

**WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**SUNDAY, March 19, 2023**

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Divine Service 10:15 AM

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR  
ST. JOSEPH, GUARDIAN OF JESUS SUNDAY  
DIVINE SERVICE SETTING ONE**

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“CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER”

✠ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ..... PAGE 151

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✠ PSALM 127

Pastor: <sup>1</sup>Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.

**People: Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman says awake in vain.**

Pastor: <sup>2</sup>It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil;

**People: for He gives to His beloved sleep.**

Pastor: <sup>3</sup>Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,

**People: the fruit of the womb a reward.**

Pastor: <sup>4</sup>Like arrows in the hand of a warrior

**People: are the children of one’s youth.**

Pastor: <sup>5</sup> Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them!

**People: He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.**

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✠ SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: ♪ And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

**ALL: Almighty God, from the house of Your servant David You raised up Joseph to be the guardian of Your incarnate Son and the husband of His mother, Mary. Grant us grace to follow the example of this faithful workman in heeding Your counsel and obeying Your commands; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ♪ Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING -- 2 SAMUEL 7:4-16

Reader: The Old Testament reading for St. Joseph, Guardian of Jesus Sunday is from the seventh chapter of Second Samuel.

<sup>4</sup>That same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, <sup>5</sup>“Go and tell My servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD: Would you build Me a house to dwell in? <sup>6</sup>I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for My dwelling. <sup>7</sup>In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd My people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?”” <sup>8</sup>Now, therefore, thus you shall say to My servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over My people Israel. <sup>9</sup>And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. <sup>10</sup>And I will appoint a place for My people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, <sup>11</sup>from the time that I appointed judges over My people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. <sup>12</sup>When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup>He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. <sup>14</sup>I will be to him a father, and he shall be to Me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, <sup>15</sup>but My steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. <sup>16</sup>And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before Me. Your throne shall be established forever.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### THE GRADUAL (*Psalm 45:6-7b*)

Pastor: Your throne, O God is forever and ever.

**People: The scepter of Your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;**

Pastor: You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.

**People: Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness.**

## THE EPISTLE -- ROMANS 4:13-18

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

<sup>13</sup>The promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. <sup>16</sup>That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in Whom he believed, Who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup>In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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✠THE HOLY GOSPEL -- MATTHEW 2:13-15, 19-23

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

People: ♪ Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup>When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the Child and His mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the Child, to destroy Him." <sup>14</sup>And he rose and took the Child and His mother by night and departed to Egypt <sup>15</sup>and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called My Son. . . ." <sup>19</sup>But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, <sup>20</sup>saying, "Rise, take the Child and His mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the Child's life are dead." <sup>21</sup>And he rose and took the Child and His mother and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup>But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. <sup>23</sup>And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: "He shall be called a Nazarene."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: ♪ Praise to You, O Christ.

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"BY ALL YOUR SAINTS IN WARFARE" VERSE 1, 14, 3 (STAND ON LAST VERSE)

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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.

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**"OUR FATHER, BY WHOSE NAME"**

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**NEXT WEEK'S TEXTS:** Psalm 130; Ezekiel 37:1-14; Romans 8:1-11; John 11:17-27, 38-53

**NEXT WEEK:** What goes through your mind and heart when you are told a loved has died?

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**TODAY'S LIGHT READERS**

**TODAY'S LIGHT:** Ezekiel 25--39

1. The people of Israel in the days of Ezekiel sought to strengthen themselves through an alliance with Egypt rather than turn to the Lord as their source of strength (Ezekiel 29:1-16). When do God's people of today seek unhelpful alliances rather than go to God for help?
2. Ezekiel 38 ends with a description of turmoil and natural catastrophes through which God will show His greatness and holiness and make Himself known in the sight of many nations. What conditions at the present time suggest that this is already happening, at least to some degree?

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**MIDWEEK OF LENT 3 – BREAD OF LIFE**

Jesus is the true bread of life given by the Father to us. In Him, and only in Him, is life forgiven, meaningful, renewed, and satisfied. Crave and desire the bread of life, Jesus Christ, who the Father has sent to feed the world. In Jesus Christ, you have all that you need every day and for eternal life.

