

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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SUNDAY, January 5, 2025

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Divine Service 10:15 AM

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR
THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
DIVINE SERVICE SETTING ONE**

✠ INDICATES TO STAND

OPENING HYMN PAGE 577

“ALMIGHTY GOD, YOUR WORD IS CAST”

✠ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION PAGE 151

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD PAGE 152

✠ **PSALM 119:97-104**; *antiphon: verse 99*

Pastor: ⁹⁷Oh how I love Your law!

People: It is my meditation all the day.

Pastor: ⁹⁸Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,

People: for it is ever with me.

Pastor: ⁹⁹I have more understanding than all my teachers,

People: for Your testimonies are my meditation.

Pastor: ¹⁰⁰I understand more than the aged,

People: for I keep Your precepts.

Pastor: ¹⁰¹I hold back my feet from every evil way,

People: in order to keep Your word.

Pastor: ¹⁰I do not turn aside from Your just decrees,

People: for You have taught me.

Pastor: ¹⁰³How sweet are Your words to my taste,

People: sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Pastor: ¹⁰⁴Through Your precepts I get understanding;

People: therefore I hate every false way.

**ALL: 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.**

Pastor: ⁹⁹I have more understanding than all my teachers,

People: for Your testimonies are my meditation.

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People:  And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

ALL: **Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same 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 -- 1 KINGS 3:4-15

Reader: The Old Testament reading for the second Sunday after Christmas is from the third chapter of First Kings.

⁴ The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to Your servant David my father, because he walked before You in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward You. And You have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, You have made Your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And Your servant is in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. ⁹Give Your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern Your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this Your great people?" ¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴And if you will walk in My ways, keeping My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days." ¹⁵And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL (Isaiah 9:6; Psalms 98:1a)

Pastor: to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given;

People: **and the government shall be upon His shoulder.**

Pastor: And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

People: **Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Pastor: Sing to the Lord a new song,

People: **for He has done marvelous things!**

THE EPISTLE -- EPHESIANS 1:3-14

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

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love ⁵He predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will, ⁶to the praise of His glorious grace, with which He has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, ⁸which He lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of His will, according to His purpose, which He set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of Him Who works all things according to the counsel of His will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of His glory. ¹³In Him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in Him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴Who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of His glory.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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✠ THE HOLY GOSPEL -- LUKE 2:40-52

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

People: ♪ Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁰And the Child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon Him. ⁴¹Now His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when He was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the Boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing Him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for Him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for Him. ⁴⁶After three days they found Him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers. ⁴⁸And when His parents saw Him, they were astonished. And His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You treated us so? Behold, Your father and I have been searching for You in great distress." ⁴⁹And He said to them, "Why were you looking for Me? Did you not know that I must be in My Father's house?" ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that He spoke to them. ⁵¹And He went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And His mother treasured up all these things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: ♪ Praise to You, O Christ.

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"THE LAW OF GOD IS GOOD AND WISE"

THE SERMON "MADE WISE"

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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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“SPEAK, O LORD YOUR SERVANT LISTENS”

Acknowledgments

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NEXT WEEK'S TEXTS: Psalm 29; Isaiah 42:1-9; Romans 6:1-11; Luke 3:15-22

NEXT WEEK: Our children in public schools are not taught that all that is came from a loving God but somehow, by chance of astronomical proportions came into being out of nothing. What are they missing?

THIS WEEKS READINGS: Isaiah 26--39

1. Even though the Lord warns Israel through Isaiah, He has many verses that tell of His mercy in spite of the coming judgement. Pick one and think how that would inspire you to change your ways.
2. What things in the Lord's dealing with Hezekiah encourages you as you deal with the challenges in your life?

T H I S W E E K

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025 THROUGH SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 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
MONDAY		Epiphany
	5:30 P.M.	Board of Education Meeting
TUESDAY	8:30 A.M.	Pastoral Circuit Conf.- Mission, Las Cruces
	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
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 A.M.	Divine Worship
	After Service	"The Chosen"

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers adorning the chancel area this morning have been placed to the glory of God by Bob & Sandy Klose in celebration of their granddaughter Hunter's birthday.

LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

January 5 – Second Sunday after Christmas - Luke 2:40 – “And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.” At Christmas God became man. And as a man, Jesus grew up and increased in strength and wisdom. We are called to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, to grow in His image. The power for this growth comes from receiving the grace of Jesus in His Word and Sacraments. How is the Lord calling you to grow this year?

LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

January 5 - “Let the peace of Christ change how you live—clothing yourself with godly virtues reflecting a thankful heart. Carry this peace that the angels proclaimed and Simeon saw. It sets the tone for the coming year, another year you get to live as God’s child in the peace of Jesus.” *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota* -**A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life** — www.lutheransforlife.org

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

January 5 – Christmas II – No human life—and no human pregnancy—ever goes unplanned or unwanted by Almighty God. Ephesians’ first chapter makes clear the Heavenly Father conceived each precious person “before the foundation of

the world" (Ephesians 1:4). And the coming of Christ Jesus incorporates male and female, old or young, into heaven's household by adoption. Children come as Gospel gifts!

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

PLEASE BEGIN SAVING YOUR CHANGE: The 2025 Baby Bottle Campaign will begin on Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, January 19th. The campaign will run until February 23rd when all bottles should have been returned. Please keep this campaign in mind as you accumulate change in the next few weeks. More information will be available in the January *Trinitarian* and in upcoming bulletins.

FLOWER CHART FOR 2025 has been posted. Please sign up for your special occasions or in memory of someone. The cost is \$36.00 for two arrangements or if you would like to share with someone the cost is \$18.00. I would like to ask that you come to the front of the church after the service on the Sunday you have flowers and I will give you the flower arrangements. Thank you to all of you who have been faithful in providing flowers. Cheryl Richey

"THE CHOSEN": The next showing of "*The Chosen*" will be on Sunday, January 12th. Please plan to join us after the church service, in the Bible Study room.

EVANGELISM: The next Evangelism meeting will be Monday January 13th at 5:30pm. We welcome anyone that may wish to attend.

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.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM 850 & KFUE.org: Celebrate the season of Christmas with sacred music and songs during the 12 Days of Christmas, December 24th-January 6th. Regular programming will resume on Jan. 7th.

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.

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

CHRISTMAS EVE, DEC. 24, 2024: WORSHIPPED: 106
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024: WORSHIPPED: 102
NEW YEAR'S EVE, DEC. 31, 2024 WORSHIPPED: 32 COMMUNED: 31 ONLINE: 3
CHRISTMAS EVE, DEC. 24, 2024: GENERAL FUND: \$563.25
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024: GENERAL FUND: \$840.00
DOLLAR PROJECT: \$14.00
MISSION-LUTHER HERITAGE FOUNDATION: \$10.00

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

HOSTS:	Cheryl Sandenaw & Wilma Jaecks	ELDER:	Dick Dommers
ALTAR GUILD:	Sandy Krueger Stacy Johnson	TELLERS:	Joyce Macon Vicki Leonard
ATTENDANCE:	Bob Klose	SOUND TECH:	Vicki Leonard
USHERS:	Tom Blackmon, Jim Fladhammer Larry & Beverly Van Duyn		
1ST LESSON:	Ruth Wilkes	2ND LESSON:	Jim Wilkes

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 12TH

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

HOSTS:	Robert & Stacy Johnson	ELDER:	Matt Anderson
ALTAR GUILD:	Sandy Krueger Stacy Johnson	TELLERS:	Dick Dommers Merry Zumwalt
ATTENDANCE:	Bob Klose	SOUND TECH:	Bob Klose
USHERS:	Norbert Sanchez, Susan Kelly Glen & Christine Schlehuser		
1ST LESSON:	Bob Klose	2ND LESSON:	Sandy Klose

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

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

Darrell & Sheila Anderson, Darren Belcher, Donna Belcher, **Allen Burmeister**, Ellen Clark, Douglas Clark, Vicky Cosio, **Pastor Kevin Cramm**, Donna & Billie Crawford, Mike Fladhammer, Lee Fellows, Janet Fidel, Gari Ann Gage, **Darlene Gilmore**, Donna Holiday, Veronica Holman, Scout Hughes, **Kristi Humphrey**, Jim Johnson, Michelle Luevano, **Robyn Luevano**, Carey Mitchell, Rick Morrison, Damian Orchard, Cindy Ostler, Chad Parks, Rachel Preus, Logan Radford, Connie Rogers, Laura Salazar, Jessica Schroeder, Judy Smith, Roger Strom, Sarah Van Dorn, Ann Waghorn, Hannah Weathers, Betty Wilkes, Paul Woodruff, Karen Zinn, 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, Cody Phelps, Daniel Smelser, Bryant Roeske, Kyle Steeby, 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

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.