





The first part in the series: "Knowing God"

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*congregation stands

AS WE GATHER

Today we begin a series titled *Knowing God*. Needless to say, there is a lot to know! This weekend's topic? Our All-Knowing God!

OPENING HYMN IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE LSB 802, vs. 1–3

*INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP from selected verses in Philippians 3 and Hosea 6

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
- C Amen.
- P I count everything as loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.
- C For his sake, I count all things as rubbish.
- P In order that I may know Christ—
- C And be found in him.
- P Not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ.
- C That I may know him and the power of his resurrection—
- P And may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death.
- C Come, let us know—
- C Let us press on to know the LORD!

***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P With splendid assurance of forgiveness, God invites all sinners to confess their sins against him. We pause—for more than a moment—to consider our sins against God and the wrongs we have inflicted upon each other. Most Holy God, Creator and Judge of all—
- C I confess that I have sinned against you.
- P "Seek the Lord while he may be found. Call upon him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil person his thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord and he will have mercy on them and to our God, for he will freely pardon." (Isaiah 55:7)
- C I must return to you, my God! I have gone my own way and cannot depart from sin and death.
- P "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise." (Psalm 51:17)
- C Look with mercy upon my broken spirit and restore to me the joy of salvation.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P God welcomes you through Jesus Christ who says, "The person who comes to me I will never turn away" (John 6:37). By the command of our God and as his called servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Come, let us know.
- C Let us press on to know the LORD!

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight; All laud we would render: O help us to see 'Tis only the splendor of light that hides Thee.
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***KYRIE**

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

***SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray. Heavenly Father, you reveal yourself in the majesty and might of creation. But all the more, you show us your loving heart through the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ. Send us your Holy Spirit so we know you more deeply and love you more profoundly. We ask this in Jesus' name.
- C Amen.

*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS sung—tune LSB 154

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:
 We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.
 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:
 You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
 You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
 For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
 You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

¹Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly! ²Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King! Psalm 149

*HYMN

³Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!
⁴For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.
⁵Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds.
⁶Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands,
⁷to execute vengeance on the nations and punishments on the peoples,
⁸to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron,
⁹to execute on them the judgment written! This is honor for all his godly ones. Praise the LORD!

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

EPISTLE

¹²For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***HOLY GOSPEL**

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁶"So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

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

Hebrews 4:12-13

Matthew 10:26-33

*APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

> And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SERMON

OUR ALL-KNOWING GOD

HYMN OF THE DAY JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE LSB 803

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INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND STAFF

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

After every petition:

- P Come, let us know,
- C Let us press on to know the LORD. (based on Hosea 6:3)

*LORD'S PRAYER

 Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

- P Now to our God, who is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, according to the power at work within us—
- C To him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus—
- C Throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

HYMN TO DEPARTLORD DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSINGLSB 924SILENT PRAYER

Jesus, you know everything about me-literally-and you still love me. Hallelujah! Amen.

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		September 11, 2022	September 18, 2022
Musician		Diane Streich	Merlin Simon
Cantor		Andy Koch	Dave Workman
Altar Guild I		Roxanne Foley	Roxanne Foley
Elder	8am	Andy Olson	Open
	10:30am	Kurt Vallin	Open
Reader	8am	Tim Morris	Peter Olsen
	10:30am	Kurt Vallin	Keith Prusak
Usher Team	8am	Layne Streich	Gary Sheets
	10:30am	Lance Halverson	Open
Greeter(s)	8am	Open	Open
	10:30am	Open	Open
Acolyte(s)	8am	Ayantu Benya	Open
	10:30am	Open	Andrew Swenson
Projectionist	8am	Caleb Morris	Peter Olsen
	10:30am	Jean Peterson	Ben Swenson
Live Stream	8am	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas

Serving our Lord

COMI	COMING UP AT TLO—September 11, 2022 —September 18, 2022				
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST					
Sun	8:00*am	Worship			
	9:15am	Preschool through Grade 8 Sunday school; meet in upper school hallways			
	9:15am	Adult Bible class—Spiritual Conversations in a Digital Age; gym			
	10:30am	Worship			
	11:30am	Picnic and Rally Day activitiesJoin in!			
	12:30pm	Peniel Evangelical Church worship			
Mon	10:00am	Adult Bible study			
	6:30pm	Trail Life Troop 2950 Open House			
	7:00pm	CRUX Ministryall grade 9-12 students invited to join in!			
Tue	7:00pm	Board of Trustees			
Wed	6:30am	Men's Bible study			
Fri	9:00am	Women of the Word (WoW) Bible study			
Sat	9:00am	Women's Bible study			
	9:00am	LEGO Derby at St. James Lutheran, WSPjoin the fun!			
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST					
Sun	8:00*am	Worship with Holy Communion			
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages			
	10:30am	Worship with Holy Communion			
	12:30pm	Peniel Evangelical Church worship			
*wor	ship online at w	ww.trinityloneoak.org			

