

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Divine Service 10:15 AM

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR
SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY**

✚ INDICATES TO STAND

OPENING HYMN..... PAGE 802

“IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE”

✚ INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

✚ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. *Romans 13:12*

C **God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.** *1 John 1:5*

P And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. *John 3:19*

C **You have set our iniquities before You, our secret sins in the light of Your presence.** *Psalm 90:8*

P If your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!
Matthew 6:23

C **I will bear the indignation of the Lord because I have sinned against Him, until He pleads my cause and executes judgment for me. He will bring me out to the light; I shall look upon His vindication.** *Micah 7:9*

P Who among you fears the Lord and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God. *Isaiah 50:10*

Our Savior Christ Jesus has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light. *2 Timothy 1:10*

As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

✚ INTROIT: PSALM 27:1-2, 5-6, 13-14

P The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

C **The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

P When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,

C **my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.**

P For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble;

C **He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high upon a rock.**

P And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me,

C **and I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

P I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord

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- C **in the land of the living!**
- P Wait for the Lord;
- C **be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!**
- 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE..... *PAGE 906*

“O DAY OF REST AND GLADNESS” (*STAND ON LAST VERSE*)

COLLECT

- P O God of all grace, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give You thanks that by His death He destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection He opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence that because He lives, we shall live also, and that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come will be able to separate us from Your love, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING -- ISAIAH 9:2-7

Reader: The Old Testament reading for Sanctity of Human Life Sunday is from the ninth chapter of Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; You have increased its joy; they rejoice before You as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, You have broken as on the day of Midian. For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over His kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE -- EPHESIANS 5:6-13

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

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not become partners with them; for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

✠THE HOLY GOSPEL -- JOHN 1:1-14

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- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.
- C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the Light, that all might believe through him. He was not the Light, but came to bear witness about the Light. The true Light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him. But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

✠THE NICENE CREED PAGE 158

SERMON HYMN PAGE 849

“PRAISE THE ONE WHO BREAKS THE DARKNESS”

SERMON

OFFERING HYMN PAGE 868

“AWAKE, MY SOUL, AND WITH THE SUN” (VERSES 1, 3, 5)

PRAYERS

- P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P O Lord, our Heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, the fruit of Your Spirit is love. Grant us to know that You have made all humankind for relationship and community and grant us to receive both our neighbor’s life and our own as gift and privilege. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P The fruit of Your Spirit is peace. Let the authorities of our people respect the sanctity of every human life and let the laws of our land reflect it. Drive away all complacency and cowardice from us that we may undertake civic action and public service to secure the welfare of the vulnerable. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P The fruit of Your Spirit is patience. Visit with the presence and power of Your Son any who experience surprise pregnancy, terminal diagnosis, infertility, or any other affliction. For His sake relieve quickly that they recover completely and strengthen them to wait upon Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P The fruit of Your Spirit is kindness. Work repentance, forgiveness, and healing in the hearts of those broken by the abortion of their own children or any other sin against the sanctity of human life. Keep us from ever viewing death as a solution to difficulty and put our trust in Your words and ways. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**

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- P The fruit of Your Spirit is goodness. Remove the evils of abortion, abuse, abandonment, euthanasia, suicide, embryo destruction, discrimination, and all other violences from among us. Make us instead to abound as You do in charity, goodwill, and fellowship. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P The fruit of Your Spirit is faithfulness. Embolden us to give voice to the worth and purpose of every person, no matter what age, appearance, or ability, and to hold fast this Gospel confession even under opposition and ridicule. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P The fruit of Your Spirit is gentleness. Endow our witness with courage and compassion, that we speak the truth of God in humility and show the love of Christ in servanthood. Soften and reform the hearts that advocate or entertain immorality until they stand beside us as sisters and brothers. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P The fruit of Your Spirit is self-control. Move us to expose and expel all the works of darkness by beholding and belonging to Your Light, even Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

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.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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“CHRIST BE MY LEADER”

NEXT WEEK'S TEXTS: Psalm 19:7-14; Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:16-30

NEXT WEEK: Why would you need to take refuge?

