



"Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness..." 1 Timothy 3:16

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* Congregation Stands

HYMN

Savior of the Nations Come

LSB 332, vs. 1, 4, 6, 7



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make
 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and
 6 For You are the Fa - ther's Son Who in flesh the
 7 From the man - ger new - born light Shines in glo - ry



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,
 king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,
 vic - t'ry won. By Your might - y pow'r make whole
 through the night. Dark - ness there no more re - sides;



That the Lord chose such a birth.
 His he - ro - ic course be - gan.
 All our ills of flesh and soul.
 In this light faith now a - bides.

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***INVOCATION**

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
 C **Amen.**

***OPENING SENTENCES**

Luke 2:30, 32; Psalm 71:19, 23

P Alleluia! My eyes have seen Your salvation,
 C **a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people Israel. Alleluia!**

P Your righteousness, O God, reaches the high heavens.
 C **You who have done great things, O God, who is like You?**

P My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to You;
 C **my soul also, which You have redeemed.**

*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P People redeemed by the Lord, let us now make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.
- C **Merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We repent of having sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have left undone those things we ought to have done; we have done those things we ought not to have done. We have not lived our lives fully in the freedom won for us by our Lord. We have not always shared the bounty You have given us as stewards of Your creation. We sincerely repent of our sins and humbly ask Your grace and forgiveness in Jesus, our Savior. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, lead us to change what is sinful in our lives that each day we grow in righteousness and godly living to the glory of Your holy name.**
- P God has promised pardon, life, and salvation because of the atoning sacrifice of His beloved Son, who has replaced slavery to sin with a priceless inheritance of freedom and joy. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. As you believe, so may it be.
- C **Amen.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Angels From the Realms of Glory

LSB 367, vs. 1, 2

1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your
all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,
Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.
Yon - der shines the In - fant Light.

Refrain
Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;
Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

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*KYRIE

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

*SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 61:10—62:3

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;

my soul shall exult in my God,

for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;

he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,

and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,

and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,

so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise

to sprout up before all the nations.

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,

and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,

until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,

and her salvation as a burning torch.

²The nations shall see your righteousness,

and all the kings your glory,

and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM (I – Lectern side; II – Pulpit side)

Psalms 111

C Praise the LORD!

I *I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.*

C Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

II *Full of splendor and majesty is His work, and His righteousness endures forever.*

C He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

I *He provides food for those who fear Him; He remembers His covenant forever.*

C He has shown His people the power of His works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

II *The works of His hands are faithful and just; all His precepts are trustworthy; they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.*

C He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever. Holy and awesome is His name! The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

**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.**

EPISTLE

1 Timothy 3:14–16

¹⁴I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, ¹⁵if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of truth. ¹⁶Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:

He was manifested in the flesh,
vindicated by the Spirit,
seen by angels,
proclaimed among the nations,
believed on in the world,
taken up in glory.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS AND JOY TO THE WORLD

TLO Preschool students

***GRADUAL** (I – Lectern side; II – Pulpit side)

Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a

C To us a child is born, to us a son is given;

I and the government shall be upon His shoulder.

II And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

C Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

***HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 2:22–40

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²²When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

²⁹"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation

³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel."

³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

³⁶And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

***APOSTLES' CREED**—*See projection*

HYMN

Let All Together Praise the Lord

LSB 389, vs. 1, 4



1 O sing of Christ, whose birth made known The kind-ness of the Lord,
4 Lord Je-sus Christ, You deigned to dwell A-mong us here on earth



E - ter - nal Word made flesh and bone So we could be re - stored.
As God with us, Em - man - u - el, To bring this ho - ly birth.



Up - on our frail hu - man-i - ty God's fin - ger chose to trace
Though rich, You will - ing - ly be - came One with our pov - er - ty,



The full-ness of His de - i - ty, The i - con of His grace.
That we might share Your wealth and name For all e - ter - ni - ty!

