

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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SUNDAY, January 12, 2025

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Divine Service 10:15 AM

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD SUNDAY
DIVINE SERVICE SETTING ONE**

✠ INDICATES TO STAND

OPENING HYMN PAGE 407

“TO JORDAN CAME THE CHRIST, OUR LORD” VERSES 1--4

✠ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION PAGE 151

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD PAGE 152

✠ **PSALM 29**; *antiphon: verse 3*

Pastor: ¹Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,

People: ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Pastor: ²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;

People: worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

Pastor: ³The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

People: the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.

Pastor: ⁴The voice of the LORD is powerful;

People: the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

Pastor: ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;

People: the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

Pastor: ⁶He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,

People: and Sirion like a young wild ox.

Pastor: ⁷The voice of the LORD

People: flashes forth flames of fire.

Pastor: ⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;

People: the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

Pastor: ⁹The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare,

People: and in His temple all cry, “Glory!”

Pastor: ¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;

People: the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

Pastor: ¹¹May the LORD give strength to His people!

People: May the LORD bless His people with peace!

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: ³The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

People: the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.

✠ **KYRIE** PAGE 152

✠ **THIS GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** PAGE 154

✠ **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: ♪ **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

ALL: Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ♪ Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING -- ISAIAH 43:1-7

Reader: The Old Testament reading for the Baptism of our Lord is from the forty-third chapter of Isaiah.

¹But now thus says the LORD, He Who created you, O Jacob, He Who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴Because you are precious in My eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. ⁵Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. ⁶I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring My sons from afar and My daughters from the end of the earth, ⁷everyone who is called by My name, whom I created for My glory, whom I formed and made."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL (Psalm 117:1-2a;96:8)

Pastor: Praise the LORD, all nations!

People: Extol Him, all peoples!

Pastor: For great is His steadfast love toward us,

People: and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Pastor: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;

People: bring an offering, and come into His courts!

THE EPISTLE -- ROMANS 6:1-11

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

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? ⁴We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. ¹⁰For the death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

✠ VERSE FOR THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

People: Alleluia. You are my beloved Son; with You I am well pleased. Alleluia.

✠ THE HOLY GOSPEL -- LUKE 3:15-22

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

People: 🎵 Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but He Who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of Whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in His hand, to clear His threshing floor and to gather the wheat into His barn, but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire." ¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison. ²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on Him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: 🎵 Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY PAGE 966

"BEFORE YOU, LORD WE BOW"

THE SERMON "ASCRIBE TO THE LORD"

✠ THE APOSTLE'S CREED PAGE 159

✠ THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

✠ OFFERTORY PAGE 159

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"HOLY GOD WE PRAISE YOUR NAME"

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NEXT WEEK'S TEXTS: Psalm 27; Isaiah 9:2-7; Ephesians 5:6-13; John 1:1-14

NEXT WEEK: How has the Lord blessed you?

THIS WEEKS READINGS: Isaiah 40--52

1. Isaiah 40 begins with the word "Comfort". What comfort do you get according to verse 8?
2. In the readings for this week there is a text that points to Jesus the day of His crucifixion. How does it help us to see what He went through for us?

T H I S W E E K

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025 THROUGH SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 A.M.	Divine Worship
	After Service	"The Chosen"
MONDAY	5:30 P.M.	Board of Evangelism Meeting
TUESDAY	9:30 A.M.	Ruth Bible Study
	11:00 A.M.	Pastor Cramm's funeral service
WEDNESDAY	9:00 A.M.	Men's Bible Study
	10:30 A.M.	TOPS
	4:45 P.M.	Bell Practice
THURSDAY	9:30 A.M.	Quilters
	7:00 P.M.	Board of Directors Meeting
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 A.M.	Divine Worship/Communion
		Sanctity of Life Sunday
		Mission Sunday-Ysleta Lutheran Mission
		Baby Bottle Campaign Begins

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers adorning the chancel area this morning have been placed to the glory of God by Rick & Nora Sotak in memory of their parents.

LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

January 12 – Baptism of Our Lord - Luke 3:21 – “Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying ...” We know why the people were baptized, but why was Jesus baptized? He didn’t need repentance or forgiveness. The answer is that He did it for us. The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. The whole of Jesus’ life, everything He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us. With our righteousness fulfilled in Jesus and given to us in Baptism, our hearts now overflow with thanksgiving and praise.

LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

January 12 - “From the moment you were being knitted together in your mother’s womb (Psalm 139:13), God began His careful construction of His chosen jewel of redemption.” *Rev. Adam Osier, Dean, Free Lutheran Bible College, Plymouth, Minnesota -A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life — www.lutheransforlife.org*

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

January 12 – Epiphany /Baptism of Our Lord – With the sacrament of Baptism, the Lord Jesus makes childbirth central to the Christian Gospel. The coming forth of new life always provides cause for celebration because the Savior has sanctified it. Human beings as helpless and dependent as gestating babies have His blessing: “You are my beloved child, and with you I am well pleased” (Luke 3:22).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUNERAL SERVICE: The funeral service for Pastor Cramm will be Tuesday morning at 11:00 am, followed by a meal in the Great Room. Visitation will be Monday evening from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Alamogordo Funeral Home on 1st street.

EDUCATION: There will be an education meeting after the worship service today in the Library.

EVANGELISM: The next Evangelism meeting will be tomorrow, January 13th at 5:30 p.m. We welcome anyone that may wish to attend.

THANK YOU: A great big thank to Abby Anderson for all her hard work on the children’s Activity Day on Monday, December 30th. There were 6 children that came to the activity and everyone had a good time.

PRAYER PAGE: I have removed some of the names from our prayer page at the back of the bulletin and placed them on the Long Term list in the Trinitarian. If there is someone you wish to remain on the prayer list in the bulletin please let me know. Thank you. Jan.

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 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 after church today. Please plan to join us after the church service, in the Bible Study room.

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: We continue our study of Isaiah on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT) with chapters 19-24. On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT), we wrap up John's first letter, and continue with 2nd and 3rd John. Don't forget to tune into Concord Matters this Saturday (1/18 at 10 a.m. CT) to learn about confessional subscription. What is it, and why do our churches practice it? 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.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

PLEASE SAVE YOUR CHANGE: The 2025 Baby Bottle Campaign will begin next Sunday, Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. 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 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 preborn children: *"I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well."* (Psalm 139:14 ESV)

- Pray for the precious lives of preborn children. Pray that every preborn child, regardless of their circumstances, would be recognized as made in God's image, deserving of life and protection.
- Ask the Lord to move hearts to defend and cherish these little ones, not viewing them as a burden, but delighting to give them the opportunity to live, thrive, and glorify God.

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 5, 2025: WORSHIPPED: 67 COMMUNED: 57

FINANCIALS NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

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

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 19TH

MUSIC: Bobby Anderson

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

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

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

Darrell & Sheila Anderson, Allen Burmeister, Ellen Clark, Douglas Clark, Vicky Cosio, Mike Fladhammer, Veronica Holman, Scout Hughes, **Kristi Humphrey,** Jim Johnson, **Robyn Luevano,** Carey Mitchell, Rachel Preus, Logan Radford, Connie Rogers, Jessica Schroeder, Judy Smith, Roger Strom, Ann Waghorn, Betty Wilkes, Goldie Williamson, 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

Family and friends of **Pastor Kevin Cramm,**
Family & friends of Charles Newby (uncle of Matt Clark)

PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING

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.