Rally Day Schedule

TODAY! Sunday, September 11, 2022

8:00*am—Worship in sanctuary

9:15am—Education for all ages

- Preschool through grade 8 students—meet in school upper hallway
- Sr. High You—meet in Youth Room
- Adults-Spiritual Conversations in the Digital Age, led by Pastor Lessing, TLO Gym

10:30am—Worship in sanctuary

11:30am—Picnic and family activities! Activities include water balloon launching, bubbles, kites, outdoor games. Fun guaranteed or your money back!





Sunday school begins TODAY, Sept 11, 9:15am

Jesus loves us so much that He willingly suffered and died for the sins of the world. We know the message of God's love for us is true because the Bible tells us so, and we teach the Bible to ages 3 through adult on Sunday mornings. Register your

child(ren) online or with the forms in our narthex and join in!

TLO Sunday school greeters needed

We are looking for volunteers to serve as a Sunday School Greeter on Sunday mornings from 9:00-9:30am. You will be serving at a table in the TLO School Entry Hallway and will be the friendly face to welcome students as they arrive for Sunday School. Duties include: direct students to their classrooms; provide parents with registration forms and classroom location maps; answer questions as they arise. Please contact the church office to volunteer your time. Questions? Contact Lynn Kroonblawd (651-235-8259 or kroonblawd86@q.com). Thank you for serving in our Sunday School!

Confirmation Class Confirmation class for grade 7 and 8 students is taught within the TLO School day and weekly for those attending public schools. Contact the church office if you'd like to enroll your child(ren) in our program that teaches the sacramental truths of the Bible.

Sunday Morning Coffee Hour TLO is seeking volunteers to host coffee on Sunday mornings during the Bible study hour. Contact the church office if you'd like to help out!

Theater Outing Join us at Ames Center, Burnsville, on October 27 for a 1:00pm performance by Church Basement Ladies "Plowin' Thru." We have eight (8) tickets available for \$28 each. To reserve your seat, contact and send your payment to Irma Bjork, 651-452-2949

REVITALITY Sheperding Our Strays Workshop Saturday, October 15 | 8am -3pm

This workshop explores the "what?" and "why?" of serving inactive members, learning how to show intentional care to our straying or strayed members. To ensure that we have materials for all workshop participants, please pre-register by September 15 on our website or by calling the church office.



Trail Life Open House September 12 | 6:30pm | TLO Gym

Trail Life, for boys K-12th grade, combines outdoor skills and leadership opportunities with discipleship, fun activities, active learning and advancement to help our boys develop into courageous young men ready to honor God, lead with integrity, and serve God and their families.

Troop meetings are held on the first and third Mondays from 6:30-7:45pm. We also schedule activities on weekends for outdoor fun and opportunities to serve.

Troop MN-2950 invites you to a Join the Trail Open House. This event will include a Parent Meeting for new families interested in learning about Trail Life and Troop MN-2950, and activities for the boys. RSVP helpful but not required.



From actor Kirk Cameron and the Kendrick brothers comes a new inspirational movie called "Lifemark." The film tells the true story of a young man named David, who was adopted as an infant and later meets his birth parents when he is 18 years old. The film engages the subject of adoption from the perspectives of the adopted child, the adoptive parents and the biological parents — all of whom are faced with potential challenges and joys through the adoption process.

LCMS Life Ministry has prepared several resources for individuals, families, high school groups and others who are interested in watching the film. The resources are meant to help viewers examine the movie's themes — adoption, family, identity, forgiveness, the precious gift of life and more — from a Lutheran perspective. Contact the church office if you'd like a print copy of the study guides developed by LCMS Life Ministries.

Click to view trailer

Click for movie study guide developed by LCMS Life Ministries

Lifemark will be at AMC Inver Grove, Marcus Rosemount and AMC Apple Valley through September 15.

Spiritual Conversations in The Digital Age Sundays | 9:15am | Sept. 11 - Oct. 16

Evangelism has changed in the past quarter century. The ways Christians share, how often they engage in spiritual conversations and their goals for sharing faith are different. And in a culture where relativism is the norm and fewer believe in absolute truth, the attitudes and responses of those who hear the Gospel have also evolved.