THIS WEEKS READINGS: Isaiah 53-Jeremiah 2

1. There is all sorts of blessings and warnings from the Lord in your readings. What is interesting about the last chapter of Isaiah?
2. This Sunday was Life Sunday, Why might the calling of Jeremiah be an encouragement for your life?

T H I S W E E K

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025 THROUGH SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 A.M.	Divine Worship/Communion Baby Bottle Campaign begins
MONDAY		Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
TUESDAY	9:30 A.M.	Ruth Bible Study
WEDNESDAY	9:00 A.M.	Men's Bible Study
	10:30 A.M.	TOPS
	11:30 A.M.	PEO Meeting
	4:45 P.M.	Bell Practice
SATURDAY	8:30 A.M.-3:30 P.M.	Lion's Club Meeting
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 A.M.	Divine Worship

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers adorning the chancel area this morning have been placed to the glory of God by Robert & Susan Rentschler in celebration of Susan's birthday.

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Dear co-workers in Christ:

It was a warm and very spiritual moment for me to preach the message for a dear colleague, Pastor Cramm. He was a valiant and faithful pastor, military chaplain and missionary professor. Let each of us follow his example to share the Good News here in Alamogordo and around the world. You at Trinity shared so much love and support to me, it overwhelmed me! The Cramm family were so loving and helpful; the Kline family, Jim and Diane, went out of their way to be an excellent motel and taxi service; the members and friends of Trinity worked very long and hard to make the funeral for Col Kevin a very meaningful and very meaningful spiritual event! We are assured that the Lord, the Resurrection and the Life, will bring comfort and strength to us, especially to Lisa and her family in this hour of need! Thank you, Pastor Heithold, for your leadership and love as pastor and shepherd of the flock. God's love fills the hearts of each of us with His presence in this special time for support and peace. Pastor Bernie

LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

January 19 – Second Sunday after Epiphany - John 2:3 – “When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, ‘They have no wine.’” Behold the faith of Mary: she sees a problem and simply lays it before her Son and Lord: “They have no wine.” She does not offer a proposed solution, she does not demand, she simply states her need and waits for the Lord’s response. She trusts that the Lord is a giver, and she knows that He always provides. May such a faith be ours!

LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

January 19 “No amount of scientific progress can defeat death. No political ruler can promise eternal life. Only Jesus can make and keep that promise. The promise of hope and life is ours to proclaim. It is the promise that a world without hope needs to hear. In Jesus we have hope for the future, the living hope of life in His presence forever.” *Dr. Carol Geisler, Lutheran Hour Ministries -A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life — www.lutheransforlife.org*

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

January 19 – Epiphany II – Surprise pregnancies sometimes seem like tidal waves. Terminal diagnoses also often come like thunderstorms. But even among their sufferings, the Lord Jesus exercises ultimate authority and never fails to make wine for us out of water. The gifts He delivers through each neighbor differ, but the same Spirit works (1 Corinthians 12:4-6) the sanctity of life in them all.

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!

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

The 2025 Baby Bottle Campaign begins today. The campaign will run until February 23rd when all bottles should have been returned. You may pick up a baby bottle for your money collections after church today or you may simply write a check to Southern New Mexico Outreach. Checks will go in the envelope provided in the narthex. Please **DO NOT** write checks and put them in the offering plate.

How to pray for life: The following serves as a strong foundation to begin lifting our voices together in prayer during a critical time.

For mothers facing unplanned pregnancies:

1. Pray for the women who are facing unplanned or difficult pregnancies. Ask the Lord to surround them with love, support, and the resources they need to choose life. Pray for courage, wisdom, and the strength to trust God in uncertain times.
2. Pray the Church would be a beacon of hope, offering practical help and the light of Christ's love to these women.

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

FLOWER CHART FOR 2025 These are dates that are still available on the Flower Chart: February 9th & 23rd; July 27th; August 17th, 24th & 31st; September 21st; November 23rd & 30th; and December 21st & 28th. Cheryl Richey

LWML: For the month of January, we have chosen to support the HUB for the Alamogordo Public Schools. As we are taking down the decorations we will leave a table up for donations for the HUB. I will get a list of items they need and put copies on the bulletin board. Please have all items here by January 31st so they can be distributed the 1st of February.

