 THROUGH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	<i>Christian Education Hour</i>
	10:15 A.M.	<i>Divine Worship</i>
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
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	<i>Christian Education Hour</i>
	10:15 A.M.	<i>Divine Worship/Communion</i>

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers adorning the chancel area this morning have been placed to the glory of God by John Marquardt in celebration of his birthday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH DIRECTORY: I have began 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.*** 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 following dates are still available on the 2026 flower chart: Aug. 2nd and 30th. Cheryl Richey

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

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM 850 & KFUO.org: This week on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT), we're continuing our study of the book of Genesis, picking up with chapter 8! Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as we continue our series, "The Magnificent 37", a study of the miracles of Jesus. On Concord Matters this week (1/31 at 10 a.m. CT), we're concluding our study of the Lord's Prayer with a look at the 7th Petition—what does it look like for the Lord to "deliver us from evil"? Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFUO Radio app.

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.

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, JANUARY 18, 2026: WORSHIPPED: 76 COMMUNED: 68

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: 33

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: 3

TUESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY: 12

WEDNESDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: 6

THURSDAY AFTERNOON LADIES BIBLE STUDY: 5

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2025: GENERAL FUND: \$6,660.00

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN, DOLLAR PROJECT: \$12.00

YSLETA MISSION: \$191.00

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

HOSTS: Sue Kelly, Hannah Keeler

ELDER: Bob Klose

LITURGIST: Bob Klose

SERMON: Dick Dommers

ALTAR GUILD: Gayan Moore

TELLERS: Lola Ableidinger

Hannah Keeler

Cheryl Sandenaw

ATTENDANCE: Hannah Keeler

SOUND TECH: Jim Kline

USHERS: Gerald Moore, Irvin Torres

Sandy Klose, Cameron Maltz

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

HOSTS: Jim & Diane Kline

ELDER: Dick Dommers

ALTAR GUILD: Robin Haymes

TELLERS: Sandy Klose

Susan Rentschler

Susan Kelly

ATTENDANCE: Cheryl Sandenaw

SOUND TECH: Vicki Leonard

USHERS: Tom Blackmon, Jim Fladhammer

Larry & Beverly Van Duyn

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

The Baby Bottle Campaign has begun! . You may still pick up a baby bottle for your change and bills. You may also write a check to Southern New Mexico Outreach and place it in the envelope provided on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please do not contribute through our church collections (except for the Dollar Campaign). If you have questions or concerns, please talk to Hannah, the campaign coordinator.



**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, Sammie Feldman, Verna Fladhammer, May Lynn Hays & family, Kristi Humphrey, Jim Johnson, Janet Kushlan, Carly Lowen, Carey Mitchell, Rob & Karen Ostash, Tim Polling, Rachel Preus, Logan Radford, Robert Rentschler, Janet Rooker, Connie Rogers, Kyle Schaare, Jessica Schroeder, David Steeby, Roger Storm, Matt Vick, Ann Waghorn, Aileen Walther, 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

Jean Anderson (successful surgery)
Dana Sandenaw (pneumonia is gone)

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.