## **THIS WEEK**

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023 THROUGH SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M. 10:15 A.M.	<b>Christian Education Hour</b> <b>Divine Worship/Communion</b> <b>Mission Sunday-LHMI</b>
MONDAY	12:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M.	Trinity Lunch Bunch-Pizza 9 Bible Study
TUESDAY	9:30 A.M. 5:30 P.M.	Ruth Bible Study Bell Choir Practice
WEDNESDAY	9:00 A.M. 10:30 A.M. 11:30 A.M. 6:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M.	Men's Bible Study TOPS PEO Meeting Soup & Sandwich Supper <b>Midweek Lenten Worship Service</b>
SATURDAY		LWML Spring Rally-El Paso
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M. 10:15 A.M.	<b>Christian Education Hour</b> <b>Divine Worship</b>

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

*The flowers adorning the chancel area this morning have been placed to the glory of God by Wilma Jaecks in memory of her husband Ed (he's been gone for 17 years), and in celebration of her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday and her grandson, Jacob's 20<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

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### **LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY**

**March 19 – Lent 4 - Psalm 142:5 – “I cry to you, O LORD; I say, ‘You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.’”** The Lord is our portion, our refuge, our everything. His mercy preserves us through all our days in the land of the living. This confidence frees us from the fear that so often leads to sins of greed and coveting. We have the Lord, we have a Father, He is in control, so we can follow His Word in confidence.

### **LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE**

**March 19 -** “When we ignore the baby in the womb and focus instead on what is now being labeled as the rights of the mother and women’s health care, we are turning our backs on God. Never has God authorized killing and called it a right. Never has God condoned promoting abortion and called it health care. His love for life is written throughout Scripture. What are we doing when we ignore His sacred Word?” *Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life* **-A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life — [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)**

### **LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR**

**March 19 – Lent IV –** Jesus clearly instructs us not to regard physical impairment as reason for condemnation to death (John 9:3). Yet our culture often uses disability as excuse for abortion and euthanasia. The Lord our God works wonders through our neighbors’ brokennesses just as He does through our own. So we may cheerfully, compassionately, courageously persuade our communities to turn away from doctor-assisted deaths.

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## **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**

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!**

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## **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.

**PICTURES OF NATIVITY:** Susan Weitzel is asking if anyone took a picture of our church nativity at night. If you do have a picture of the nativity at night please forward a copy to our church email [tlchurchlcms@yahoo.com](mailto:tlchurchlcms@yahoo.com). and I will send it to Susan. Thank you, Jan

**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,** is next 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 tomorrow, 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.

**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFJO.org:** Study John 14-16 on Sharper Iron's "The Word Became Flesh" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study Hosea 11-14 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and study Christ's Words in the Sacrament of the Altar on Concord Matters (3/25 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfjo.org](http://kfjo.org) or on the KFJO 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 KVBATV.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/>**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5:30 AM</b>	<b>Sunday 12:30 PM</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Friday 8:00 AM</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>Friday 6:30 PM</b>

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**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023: WORSHIPPED: 75 ONLINE: 7**  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2023: WORSHIPPED: 33**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023, GENERAL FUND: \$2,385.00**  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15 2023: GENERAL FUND: \$113.00**  
**DOLLAR PROJECT: \$10.00**  
**MISSION-LUTHERAN HISPANIC MISSIONARY INSTITUTE: \$51.00**

**ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**PIANIST:** Lola Ableidinger

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

**ASSISTING IN OUR LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE, MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup>**

**PIANIST:** Cyndi Heithold

<b>ELDER:</b>	Jim Wilkes	<b>SOUND TECH:</b>	Matt Anderson
<b>TELLERS:</b>	Yvonne Steeby, Becky Worley		
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Hannah Keeler		
<b>1ST LESSON:</b>	Gerald Moore	<b>2ND LESSON:</b>	Gayan Moore

**ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup>**

**PIANIST:** Lola Ableidinger

<b>HOSTS:</b>	Matt & Jill Clark	<b>ELDER:</b>	Glen Schlehuser
<b>ALTAR GUILD:</b>	Christine Schlehuser	<b>TELLERS:</b>	Shirley Enyeart
	Beverly Van Duyn		Vicki Leonard
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Hannah Keeler	<b>SOUND TECH:</b>	Jim Kline
<b>USHERS:</b>	Gerald Moore, Irvin Torres		
	Bob & Sandy Klose		
<b>1ST LESSON:</b>	Dick Dommers	<b>2ND LESSON:</b>	Hannah Keeler

**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, **Natasha Thomas**, Anthony Uttke, Tanner Wedd, and all troops serving in harms way

**LEST WE FORGET**

**PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING**

**FOR OUR HOMEBOUND**

**Kay Burger, Lothar Butzkies, Rodney Greer, Denise Griffiths, Shirley Hill**

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**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.