

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Divine Service 10:15 AM

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR

Sanctity of Life Sunday/The Confession of St. Peter

DIVINE SERVICE SETTING FOUR

✠ INDICATES TO STAND

ENTRANCE HYMN PAGE 807

“WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES”

Invocation

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

C **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution (Psalm 139)

P O Lord, You have searched me and known me!

C **You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts from afar.**

P You search out my path and my lying down

C **and are acquainted with all my ways.**

P Even before a word is on my tongue,

C **behold, O Lord, You know it altogether.**

P You hem me in, behind and before,

C **and lay Your hand upon me.**

P Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

C **it is high; I cannot attain it.**

P Almighty and Everlasting God, Your understanding comprehends all things. You see how Your creatures have departed from Your wise design. You know the desires of all humankind have become entirely unrighteous. Our thoughts, words, and deeds worship us above You and serve self instead of one another. Yet Your Son has assumed our feeble nature and feels our weakness and need. For the sake of His sacrifice, remember us in mercy. Lay not Your hand of reckoning upon us and grant remission of all our sins.

C **Amen.**

P Where shall I go from Your Spirit?

C **Or where shall I flee from Your presence?**

P If I ascend to heaven, You are there!

C If I make my bed in Sheol, You are there!

P If I take the wings of the morning

C and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

P even there Your hand shall lead me,

C and Your right hand shall hold me.

P If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,

C and the light about me be night,"

P even the darkness is not dark to You;

C the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with You.

P O Lord, our Heavenly Father, You pursue us in jealousy to the ends of the heavens and earth. We cannot flee from Your judgment nor hide from the punishments we deserve. But Your Son, our Savior Christ Jesus, has traded our guilt in exchange for His glory. His death and resurrection have brought us the light of life everlasting. Drive our evils away from us with repentance, forgiveness, and faith, that we may behold Your goodness now and evermore.

C Amen.

P For You formed my inward parts;

C You knitted me together in my mother's womb.

P I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

C Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well.

P My frame was not hidden from You,

C when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

P Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in Your book were written, every one of them,

C the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

P How precious to me are Your thoughts, O God!

C How vast is the sum of them!

P If I would count them, they are more than the sand.

C I awake, and I am still with You.

P Children of men, do not fear! Incarnate Christ Jesus has come among us, sharing both womb and world, plumbed the depths of the earth, plundered death and the tomb. Take heart, for the Almighty Maker has created, redeemed, and called you His own. Upon your confession, in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Oh, that you would slay the wicked, O God!

C O men of blood, depart from me!

P They speak against You with malicious intent;

C Your enemies take Your name in vain.

P Do I not hate those who hate You, O Lord?

C And do I not loathe those who rise up against You?

P I hate them with complete hatred;

C I count them my enemies.

P Search me, O God, and know my heart!

C Try me and know my thoughts!

P And see if there be any grievous way in me,

C and lead me in the way everlasting!

A 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.

P Lord God, our Father and Savior, open our hearts to receive and delight in Your wonders. Open our lips to rejoice and proclaim all Your works. Strengthen us in flesh and spirit to refuse wickedness and replace the lust for control with Your own truth and love. Give us courage to rescue the vulnerable and compassion to relieve the victim that together we may share Your life.

C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE *PAGE 940*

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

THE FIRST READING -- ACTS 4:8-13

P The First reading for Sanctity of Life Sunday & Confession of St. Peter is from the fourth chapter of Acts.

⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by Him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” ¹³Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE -- 2 PETER A:1-15

P The Epistle reading is from the Second chapter of 2 Peter.

¹Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: ²May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. ³His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us to His own glory and excellence, ⁴by which He has granted to us His precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. ⁵For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, ⁶and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, ⁷and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. ⁸For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. ¹⁰Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. ¹¹For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. ¹²Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. ¹³I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, ¹⁴since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. ¹⁵And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL – MARK 8:27—9:1

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the eighth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Mark 8:27-9:1 ²⁷And Jesus went on with His disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way He asked His disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they told Him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹And He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered Him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰And He strictly charged them to tell no one about Him. ³¹And He began to teach them that the Son of Man

must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And He said this plainly. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. ³³But turning and seeing His disciples, He rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." ³⁴And He called to Him the crowd with His disciples and said to them, "If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his life? ³⁸For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." ¹And He said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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"BY ALL YOUR SAINTS IN WARFARE" VERSES 1, 10, & 3 (STAND ON VERSE 3)

Sermon

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"SHEPHERD OF TENDER YOUTH"

