



The Time is Ripe

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**congregation stands*

AS WE GATHER

The Divine Service is unlike our other activities during the week—in the marketplace, our place of employment, or our school—where we struggle to be “the people of God” amid the temptations and confusing details of living in a world still disfigured by sin, tragedy, selfishness, and death. By our own fault, we daily fall short of our calling as Christians. We are reminded today of the judgment of God’s Law by the prophet Amos against our worry over money and our own needs that distract us from the often-greater needs of others and even our own true need of faith and reliance on God above all. Each day of the week, the demands of the Ten Commandments of God call us back to our need for forgiveness and God’s mercy, grace, help, and love. So, we gather here for Divine Service, that is, God attending to our real needs. We come to repent of our sin and failure, and to receive forgiveness and new life and hope. That forgiveness and hope comes solely from the God who “loved the world” so much “that He gave His only Son” to die for you (John 3:16). We do not have to wait and wonder until the Day of Judgment. By your Baptism into Christ, by His mighty and reliable Word of forgiveness spoken over and into you, and by your connection with the body and blood of your crucified and risen Lord Jesus, you are being delivered from all evil, redeemed, restored, and forgiven for everlasting life in the kingdom of God already here and now.

OPENING HYMN

LORD OF ALL NATIONS, GRANT ME GRACE

LSB 844

*INVOCATION

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

*OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 43:4; 113:7

- P I will go to the altar of God,
C **to God my exceeding joy.**
- P The LORD raises the poor from the dust
C **and lifts the needy from the ash heap.**

*CONFESSION OF SINS

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

*ABSOLUTION

- 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.**

***KYRIE**

- 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**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Amos 8:4–7

⁴Hear this, you who trample on the needy
and bring the poor of the land to an end,
⁵saying, "When will the new moon be over,
that we may sell grain?
And the Sabbath,
that we may offer wheat for sale,
that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great
and deal deceitfully with false balances,
⁶that we may buy the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals
and sell the chaff of the wheat?"
⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
"Surely I will never forget any of their deeds."

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

ANTHEM

JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE

Friends For Praise

EPISTLE

1 Timothy 2:1–15

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the

testimony given at the proper time. ⁷For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

⁸I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; ⁹likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, ¹⁰but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. ¹¹Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. ¹²I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. ¹³For Adam was formed first, then Eve; ¹⁴and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. ¹⁵Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*VERSE

1 Timothy 2:5–6a

P Alleluia, alleluia!

C **For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all.**

P Alleluia, alleluia!

*HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 16:1–15

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

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

¹[Jesus] also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ²And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ ³And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ ⁷Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ ⁸The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

¹⁰“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

¹⁴The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. ¹⁵And he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

***NICENE CREED**

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SERMON

OFFERING

LORD LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN

Friends For Praise

*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Psalms 119:160

After our petitions:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

*PREFACE

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C **It is meet and right so to do.**

*PROPER PREFACE

***SANCTUS** — *Sung – tune on LSB 195*

*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.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,... So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

***LORD'S PRAYER** — *See inside back cover of the hymnal or protection screens*

*PAX DOMINI

***AGNUS DEI** — *Sung – tune on LSB 198*

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 OF GLORY, YOU HAVE BOUGHT US

LSB 851

HYMN

PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN

LSB 793

ANTHEM

SOON AND VERY SOON

Friends For Praise

*POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

*BENEDICTION

ANTHEM

OLD IRISH BLESSING

Friends For Praise

DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God!**

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Thank you, Friends For Praise
Ken Anderson, Dave Golnitz, Bill Pieper, Mark Stoltenow, accompanied by Naomi Golnitz, enjoy sharing their faith with the world. Cumulatively they have been singing together for over 57 years, either at Concordia Lutheran Church in South St Paul or at Concordia University in St. Paul. We thank them for blessing our worship this morning!