FIRE VICTIMS IN LA: If you would like to donate to help the victims in the fires in CA here are two addresses to send relief funds to: LCMS Disaster Response (CA Wildfire Relief) PO Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861 or to Pacific Southwest Dist. LCMS, 1540 Concordia Drive East, Irvine, CA 92612-8140. Also, if you are a Thrivent member, you may donate to Lutheran Disaster Response through Thrivent and your donation will be matched.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM 850 & KFUE.org: We're continuing in Isaiah on Sharper Iron! Join us as we take a look at chapters 25-29 (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT). On Thy Strong Word, we're beginning a study of the book of Job. You can tune in every weekday at 11 a.m. CT. Don't forget to join us for Concord Matters (1/25 at 10 a.m. CT)! We'll be continuing our discussion of confessional subscription with special guest Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or on the KFUE Radio app!

MISSION FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY is Ysleta Lutheran Mission Care, El Paso. This very active mission needs the support of other churches to survive. Not only does the mission conduct worship services, Bible Studies, Sunday School and VBS, but it also attends to the needs of the poor through many, many outreach services.

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 The Church Year: “At first glance, the Church Year can seem confusing. Understanding when it starts, what its different seasons are, and how it works with the calendar year can be daunting. The Church Year starts in late November or early December. It cycles through three main sections, or “times,” each divided into smaller seasons. This book will help you better understand both the cycle of the Church Year and how the Church celebrates the work of Christ throughout it.” Be sure to pick up a copy of this month’s tract to learn more about the church year.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025: WORSHIPPED: 73 ONLINE: 2
SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025, 2024: GENERAL FUND: \$3,396.00
SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025, 2024: GENERAL FUND: \$1,945.00
DOLLAR PROJECT: \$6.00
FLOWERS: \$190.00
MISSION-YSLETA LUTHERAN MISSION: \$60.00

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

MUSIC: Bobby Anderson

HOSTS:	Hannah Keeler & Susan Kelly	ELDER:	Robert Rentschler
ALTAR GUILD:	Sandy Krueger Stacy Johnson	TELLERS:	Linde Van Cleave Cheryl Sandenaw
ATTENDANCE:	Bob Klose	SOUND TECH:	Matt Anderson
USHERS:	Bob Thede, Tammy Thede Robert Johnson, Trey Johnson		
1ST LESSON:	Ruth Wilkes	2ND LESSON:	Jim Wilkes

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 26TH

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

HOSTS:	Jim & Diane Kline	ELDER:	Dick Dommers
ALTAR GUILD:	Sandy Krueger Stacy Johnson	TELLERS:	Lola Ableidinger Nora Sotak
ATTENDANCE:	Bob Klose	SOUND TECH:	Jim Kline
USHERS:	Gerald Moore, Irvin Torres Bob & Sandy Klose		
1ST LESSON:	Susan Kelly	2ND LESSON:	Matt Clark

**HEAVENLY FATHER, WE COME TO YOU IN
PRAISE AND PRAYER**

FOR COURAGE, GRACE, FAITH, AND HEALING WITHIN YOUR WILL

Umberto Aguirre, **Darrell & Sheila Anderson**, **Allen Burmeister**, Ellen Clark, Douglas Clark, Vicky Cosio, Mike Fladhammer, Veronica Holman, Scout Hughes, **Kristi Humphrey**, Jim Johnson, Caroline Kelly, Carey Mitchell, Chad Parks, Rachel Preus, Logan Radford, Connie Rogers, Jessica Schroeder, Judy Smith, Kay Swedberg, Roger Strom, Sarah Van Dorn, Ann Waghorn, Betty Wilkes, Paul Woodruff, Karen Zinn, Martyrs for the faith, Our Nation's Leaders, Public Safety Personnel, Fires in LA

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, Cody Phelps, Daniel Smelser, Bryant Roeske, Kyle Steeby, Tanner Wedd, and all troops serving in harms way

LEST WE FORGET

PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING

Robyn Luevano (brain bleed has disappeared)

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.