Prayers

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P O Almighty Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, You have fearfully and wonderfully made us, created, redeemed, and called every member of our race from fertilization to forever, no matter what age, appearance, or ability. Lend us Your Holy Spirit that our lips may sound it forth with courage and our lives may show it forth in compassion. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P In Your book are written, Lord God, every one of our days. Receive our thankfulness for the birthdays and anniversaries celebrated among us this week and graciously strengthen us by these blessings to appreciate each neighbor as a gift and privilege. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P You have searched us and see every grievous way in us. Forgive us for any hesitance in assisting our neighbors endangered by sinful measures such as abortion and assisted suicide. Grant the vulnerable ones protection and rescue, grant our land reprieve from these evils, and grant repentance to all who permit or promote them. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Your all-encompassing presence and power hems us in behind and before. Work wisdom, commitment, and integrity in our officials and elected representatives that they may exercise Your authority to restrain vice and reward virtue. Secure for us a safe, free, and fair nation wherein we implement the sanctity of every human life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Dear Father in heaven, even the darkness is as light to You. Let Your relief and healing rest upon those among our number with injuries, illnesses, and any other ailments of body or soul (especially [name(s)]). Draw near in consolation to those of us experiencing surprise pregnancy, terminal diagnosis, infertility, abuse, or abandonment, that they may find hope and joy in Your kingdom. For Jesus' sake, take away the guilt and shame of hearts broken by the abortion of their own children. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lead us, O Lord and Savior, in the way everlasting. Unite us in Your Son as brothers and sisters sharing faith and fellowship unto abundant and eternal life, through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the 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.

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“GOD, WHO MADE THE EARTH AND HEAVEN” (STAND ON LAST VERSE)

NEXT WEEK'S TEXTS: Psalm 67; Acts 9:1-22; Galatians 1:11-24; Matthew 19:27-30

LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

January 18 -“Our task is to make sure that our fellow Lutherans and our neighbors know how much God loves us just as we are. Look at this fingerprint: God made each of us unique. There is no one else just like you. God knew you before you were born (Jeremiah 1:5). He knitted you together in your mother’s womb. You were fearfully and wonderfully made, and God had a plan for your life even before you took a breath in this sinful, beautiful world that He created for you (Psalm 139:13-16).” *Diane Albers, President of Lutherans For Life*

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

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

January 11 (Baptism of our Lord) – Jesus was baptized to “fulfill all righteousness” (Matthew 3:15), that all whom God created and gave breath to (Isaiah 42:5) might be baptized into His death and resurrection and have everlasting life (Romans 6:4-5). Living in that new life in Christ and dying to sin (Romans 6:7-8) means that we are to cherish all life the way God does, caring about our neighbor’s physical life and wellbeing, as well as their everlasting life in Christ.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026 THROUGH SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 A.M.	Divine Worship/Communion
		Sanctity of Life /Confession of St. Peter
		Mission Sunday-Ysleta Lutheran
		Mission
		Baby Bottle Campaign Begins
MONDAY		<i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i>
	6:30 P.M.	<i>Gideon's Meeting</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.	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 praise to God for their many blessings.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN:

The Baby Bottle Campaign begins today, Sanctity of Life Sunday. Please read the January *Trinitarian* article on Pregnancy Resources Plus to learn what they do and what your donations will be used for. You may pick up a baby bottle after church on January 18th 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 the Dollar Project). If you have questions or concerns, please talk to Hannah, the campaign coordinator.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS: If you have ordered flowers and have not paid yet, please remit the payment requested in the white envelope you have received from Cheryl. Identify your regular envelope number on the payment envelope to receive credit for the payment.

THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2026 has been posted. The following dates are still available on the 2026 flower chart: Aug. 2nd, Aug. 31st and Oct. 25th. Cheryl Richey

STEWARDSHIP: “Stewardship education is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God’s family, the church, in managing all of life’s resources for God’s purposes.” (1992 convention statement)

ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS: The Adult Sunday School has begun the study of the Catechism so that those wishing to become members of Trinity can be instructed in the Christian Faith. This instruction is also for members desiring a refresher in the faith. The class will make use of the latest 2017 catechism from CPH.

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 & KFUE.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 4-7. Join us on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9 a.m. CT) this Wednesday as we welcome Dr. Cameron MacKenzie back to the show for our latest history series, “The Battle for the Augsburg Confession.” On Concord Matters this Saturday (1/24 at 10 a.m. CT), we’ll be looking at the 6th Petition of The Lord’s Prayer. What do we do with temptation? Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org or in the KFUE 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, JAN. 11, 2026: WORSHIPPED: 60 ONLINE: 12

SUNDAY, JAN. 11, 2026: GENERAL FUND: \$847.00

PREGNANCY RESOURCES PLUS-BABY BOTTLE: \$23.00

YSLETA LUTHERAN MISSION: \$10.00

FLOWERS: \$72.00

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

HOSTS: Cody & Merry Zumwalt

ELDER: Matt Clark

ALTAR GUILD: Gayan Moore
Hannah Keeler

TELLERS: Nora Sotak
Linde Van Cleave

ATTENDANCE: Hannah Keeler

SOUND TECH: Matt Anderson

USHERS: Bob Thede, Tammy Thede
Robert Johnson, Trey Johnson

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 25TH

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

HOSTS: Susan Kelly, Hannah Keeler

ELDER: Bob Klose

LITURGIST: Bob Klose

SERMON: Dick Dommers

ALTAR GUILD: Gayan Moore
Hannah Keeler

TELLERS: Lola Ableidinger
Cheryl Sandenaw

ATTENDANCE: Hannah Keeler

SOUND TECH: Jim Kline

USHERS: Gerald Moore, Irvin Torres
Sandy Klose, Cameron Maltz

**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, 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, **Irvin Torres**, 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.