



“Fear God and keep his commandments...”

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* Congregation Stands

OPENING HYMN

May We Thy Precepts Lord, Fulfill

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1 May we Thy pre - cepts, Lord, ful - fill And do on
 2 So may we join Thy name to bless, Thy grace a -
 3 Spir - it of life, of love and peace, U - nite our



earth our Fa - ther's will As an - gels do a - bove;
 dore, Thy pow'r con - fess, From sin and strife to flee.
 hearts, our joy in - crease, Thy gra - cious help sup - ply.



Still walk in Christ, the liv - ing way, With all Thy
 One is our call - ing, one our name, The end of
 To each of us the bless - ing give In Chris - tian



chil - dren and o - bey The law of Chris - tian love.
 all our hopes the same, A crown of life with Thee.
 fel - low - ship to live, In joy - ful hope to die.

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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

P The Lord lifts up the humble;

C **He casts the wicked to the ground.**

P Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love

C **for they have been from of old.**

P Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

C **according to Your steadfast love, remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O Lord!**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

*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 AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ecclesiastes 12:1–7, 12–13

¹Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, "I have no pleasure in them"; ²before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars are darkened and the clouds return after the rain, ³in the day when the keepers of the house tremble, and the strong men are bent, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those who look through the windows are dimmed, ⁴and the doors on the street are shut—when the sound of the grinding is low, and one rises up at the sound of a bird, and all the daughters of song are brought low— ⁵they are afraid also of what is high, and terrors are in the way; the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper drags itself along, and desire fails, because man is going to his eternal home, and the mourners go about the streets— ⁶before the silver cord is snapped, or the golden bowl is broken, or the pitcher is shattered at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern, ⁷and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.

¹²My son, beware of anything beyond these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

¹³The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 25:1–10; antiphon: v. 4

¹To you, O LORD,

I lift up my soul.

²O my God, in you I trust;

let me not be put to shame;

let not my enemies exult over me.

³Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;

they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴Make me to know your ways, O LORD;

teach me your paths.

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation;

for you I wait all the day long.

⁶Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,

for they have been from of old.

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

according to your steadfast love remember me,

for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

- ⁸Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
⁹He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.
¹⁰All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

EPISTLE

Philippians 2:1–4, 14–18

¹If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy,
²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. . . .

¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or questioning, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23–27

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

*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.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

We Have Been Sent To Serve

Jeffrey E. Burkhart, sts. 1,2,4

**We have been sent to serve
By Christ, our Servant King,
Who gave His life that we might live;
New life to others bring.
Our Lord and Master's grace
Impels each faithful one
To hold the lost in His embrace
Each daughter, ev'ry son!**

Matt. 20:28

**No longer slaves to sin
We serve in lowliness.
Through Word and water we begin
A life of holiness.
May we, through servanthood,
Proclaim Lord Jesus' love,
So all might know that God is good,
And trust the LORD above.**

Rom. 6:3-7; 22

**Our ransom has been paid
For Christ, who conquered death,
Rose from the grave, came to our aid,
With His life-saving breath.
He reigns as LORD of all;
He shall return again.
Until His coming, heed His call
That all might heaven gain.**

*1 Chron. 16:34; Ps. 23:6; Ps. 34:8
Jer. 17:7-8; Prov. 3:5-6*

Matt. 20:28; 1 Tim. 2:3-6

Acts 1:1-10

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SERMON

What It's All About

Ecclesiastes 12:1-7, 12-13

OFFERING

*PRAYER FOR TLO LUTHERAN SCHOOL

- P Heavenly Father, mercifully bless the Christian education of Your children in our parish that they may grow up in Your fear to the praise of Your holy name. Bless our Christian Day School and all other settings in which our children are brought closer to You.
- C Thank you for all the teachers of our church, including our professional teachers and teacher aids. Help them to walk in your ways in a way that makes them good examples for others. Continue to give them insight, endurance, patience and your own love for their students.**
- I *Restrain the activities of the evil one who would seek to undermine these efforts to provide for the spiritual growth of Your children. Help me to regard the children of our school as gifts from You.*
- P We thank you for the many members of our congregation who have provided support to prepare for this school year. You have given us many material blessings, including a useful church facility. Thank you, Lord, for the ways you have provided equipment and materials for our education programs.
- I *Help me always to communicate clearly the message of salvation through You alone. Fill our board members and administrators with zeal and with wisdom so that they may be discerning and effective as they seek to follow your plan for our educational ministry.*
- C Bless those who teach and those who learn. Give joy to all who serve as teachers, and give them the privilege of seeing the fruits of their labors; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*PRAYER FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS

- P Lord God, Your gracious presence attends Your people wherever they go. Open the minds and hearts of our high school students so that they see you as Savior and Lord. Reach out to those who do not yet know you well.