Serving Our Lord

		September 21, 2025	September 28, 2025
Musician		Merlin Simon	Diane Streich
Cantor		Friends For Praise	Dave Workman
Altar Guild		Roxanne Foley and Linnea Raveling	Roxanne Foley and Linnea Raveling
Elder	8am	Andy Olson, Sam Erdman	Andy Olson
	10:30am	Ben Swenson and Kurt Vallin	Open
Reader	8am	Andy Olson	Andy Olson
	10:30am	Kurt Vallin	TLO Teachers
Usher Team	8am	Brian Nack	Gary Sheets
	10:30am	Terry Stoerzinger	Ben Swenson
Greeter(s)	8am	Open	Open
	10:30am	Open	Helen Stoerzinger
Acolyte(s)	8am	Lillian Olander and Ian Olander	Kayla Arnold and Luna Wong
	10:30am	Dana Vallin and Sabontu Benya	Dana Vallin and Sabontu Benya
Projectionist	8am	Jean Peterson	Jean Peterson
	10:30am	Swenson family	Swenson family
Live Stream	8am	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas
Coffee Hour	9:15am	LWML	Open

COMING UP AT TLO — September 21, 2025 — September 28, 2025		
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST		
Sun	8:00*am	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15am	Family Education Hour - learning for everyone in the family!
	10:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
	12:30pm	Peniel Evangelical Church
Mon	10:00am	Adult study - Exodus - join us!
Tue	7:00am	Church Council
Wed	6:30am	Men's Bible Study
Thur	6:00pm	Peniel event
Fri	9:00am	WoW (Women of the Word) Bible study
	11:00am	GoFirst Ministry Conference
Sat	8:00am	GoFirst Ministry Conference
	2:00pm	Peniel events
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST		
Sun	8:00*am	Worship
	9:15am	Family Education Hour - learning for everyone in the family!
	10:30am	Worship with preschool through grade 8 students singing
	12:30pm	Peniel Evangelical Church
*worship online at www.trinityloneoak.org		



Amnion Women's Center Gala, Friday, October 24 - 6:00pm Brackett's Crossing Country Club, Lakeville

This annual Gala includes powerful testimonies, inspirational messages, delicious food, and wonderful fellowship. There is no cost for the meal, but this is a major fundraising event for Amnion. You won't want to miss it! You are invited to register at helpofferhope.org and sit at the Trinity Lone Oak table with Pastor Jim & Lynn. Registration deadline is Sunday, Oct. 12. Questions? Please contact Lynn (651-235-8259).

Patient Speaker at Amnion Gala

Hear a testimony from a patient who courageously chose to go through the Abortion Pill Reversal (APR) process, despite the challenges and pressures in her life.

FREE Ultrasound



Ultrasound Models Needed

Will you help us get the word out? We are looking for pregnant women who are 20 weeks and under gestation to serve as ultrasound models for our upcoming nurse training. Dates are Sept. 30, Oct. 2, Oct. 7 and Oct. 9, 9am-3:30pm any of the dates. The appt lasts 45 minutes, they can bring family with them. Models will receive ultrasound photos and a gift card.



7th & 8th Graders Are Raising Funds For Their Washington Dc Class Trip

THANK YOU!! to many of you for helping the students with the fundraisers they have done so far. Students and chaperones will be flying to DC April 20th and be back on April 23rd.

The kids will be seeing:

World War II Memorial, Washington Monument Photo Stop, White House Photo Stop, National Archives, Pentagon Memorial, Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial, Mount Vernon, Arlington National Cemetery, Iwo Jima Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Korean War Veterans Memorial, United States Supreme Court Photo Stop, Library of Congress, United States Capitol Tour, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, Thomas Jefferson Memorial, Museum of the Bible, Smithsonian Air and Space Museum. This tour is led by American Christian Tours.

The students are continuing to work towards raising funds to pay for the trip by

- selling Papa Murphy's coupon cards
- Gertens holiday greens and poinsettias start on September 22.
- Clothing drive October 19-24 at TLO. We're partnering with the Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota to collect used clothing and linens. Gather your unwanted clothes and linens, bag them up, and bring them to TLO during the collection week. Your donations will support both our students and a great cause! We are collecting Clothes - Shoes - Accessories - Linens

Thank you for your support!



The Minnesota South District Of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod presents "Moving from Death to Life" Convocation

The Kahler Grand Hotel | Rochester, Minn. | Oct. 17–18, 2025

Respond to the call to promote a culture of life and join us for a highly informative and inspirational convocation which features fervent teaching and proclamation from several different speakers. Representatives from pro-life Christian ministries will be present to provide resources for God's people to become better equipped in speaking up for life and teaching about the sanctity of human life.