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SERMON

The Mystery of Godliness is Great

HYMN

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

LSB 393



1 In - fant ho - ly, In - fant low - ly, For His bed a cat - tle stall;
2 Flocks were sleep - ing, Shep - herds keep - ing Vig - il till the morn - ing new



Ox - en low - ing, Lit - tle know - ing Christ the child is Lord of all.
Saw the glo - ry, Heard the sto - ry, Tid - ings of a Gos - pel true.



Swift - ly wing - ing, An - gels sing - ing, Bells are ring - ing, Tid - ings bring - ing:
Thus re - joic - ing, Free from sor - row, Prais - es voic - ing, Greet the mor - row:



Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

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*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

***LORD'S PRAYER**—*See projection*

*BENEDICTION

P Go out into the world in peace, have courage, hold to what is good, return no person evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor all of God's people, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. The almighty God—the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless you and keep you and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

HYMN TO DEPART

Let Us All With Gladsome Voice

LSB 390, vs. 1, 3, 4



1 Let us all with glad-some voice Praise the God of heav - en,
3 We are rich, for He was poor; Is not this a won - der?
4 Christ, our Lord and Sav - ior dear, Be Thou ev - er near us.



Who, to bid our hearts re - joice, His own Son hath giv - en.
There-fore praise God ev - er - more Here on earth and yon - der.
Grant us now a glad new year. A - men, Je - sus, hear us.

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Serving our Lord this week

	9:00am Sun. December 29, 2020		Sunday, January 3, 2021
Musician	Marsha Workman		Diane Streich
Cantor	Dave Workman		Andy Koch
Altar Guild	Karen Turnmire and Nancy Strand		Sharon Drews and Connie Kohn
Elder(s)	9:00am	8am	Jon Peterson
	Jim Nicklas	10:30am	Jim Nicklas
Reader	9:00am	8am	Open
	Jon Peterson	10:30am	Open
Usher Team	9:00am	8am	Gary Sheets
	Layne Streich/Lance Halverson	10:30am	Open
Greeter(s)	9:00am	8am	Leonard and Arlene Perron
	Karen Turnmire	10:30am	Open
Acolyte	9:00am	8am	Open
	Open	10:30am	Jacob Seeman
Projection	9:00am	8am	Open
	Jean Peterson	10:30am	Matt Seeman
Cleaner	9:00am	8am	Open
	Open	10:30am	Open



Christmas CD's

We have a few Christmas CD from the TLO choir in the 70's and 80's. Likely you know many of the singers! First come first served; see Jean to get a copy.

COMING UP THIS WEEK — December 27, 2020 – January 3, 2020		
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS		
Sun	9:00am	Worship in sanctuary
	10:00am	Adult Bible study; no Sunday school
		worship online at www.trinityloneoak.org
Mon	No school—Christmas Break—School resumes January 4, 2021	
Wed	6:30am	Men's Bible study
Thur		Church office closed
Fri		Church office closed
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS		
Sun	8:00am	Worship with Holy Communion in sanctuary
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages; meet in gym
	10:30am	Worship with Holy Communion in sanctuary
		worship online at www.trinityloneoak.org

WEEKLY DEPOSIT: December 20, 2020

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering	\$	5,561.00
(Our Weekly Offering budget is \$7,692.00 per week)			
	Building Reserve Fund	\$	285.00
(Our Weekly Offering budget is \$635.00 per week)			
	Sunday school	\$	3.00
	1883 School Annual Fund	\$	830.00
	Thrivent Choice to 1883 School Annual Fund	\$	212.00
	Acorn Scholarship Fund	\$	4,427.00
	Tuition	\$	5,483.49
	Church and school fees	\$	3,038.71
	Subtotal General Fund Income	\$	19,840.20
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2	\$	1,175.00
	YI Stamps through LCEF	\$	191.00
	Subtotal Special Fund Income	\$	1,366.00

Fiscal Year To Date as of December 20, 2020

Current and Mission Income:			
	YTD Budgeted Giving (\$7,692.00 per week for 14 weeks)	\$	192,300.00
	YTD Actual Giving	\$	196,208.82
	YTD Difference	\$	3,908.82
Building Reserve Fund Income:			
	YTD Budgeted Giving (\$635.00 per week for 14 weeks)		15,875.00
	YTD Actual Giving		15,490.00
	YTD Difference		-385.00



Berean Baptist is a distribution location for Farmers to Families providing boxes of fresh produce and dairy to any who have need; no intake process or proof of financial need required. Distribution is scheduled on Dec 29 from 2-6pm. Call 952-432-7168 for more info.