Spiritual Conversations in the Digital Age offers insights on topics like: shifting definitions and practices of evangelism over the past 25 years, perceptions of faith sharing, a data-based profile of a good evangelist, infographics and other data visualizations, and more. Technology and rapid cultural shifts may have altered the face of evangelism, but the Great Commission remains.

Pastor Lessing leads this fascinating study; Invite a friend to learn with you!

WEEKLY DEPOSITS: September 4, 2022

General Fund Income:						
Current and Mission Weekly Offering	\$	7,195.00				
(Our offering budget is \$8,175 per week)	(Our offering budget is \$8,175 per week)					
Building Reserve Fund	\$	540.00				
(Our offering budget is \$665 for per week)	(Our offering budget is \$665 for per week)					
1883 School Annual Fund	\$	20.00				
1883 School Annual Fund in memory of Norman Sell	\$	20.00				
1883 School Annual Fund in memory of Linda Darsow	\$	20.00				
Tuition	\$	19,752.27				
Verizon Tower Rental	\$	1,844.81				
Church and school fees	\$	5,628.15				
Subtotal General Fund Income	\$	35,020.23				
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)						
YTF2	\$	1,050.00				
Acorn Scholarship Fund	\$	20.00				
Subtotal Special Fund Income	\$	1,070.00				



Remember in Prayer

Brent and Heather Bielec, on the death of Brent's dad, Jeff Pat Casby, husband of preschool teacher, Julie Casby, undergoing tests September 14 Rich and Dixie Cliff George (Ted) Hakanson, Greg's father, chemo complete; prayers for continued healing Andy Koch--undergoing tests September 12 Corinne Kroonblawd, Pastor's mom, in hospice Joseph Labhart (Flannery's grandson) ongoing health concerns Dan Linse, successful surgery; pray for full recovery For Jordan Lowry and his family, Marisa, Garrett and Eli, on his military deployment. Pam Murphy, experiencing health problems and further testing Brian Motz in need of our prayers Ian Olander, TLO Grade 3 student, starting treatments on tumor Rob Orr, recovering from surgery August 24; prayer for strength as he returns to duties John Prusak, Keith's father, struggling with Parkinson's and dementia Verna Ratzlaff, recovering after surgery Billy D. Swain, ongoing health concerns Laverne and Beverly Ziebell, prayers as they both battle covid and make life-changing decisions



Prayer for blessing on the Word

Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to

saving faith. May Your Word pass from ear to the heart, form the hear to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen



Birthdays this week

- Sept 11 Brad Rahn, Jonathan Rossmann, Evon Vik
- Sept 12 Stephan Cahn, Jennifer Hood, Jon Peterson
- Sept 13 Liam Niehaus, Lillian Olander, Glenn Vierling
- Sept 14 Finnegan Bruggemann, Jebin Joseph
- Sept 15 Jenna Arnold

Anniversaries this week

- Sept 11 Diane and John Markgraf
- Sept 12 Jeff and Diane Forthun



Welcome Guests

We are glad you are here today! Here are a few things we thought you would like to know to help you feel at home with us today. If you are visiting please introduce yourself to one of our pastors, a greeter or an usher. We love to

make new friends!

For those with small children, a nursery is available, located in the narthex, if you need a place to care for your child. Children's bulletins are in the narthex, or ask an usher.

Restrooms are located to the east end of the narthex near the main entrance.

Large print copies of the worship folder are available. Please ask an usher.

INTRODUCING TLO's CRUX: Culture, **R**elationship, **U**nderstanding, e**X**ample.

CRUX High School Group is focused on providing High School aged students a space to examine the difficult and pressing questions about being a Christian in America from a traditional Lutheran perspective, and empower students to live authentic Christian lives.

Meeting times: Second and Fourth Mondays beginning September 12 at 7:00pm

Topics: modern philosophy, identity, relationships, education, service, Church.

Meeting space: Youth Commons at TLO

Light refreshments provided.

Mention this opportunity to anyone that you know if grades 9-12!



LEGO Derby Saturday, September 17, 9am - 1 pm St. James Lutheran Church, West St. Paul

Kids in grades K-8 are invited to build and race a care in this family-friendly event. Chassis, Legos, and Lunch provided. TLO Trail Life Troop MN-2950 is co-hosting this event and will carpool from TLO at 8:40am to St. James Lutheran Church, West St. Paul. It is not necessary for you to be a member of Trail Life, and you can meet us at the event. Don't miss the fun!