



Second Sunday in Lent

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AS WE GATHER

Many of our hymns begin with a simple declaration, such as “A mighty fortress is our God” (*LSB* 656/657) or “Your kingdom, O God, is my glorious treasure” (*LSB* 654). A few include an exclamation and so have an exclamation point or two in them, including “Rise! To arms! With prayer employ you” (*LSB* 668) and “Jesus loves me!” (*LSB* 588). Even fewer actually ask a question. Among these are “What child is this?” (*LSB* 370), “Who are you who walk in sorrow?” (*LSB* 476), and “What Wondrous Love is This?” as the hymnwriter reflects on the sacrificial love of Jesus. Finding answers to questions is a great way of making discoveries. We may ask ourselves the same questions as we reflect on all our Lord has done for us.

HYMN**WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS****LSB 543*****INVOCATION**

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

OPENING SENTENCESPsalm 25:1, 2a, 4–6, 7b*

P To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
C **O my God, in You I trust.**

P Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths.
C **Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long.**

P Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.
C **According to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!**

***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P O God, our Father, we confess that by nature, we are sinful and that in our pride, we have turned away from Your commands.
C **Forgive me, Lord, for all that I have thought and said and done that is contrary to Your will and Your ways.**

Forgive me, Lord, for all those times when I have trusted in my own righteousness instead of relying on Your grace in Christ Jesus, our Redeemer.

Forgive me, Lord, for the times when I have not been a good steward of Your great creation and for those times when I have been unwilling to help my neighbors as I ought.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my 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 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.
- C **Amen.**

*KYRIE

LSB 186

- C **Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

*SALUTATION

- P The Lord be with you.
- C **And also with you.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray. O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 12:1–9

¹The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

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

EPISTLE

Romans 4:1–8, 13–17

¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture

say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

⁷"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,
and whose sins are covered;

⁸blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin." . . .

¹³For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GRADUAL AND VERSE

John 3:16; Hebrews 12:2

P For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

C **O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,**

P Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

C **For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.**

*HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:1–17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." ³Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you,

'You must be born again.' ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*CATECHISM

The Second Article

P In the Second Article of the Creed, our confession is focused on Jesus, our Redeemer—who God in His love gave to bring us salvation and the promise of eternal life. We speak the words of the Creed:

C **I believe 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.**

P What does this mean?

C **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord,**

who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,

just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

SERMON

"CROSS" QUESTIONS

"CROSS" REFERENCE CONNECTION

- P One of the original purposes for the Lutheran Confessions was to respond to questions about what Lutherans believed, taught, and confessed regarding Christian doctrines. The Apology of the Augsburg Confession addresses the teaching about the sufficiency of the sacrificial death of our Lord Jesus Christ in this way: “We teach that the sacrifice of Christ dying on the cross has been enough for the sins of the whole world. There is no need for other sacrifices, as though Christ’s sacrifice were not enough for our sins. So people are justified not because of any other sacrifices, but because of this one sacrifice of Christ, if they believe that they have been redeemed by this sacrifice.” For those who realize the price paid by Jesus on the cross to win salvation, the cross itself becomes a source of wonder and praise. That sense of holiness found in the cross is lyrically presented in the great Lenten hymn by John Bowring, “In the Cross of Christ I Glory.”

SERMON HYMN

IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY

LSB 427

*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition:

P O Lord,

C **hear us for Your mercy’s sake.**

OFFERING

Please complete a worship attendance card and place in the plate as it passes. Those who support this church and its ministry by giving electronically are invited to place the “I Give Online” cards located in each pew in the offering plate as a way of participating in this act of worship.

*PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

*PROPER PREFACE

*SANCTUS—*tune LSB 161*

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow’r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

***LORD'S PRAYER** —*see projection of inside back cover of pew hymnal*

*PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

***AGNUS DEI**—*tune LSB 163*

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION Distribution is at the rail, with both common cup and individual cup; de-alcoholized wine in center of tray. Gluten free wafers available by signifying to pastor/elder. Please use the pew cards to register your attendance at Holy Communion.

HYMN

LORD, THEE I LOVE WITH ALL MY HEART

LSB 708

HYMN

JESUS, REFUGE OF THE WEARY

LSB 423

***NUNC DIMITTIS**—*tune LSB 165*

C **Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.**

My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:

A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.