Remember in Prayer

Richard and Corrine, Jenna Arnold's dad and step mom. Corrine receives low level chemo every two weeks making her ill. Family requests continued prayers for healing and comfort.

Daryl Buecksler, thanksgiving he's recovered so well from hip surgery

Eddie Burdick, Pam's husband, overall health in dealing with on-going concerns

Rich Cliff, recovering from eye surgery

Ginny Flo, recovering from surgery

Dan Jones, brother of David Jones and Julie Casby, hospitalized and very ill

Chris Krauss, son of John, diagnosed with prostate cancer

Cory Kroonblawd - completing final year of pastoral education at CTS - Ft. Wayne, IN

Joseph Labhart (Flannery's grandson) ongoing health concerns

Dan Linse recovering from heart surgery

Brian Motz - prayers for continued healing

Marvin Rahn for strength and good health while living at Brookdale in Eagan

Billy D. Swain, ongoing health concerns.

Char Timm; prayers for sight to return to her left eye

Robert Vail, brother of Barbara, diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and working through treatment

Glenn Vierling, hospitalized with serious complications from covid

Diane Vierling, home from the hospital and struggling with full recovery from covid

Laverne Ziebell, prayers requested as he works through ongoing health problems



Fa La La Lights! Scavenger Hunt

Jesus said, *"I am the Light of the World."* John 8:12.

Jesus lights up our hearts with His love, forgiveness, joy and peace!

As we celebrate the real Light of Christmas, TLO Sunday School hopes our students are enjoying the *Fa La La Lights! Scavenger Hunt!*

We'd love to see photos of your family in the hunt! Please send a photo to the church office so we can share with the congregation.



Birthdays this week

Dec 29 Elijah Buecksler, Pam Burdick

Dec 31 Wayne Beckman, Sam Erdman, Nancy Kolesar



Every One His Witness Study Group

Starts January 10, 2021 | 9:15am | TLO Gym

“ Every baptized Christian is a “spiritual priest” called to bear witness to Christ in the context of his/her vocations in life. Here is the first major Lutheran resource to equip the saints to do just that. The core paradigm for sharing Christ and inviting people to church is simple and memorable. The modules directed at specific and diverse individuals are marvelous. I’ve taken the core course myself.

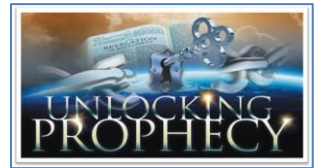
The low-pressure, natural approach to folks who need Christ is spot on. Let’s go (Mark 1:38)! — Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison President, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. *To ensure TLO has plenty materials, please sign up for the class through the church office or our website.*

Biblical Prophecy: Are We Living in the Last Days?

Pastor Lessing, Seminar Leader

Saturday, January 16 | 9am-3pm | in person AND via zoom

In the midst of ongoing terrorism and chaos, pandemics and crazy politics, millions of people are looking for answers to so many questions. Questions will be answered and comfort and hope in Christ will abound. Invite your friends! Register to attend in person or zoom at trinityloneoak.org or through the church office.



A NEW YEAR! A NEW YOU!

January 6–February 10, 2021 | 6:30pm | via Zoom

Begin the new year with a new you! In his Small Catechism Martin Luther writes this about baptism. “It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new person should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.” In baptism God gives a new you. In this Bible Study we will discuss these topics:

- **Balancing** our New Life
- A New **Heart**
- A New **Mind**
- New **Relationships**
- A New **Body**

St. Paul writes in Romans 6:4, “We were buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.” Plan now to rediscover a new you for a new year. Sign up today for the Zoom class led by Pastor Lessing!