C Bless our high school students. By your Holy Spirit give more and more of our high school members a desire to keep growing in your word and a hunger for your truth and wisdom. And lead them to share their faith with others.

P Heavenly Father, be with our students attending colleges and universities as they transition from the care and protection of their parent's home to a new community. Support them in times of challenges or loneliness, and surround them with caring counselors so that they may feel at peace with their campus experiences.

C May Your redeeming love through Christ Jesus remind them to call on You for strength and guidance as they fulfill the responsibilities of studying and learning. Let your peace fill their lives with joy.

P Keep them close to You through the study of Your Word, and grant them enthusiasm for growing in their faith and trust in You as the Lord of their life.

C This we ask in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P Let us pray together in Christ Jesus for all people according to their needs.

For all people who suffer feeling unseen and unheard, that they come to trust that they are loved and held by grace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all people who suffer under the weight of their desires, that they take courage to let go of fear, fanning into flame the gift of faith and growing in power and love and self-control, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all people who have heard the good news of forgiveness by grace, through faith, for Jesus' sake, but struggle to forgive themselves or other people who have hurt them, that they free themselves by letting go of resentments of every kind, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all people who are sick or suffer with any affliction of body, mind, or spirit [*especially . . .*], that they experience healing when cures remain elusive, peace when overwhelmed by trials, and joy in the midst of sorrows, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all people to whom death draws near, that they face the end of their time on this earth in the faith that all things are being made new, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

**C 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 The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

C Amen.

HYMN TO DEPART

I Love to Tell the Story



1 I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it best



Of Je - sus and His glo - ry, Of Je - sus and His love.
Seem hun - ger-ing and thirst-ing To hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto-ry, Be-cause I know it's true;
And when in scenes of glo-ry I sing the new, new song,



It sat - is-fies my long-ings As noth - ing else would do.
'Twill be the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'Twill be my theme in glo - ry



To tell the old, old sto - ry Of Je - sus and His love.

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Cantor: Andrew Koch

COMING UP THIS WEEK — September 27, 2020 – October 4, 2020		
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST		
Sun	8:00am	Worship in sanctuary
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages; meet in gym
	10:30am	Worship in sanctuary
		worship online at www.trinityloneoak.org
	12noon	Holy Communion by appointment at www.trinityloneoak.org
Mon	10:00am	Adult Bible study
Tue	7:00pm	Church Council
Wed	6:30am	Men's Bible study
	3:30pm	Midweek confirmation class
Thur	7:00pm	Privileged to Pray
Fri	9:00am	WoW Bible study
Sat	10am	All-school Marathon
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		worship online at www.trinityloneoak.org



This Sunday during worship we join in prayer for all congregation students, elementary, middle school, high school and college students. And, we pray for TLO Lutheran School, our teachers, staff, students and families. The TLO Lutheran School theme for 2020-2021 is Sent to Serve. Scripture says *“The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many”* (Matthew 20:28 ESV).

We thank God for the ministry of Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran School which provides excellent academic preparation for the children we serve. We are most grateful for the opportunity to share Jesus’ amazing love with children and their families. Our school is an amazing incubator for faithful witness of God’s love for us through Christ by teachers and students alike.



Sunday school teachers needed

TLO is in need of a preschool and kindergarten teacher for our Sunday school classes. If you can fill that role, even on a part-time basis, contact Sunday school superintendent, Mrs. Pinky Seeman at pinky.seeman@tloschool.org or 612-270-0792.



All School Marathon- October 3

Date: Saturday, October 3
 Location: Trinity Lone Oak School
 Time: Anytime between 10-1

Join TLO School for a fun day on Saturday, October 3! Enjoy a walk through our DNR School Forest and school grounds while meeting new friends. Refreshments will be served. All welcome! Click [here](#) for more info or to sponsor a student.

Let the children come: VBS takes a new path



TLO's VBS featured

TLO's VBS was featured in the MN South quarterly publication, Engaged in Mission.

Click [here](#) to access the article!