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.

*POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

*BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*BENEDICTION

HYMN TO DEPART SING PRAISE TO GOD, THE HIGHEST GOOD LSB 819, vs 1,3,5

WHY DO I SERVE? VIDEO

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Serving Our Lord

		March 5, 2023	March 12, 2023
Musician		Diane Streich	Merlin Simon
Altar Guild		Roxanne Foley	Roxanne Foley
Cantor	8am	Andy Koch	Dave Workman
Elder(s)	8am	Jon Peterson	Andy Olson
	10:30am	Sam Erdman	Kurt Vallin
Reader	8am	Ryan Kroonblawd	Andy Olson
	10:30am	Tim Morris	Kurt Vallin
Usher Team	8am	Jon Peterson	Brian Nack
	10:30am	Sam Erdman	Terry Stoerzinger
Greeter(s)	8am	Open	Carolyn Wesling
	10:30am	Open	Open
Acolyte	8am	Open	Open
	10:30am	Open	Dana Vallin, Ethan Swenson
Projection	8am	Jean Peterson	Open
	10:30am	Tim Morris	Ben Swenson
Live Stream	8am	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas



Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran Church
Special Voters' Meeting Agenda
March 12, 2023 – 9:15 a.m. – TLO Gym



Call to Order

Open Meeting with Devotion and Prayer

New Business

- Approval to request Teacher/DCE candidate from CUNE be designated for a Divine Call to TLO

Mark your calendar for these future quarterly Voters' Meetings in 2023.

- May 21 - 11:45
- September 24 - 11:45
- November 12 - Time TBD

COMING UP AT TLO — March 5, 2023 — March 12, 2023**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

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
	6:00pm	Hoops
Mon	10:00am	Adult Bible study
	6:30pm	Trail Life Troop 2950
Tue	10:30am	TLO leads worship at Lexington Pointe Senior Living
	7:00pm	Board of Elders
	7:00pm	Board of Trustees
Wed	6:30am	Men's Bible study
	9:00am	Quilters
	4:00pm	Confirmation
	5:15pm	Lenten Meal served by TLO Teachers
	6:30pm	Lenten worship
	7:15pm	Men's choir rehearsal
Thur	6:30pm	Board of Christian Education
Fri	9:00am	WoW Bible Study
Sat	9:00am	Women's Bible Study
	3:00-8:00pm	Peniel Evangelical Church activities

**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT — Daylight Savings Time begins—clocks ahead one hour**

Sun	8:00*am	Worship
	9:15am	Special Voters' Meeting and Education Hour
	10:30am	Worship
	12:30pm	Peniel Evangelical Church worship
	6:00pm	Hoops

*worship online at www.trinityloneoak.org

**TLO Gala**

Wow what an amazing night last night! Thank you for your support for TLO. We thank God for all He has done in our community for the school and church. We are blessed to have an amazing community that comes together to make an amazing night happen. We are continuing to finalize the donations. Contributions can still be made if you would still like to donate. We will communicate our final amount raised once all donations have been collected.

WEEKLY DEPOSITS: February 26, 2023

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering	\$	10,178.70
	(Our offering budget is \$8,175 per week)		
	Building Reserve Fund	\$	1,555.15
	(Our offering budget is \$665 for per week)		
	Tuition	\$	11,276.32
	Sunday school	\$	5.50
	1883 Annual Fund	\$	1,202.00
	Current and Mission in memory of Rosemary Peterson	\$	405.00
	1883 Annual Fund in memory of Rosemary Peterson	\$	55.00
	Gala	\$	7,889.00
	Church and school fees	\$	4,510.36
	Subtotal General Fund Income	\$	37,077.03
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2	\$	205.45
	YTF2 fund in memory of Rosemary Peterson	\$	25.00
	Subtotal Special Fund Income	\$	230.45



Super Bowl Of Caring

During the month of February, TLO Trail Life Troop MN-2950 participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring service project that helps tackle hunger by collecting food donations for The Food Group MN. Thank you for your efforts working to transform the time around the Super Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving!



TLO Has Open Position For Ushers

The position requirements are: members, willing to serve at least once per month, and have a servant's heart. Maybe your whole family would like to serve as an usher team! If you are interested, please see the Elder on duty after worship or contact the church office. Thank you! Jim Nicklas, Elders Chair.



