



"I thank my God every time I remember you." - Philippians 1:3

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**congregation stands*

WELCOME

New to Trinity Lone Oak? See back cover for guest information.

AS WE GATHER

Preparing for Christmas, we buy presents, attend social gatherings, decorate, make plans to gather with family, and some will brace for the pain of grief that can be so difficult this time of year. In the middle of all our preparing, today the voice of John the Baptist rings out, "Prepare the way of the Lord."

Undergirding all the preparing we are doing is preparing for the Lord. John calls us to "bear fruits in keeping with repentance." In worship, we do just that. We repent. We turn again to God, seeking His mercy, receiving His forgiveness, partaking of His grace. This leads to bearing the fruit of the Spirit. John highlights the fruit of generosity and contentment. What fruit is God calling you to bear as you prepare for Christmas?

OPENING HYMN**PREPARE THE ROYAL HIGHWAY****LSB 343, vs. 1-3**

Please join in singing this hymn using the pew hymnal or projection slides.

***INVOCATION**

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

***OPENING SENTENCES**

Adapted from Malachi 3:1, 6; Luke 3:4; Philippians 1:6.

P The LORD says, "Prepare the way of the Lord."

C **We thank You, O Lord!**

P The LORD says, "The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, He is coming."

C **We adore You, O Lord!**

P The LORD says, "I the LORD do not change; therefore you are not consumed."

C **We praise You, O Lord!**

P The LORD who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

C **We worship You, O Lord!**

***LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

Two Advent candles are lit.

P Let us pray. O Lord, let the lighting of these candles signify that You are the light that shines in all the darkness of our lives. As we wait, watch, hope, and pray, guide us all to reflect Your light and let it shine; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

HYMN OF CONFESSION*FORGIVE US, LORD FOR TIMES WHEN HOPE WAS LOST (TUNE: VENI EMMANUEL)****vs. 2**

2 For-give us, Lord, for times when peace was lost, And
 mo - ments when we nev - er thought to love, For
 times when we op - press and of - fend And
 fight for things that kill us in the end.
 For - give, for - give, for - give us all our
 sins And help us be in peace with all our kin.

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*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 25:6-7

P Having emerged from the waters of Baptism as God's new creation in Christ, we confess our sins to God and one another.

A time of silence is observed.

P We confess to You, O Lord, that we are captive to sin in thought, word, and deed. We have not borne fruit worthy of repentance. We have sinned against You and our neighbors.

C **Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, 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 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

*INTROIT

Psalm 81:8; 10–11, 13; antiphon: Luke 3:4b

P The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight."

C **Hear, O My people, while I admonish you! O Israel, if you would but listen to Me!**

P I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

C **But My people did not listen to My voice; Israel would not submit to Me.**

P Oh, that My people would listen to Me, that Israel would walk in My ways!

C **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.**

P The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight."

*SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord,

C **to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son,**

P that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds;

C **through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Malachi 3:1–7b

¹"Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. ³He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

⁵Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

⁶For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. ⁷From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

A You have brought us out to a place of abundance.

C **Shout for joy to God, all the earth;**

A sing the glory of His name;
give to Him glorious praise!

C **Say to God, "How awesome are Your deeds!**

So great is Your power that Your enemies come cringing to You.

A All the earth worships You
and sings praises to You;
they sing praises to Your name."

C **Come and see what God has done:
He is awesome in His deeds toward the children of man.**

A He turned the sea into dry land;
they passed through the river on foot.

C **There did we rejoice in Him,
who rules by His might forever,
whose eyes keep watch on the nations—
let not the rebellious exalt themselves.**

Psalm 66:1–12; antiphon: v. 12b

A Bless our God, O peoples;
let the sound of His praise be heard,

C **who has kept our soul among the living
and has not let our feet slip.**

A For You, O God, have tested us;
You have tried us as silver is tried.