We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. . . . But, if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. — 1 John 3:14, 17–18 (ESV)

WEEKLY DEPOSITS: September 14, 2025

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering - supporting staff and operations	\$	3,642.00
	(Our offering budget is \$10,475 per week)		
	Building Reserve Fund - supporting monthly mortgage payments	\$	165.00
	(Our offering budget is \$675 for per week)		
	Tuition	\$	18,808.38
	1883 School Annual Fund - supporting TLO School	\$	5.00
	Thrivent Choice to 1883 School Annual Fund	\$	345.00
	Church and school fees	\$	2,102.70
	Subtotal General Fund Income	\$	25,068.08
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2 - Yesterday, Today, Forever 2 initiative	\$	125.00
	Acorn Scholarship Fund	\$	525.00
	General support of Rev. Tom Park in Taiwan	\$	25.00
	Sunday school support of Rev. Tom Park in Taiwan	\$	2.00
	Grade 7 & 8 students to Washington DC	\$	66.00
	Chapel offering - supporting Hats 'n Mittens	\$	39.61
	Young Investors stamps through Lutheran Church Extension Fund	\$	354.00
	Subtotal Special Fund Income	\$	1,136.61



Birthdays this week

Sept 21	Thea Rossman, Evelyn Sattler, Erin Turnmire
Sept 22	Linda Flannery
Sept 23	Rachel Volkert
Sept 24	Steven Perron, Taryn Rose
Sept 25	Emily Carlson, Jack Grimm, Chris Rossmann
Sept 26	Chris Barnes
Sept 27	Thomas Naas, William Naas, Michelle Workman



Remember RaiseRight at home or for travel

Whether you're at home or on the go, RaiseRight gives you the flexibility to earn with eGift cards, reloadable cards, and a mobile app. Earn anytime, anywhere.

To learn more and request TLO's enrollment code to join, contact Leann Becker at 612-327-5335

Remember in Prayer



Mission Field:

- Rev. Tom Park, Theological Educator in Taiwan is OUR missionary and requests prayers for his mother as she deals with her chronic health issues.

Thanksgiving:

- Norman Nack is moving from rehab to living at the Rosemount Senior Living. Please praise God for progress and recovery so far

Those with Health Concerns:

- Eddie and Pam Burdick
- Dixie Cliff
- Larry Flannery, recovering at home. Pray for strength and continued healing.
- David Frick, recovering from rotator cuff surgery that was more extensive than expected
- Dennis Grover, brother-in-law of Alice, for God's plan revealed, strength to tolerate pain
- John, grandfather of 2 TLO students, diagnosed with cancer while visiting MN
- Johnathan, nephew of Preschool Teacher MaryAnn Nagengast, hospitalized Sept. 12
- Tyler Keech, brother of 2 TLO students, diagnosed with a massive osteosarcoma
- Gloria, Jim Kohn's sister-in-law, now in hospice; thanksgiving that her faith is strong
- Silas Kohn, undergoing treatment for LCH until August 2025
- Joseph Labhart (Flannery's grandson) ongoing health concerns
- Marilou Larson, close cousin of Alice Dornseif, dealing with extra stress in her life
- Ken Pieper going in for surgery this week
- Renata Rahn, strength for each day
- Laverne Ziebell, hospitalized after a fall Sept. 12
- For TLO members and friends in care facilities or homebound
Donine Leatherby + Jeff Schaaf + Sharon Phelps + Char Timm

General and ongoing Prayers:

- For our nation: We lift up those who hold seats of power. For rulers in all places, high and low, north, south, east, and west, we ask that Your Spirit would guide them and Satan's power be thwarted in all places.
- Ryan & Emily Kroonblawd - transitioning to German life & culture as Ryan prepares to begin classes in Oct. at Lutherische Theologische Hochschule, a partner seminary in Oberursel, Germany, with Concordia Seminary -St. Louis, Mo.



Our Weekly Memory Verse:

But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. **Isaiah 64:8**



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 team. 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.

At this service 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%.

If you are reading this, we want **YOU to take the Concordia Center for the Family -- Faith & Life Survey**

The Faith and Life Survey will provide direction and prioritization in TLO's future ministry planning. The survey link

<https://surveygoldcloud.com/s/AFE3628EF7F34EED/108.htm> will be open through September.

Although best done on a desktop, the QR Code allows access from any device.



The Faith & Life Survey, which is objective, anonymous, and comprehensive, investigates five essential areas:



1. Demographics of the congregation and church ministries
2. Faith and life addressed as an individual
3. Faith and life addressed as a couple
4. Faith and life addressed as a parent
5. Faith and life addressed as a church



We would like everyone at TLO to take the "Faith and Life" on-line survey. To make this easy for everyone, computers will be available in the gym today, Sunday, September 21 from 9:00am to 12:30pm, with helpers to assist with any questions that arise.

Computers will also be available Monday, September 22 from 11:00am to 12noon in the upstairs conference room.