The Book of Revelation: Explained and Applied

Saturday, March 18 | 9am-3pm | Concordia University, St. Paul

Would you like to make sense of Revelation's numbers, colors, and vivid imagery? Then Pastor Lessing's seminar is for you! It will not only explain and apply this daunting book, but attendees will be encouraged and strengthened through studying Christ's victory over all evil. Register at csp.edu/center-for-biblical-studies/ \$25 Seminar plus Study and Sermons; \$10 Seminar only.



Remember in Prayer

Kim Anderson, recovering from knee surgery March 2

Rich and Dixie Cliff

Kristi, Gary Foley's daughter, battling health issues

Ginny & Steve, Hannah's coworker, as Ginny is diagnosed w/ stage 4 non hodgkin's lymphoma

Ed Jones, father of David Jones and Julie Casby, for peace and comfort as he struggles with dementia

Joseph Labhart (Flannery's grandson) ongoing health concerns

Joyce (Kirchner) Moynihan, recently diagnosed with cancer

Shirley Koderick undergoing knee surgery March 6

Brian Motz, hospitalized and in need of our prayers

Ian Olander, TLO grade 3 student, keep updated at caringbridge.org/visit/iano

John Prusak, Keith's father, struggling with Parkinson's and dementia

Joanie Shockly thankfulness for successful March 2 surgery; prayers for complete healing

Char Timm, for back surgery scheduled March 17, and living with pain in the meantime

Wyneta Timm, sister of Char, thanksgiving she's recovering after a fall

Rod Vik, for healing and strength as he deals with illness

Laverne and Beverly Ziebell, thanksgiving to God for His mighty hand in their lives. Beverly has transitioned home; prayers that she can get the care she needs at home.



Weekly Memory Verse

Psalm 1 teaches us to meditate on God's Word day and night. It is our great opportunity and joy to read and study God's Word. One beneficial practice is to memorize the Scriptures and, in so doing, to meditate on it. Verses suggested by the LCMS will be featured weekly in this space and on the projection screen. May God bless you as you commit His Word to memory!

"He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed." 1 Peter 2:24



Birthdays this week

March 5 Chris Beckman, Sarah Rahn, Carolyn Wesling

March 7 Rich Cliff (91!)

March 8 Caleb Morris

March 10 Kim Anderson, Tyler Blumke, Bill Breitingner, Sara Bruggemann

Anniversaries this week

March 8 Steve and Lori Barnes



Welcome Guests

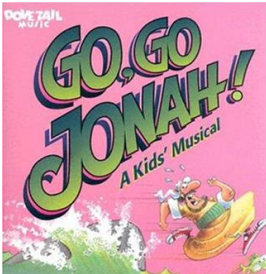
We are glad you are here today! Here are a few things we thought you would like to know to help you feel at home with us today. If you are visiting please introduce yourself to our pastor, a greeter or an usher. We love to make new friends!

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.

Today we celebrate Holy Communion. Please speak with our pastor or an elder before communing if this is your first time receiving the Lord’s Supper at TLO. The light-colored wine in the center of the individual communion tray is de-alcoholized wine, where the alcohol is reduced to .05%.

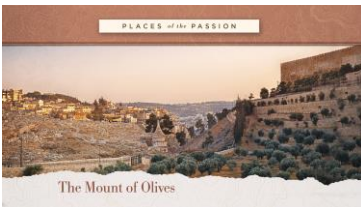


TLO Grade K-3 Musical

Afternoon Matinee		Wednesday, March 22		1:30pm
Evening performance		Thursday, March 23		6:30pm

Based on the Book of Jonah, this delightful, best-selling, missions-minded musical is great for students of all ages! Through the experiences of Jonah, audiences learn the importance of obeying God and the consequences of failing to do so. The musical also teaches that

God is always there and that we are to love one another as He loves us. Join us for one (or both!) of our performances!



Midweek activities

Supper** : 5:15-6:15pm, served March 8 by TLO Teachers
Worship: 6:30pm*

Come with us to the Mount of Olives this Wednesday, March 8 as we continue *Places of the Passion* Midweek Lent Worship

Series, following in the footsteps of our Savior, contemplating the places where Jesus stood on his path to salvation.

*streamed at trinityloneoak.org and available 24/7 after

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