[Click here](#) for more MN South info



Amnion Pregnancy Center Gala and Auction Friday, October 23

Join Amnion for a virtual gala experience! Find details and registration at www.helpofferhope.org
Join in virtually for a special evening to celebrate God's amazing work through the life-saving ministry at [Amnion Pregnancy Center](#). We encourage you to gather with friends and family for a watch party to celebrate 30 years of offering hope. We are giving away a prize a day until the gala. Click [here](#) to register!



MCCL Fall Tour stopping at TLO Thursday, October 15, 7:00pm

[MCCL](#) is holding informational pro-life meetings in Minnesota to educate pro-life citizens about current trends and issues, legislation, elections, and more. Attend the event at TLO or find [another time and location](#) to suit you.



The Great Minnesota South Mission Get-Together Saturday, October 10, 2020

Attend the LWML MN South District mission event at Mayer Lutheran High School! This one day event is happening to help sustain the mission work the LWML does to further the work of the Lord.

[About LWML](#)

[About the October 10 event](#)

40 Days for Life

Prayer Vigil Sept. 23- Nov. 1

40 Days for Life Twin Cities is the local campaign of the largest international prayer campaign to end abortion. Since 2007, Pro-Life Action Ministries has coordinated 40 Days for Life Twin Cities with thousands of participants and scores of churches of various denominations. We have persevered with God's help to pray for the end of abortion – and with results!

[Click](#) to read more!

[Find us on Facebook!](#)

WEEKLY DEPOSIT: September 20, 2020

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering	\$	7,771.00
	Thrivent Choice to Current and Mission	\$	0.00
(Our Weekly Offering budget is \$8,115.00 per week)			
	Building Reserve Fund	\$	565.00
(Our Weekly Offering budget is \$635.00 per week)			
	Annual	\$	25.00
	Annual fund IHO Diane Volkert-Ring	\$	50.00
	Annual fund IMO Dorothy Englert	\$	100.00
	Tuition	\$	16,079.34
	Sunday school	\$	3.36
	Church and School Fees	\$	1,983.78
	Subtotal General Fund Income	\$	26,577.48
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2	\$	475.00
	YI Stamps through LCEF	\$	169.00
	Subtotal Special Fund Income	\$	644.00

Fiscal Year To Date as of September 20, 2020

Current and Mission Income:			
	YTD Budgeted Giving (\$8,115.00 per week for 3 weeks)	\$	97,380.00
	YTD Actual Giving	\$	93,771.50
	YTD Difference	\$	-3,608.50
Building Reserve Fund Income:			
	YTD Budgeted Giving (\$635.00 per week for 3 weeks)		7,620.00
	YTD Actual Giving		8,685.00
	YTD Difference		1,065.00

**Remember in Prayer**

Richard and Corrine, Jenna Arnold's dad and step mom, thanksgiving tumors are shrinking and decreasing in number. We pray on for complete healing from cancer, peace of mind, pain relief, and financial help
Daryl Buecksler, recovering from hip surgery

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

Rich Cliff, recovering from eye surgery

Dick, Gary Foley and Dixie Cliff's step brother, who recovering from broken femur

Mikey Joe, Gary and Dixie's step brother, who fell while traveling to see his brother. Pray for healing of ribs, shoulder, pelvis, hand, wrist and internal injuries. At 88 years old, he faces 4-6 weeks of rehab.

Cory Kroonblawd - completing final year of pastoral education at Concordia Theological Seminary - Ft. Wayne, IN
Pastor Kroonblawd, finished medical treatment through Mayo Clinic; prayers for strength

Joseph Labhart (Flannery's grandson) ongoing health concerns

Dan Linse recovering from heart surgery

Thanksgiving Kris Markley, grand-nephew of John Krauss, has healed so well after the accident that nearly took his leg

Brian Motz - prayers for continued healing

Marvin Rahn for strength and good health while living at Brookdale in Eagan
Char Timm; prayers for sight to return to her left eye
Robert Vail, brother of Barbara, diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and working through treatment
Billy D. Swain, ongoing health concerns.



Baptism celebration

We rejoice with Austin and Jenni Rudoll at the baptism of their infant daughter September 26, 2020. Sponsors are Aaron and Elizabeth Redepenning, Gavin Rudoll, and Madison Van Sickle. *"Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!" Psalm 98:4*



Birthdays this week

Sept 27	Michelle Workman
Sept 28	Logan Streich
Sept 30	Lucy Cahn, Michael Logo, Andrew McNair
Oct 2	Steve Blumke
Oct 3	Brandon Loge

Artwork of the Week at TLO Preschool



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