C **You brought us into the net;
You laid a crushing burden on our
backs;**

A You let men ride over our heads;
we went through fire and through water;
yet You have brought us out to a place of
abundance.

C **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.**

A You have brought us out to a place of
abundance.

EPISTLE

Philippians 1:2–11

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 3:1–20

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

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

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall become straight,
and the rough places shall become level ways,

⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

⁷He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ⁹Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” ¹¹And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” ¹²Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” ¹³And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”

¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother’s wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON
HYMN**

**ENJOYING THE PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE
ON JORDAN’S BANK THE BAPTIST’S CRY**

**PHILLIPIANS 1:2-11
LSB 344, vs. 1, 2, 5**

Please join in singing this hymn using the pew hymnal or projection slides.

***NICENE CREED**— *See projection slides or the inside back cover of the pew hymnal*

*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition:

P We pray,

C **hear us, coming Lord.**

OFFERING

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*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 178*

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:**

Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Thank You, Lord of all creation, for this gift of our Lord's Supper, by which You prepare us to journey through those wilderness times of our life assured of Your presence and promise.

C **We thank You. We praise You. We adore You. Amen.**

*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 slides or the inside back cover of the pew hymnal*

*PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

*AGNUS DEI — *Tune LSB 180*

C **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, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

HYMN

CHURCH OF GOD, ELECT AND GLORIOUS

LSB 646, vs. 1, 3, 4

HYMN**COMFORT, COMFORT, YE MY PEOPLE****LSB 347, vs. 1, 2, 4**

Please join in singing these hymns using the pew hymnal or projection slides.

THE DISMISSAL***POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING*****BENEDICTION***Philippians 1:6; Numbers 6:24–26***HYMN TO DEPART****LO, HOW A ROSE E'RE BLOOMING****LSB 359, vs. 1, 3, 4**

Please join in singing this hymn using the pew hymnal or projection slides.

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Serving our Lord

		December 5, 2021	December 12, 2021
Musician		Marissa Bernau	Diane Streich
Cantor		Andy Koch	Dave Workman
Altar Guild		Nancy Strand	Nancy Strand
Elder	8am	Andy Olson	Andy Olson
	10:30am	Jon Peterson	Kurt Vallin
Reader	8am	Peter Olsen	Andy Olson
	10:30am	Keith Prusak	Kurt Vallin
Usher Team	8am	Andy Olson	Sam Erdman
	10:30am	Rich Cliff	Open
Greeter(s)	8am	Open	Open
	10:30am	Open	Open
Acolyte	8am	Open	Jacob Seeman
	10:30am	Ayantou Benya/Amelia Martin	Camryn Ergang/Audrey Martin
Projection	8am	Peter Olsen	Matt Seeman
	10:30am	Tim Morris	Chris Martin
Live Stream	8am	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas

**Service Project for Eagan Police**

We are asking you to share a Christmas card for someone on the Eagan Police Department staff. Please add a short message of gratitude for their service in a Christmas greeting and bring it to the TLO narthex by Dec 15. We need 100 cards. Stop by the narthex display to learn more.

COMING UP AT TLO — December 5, 2021 — December 12, 2021**SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

Sun	8:00*am	Worship in sanctuary with Holy Communion
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages
	10:30am	Worship in sanctuary with Holy Communion
	4:00pm	BB skills clinic for K-3 boys and girls
	4:40pm	BB skills clinic for grade 4-8 boys and girls
	6:00pm	Adult Hoops
Mon	10:00am	Adult Bible study
	6:30pm	Trail Life Troup 2950
Tue	10:30am	Worship at Lexington Pointe Senior Living
	2:00pm	Preschool program in sanctuary
	6:30pm	Board of Christian Education
	7:00pm	Board of Elders
	7:00pm	Board of Trustees
Wed	6:30am	Men's Bible Study
	1:30pm	K-8 Christmas Concert
	5:15pm	Advent Meal—don't miss out!
	6:30*pm	Advent Worship
Thur	7:00pm	K-8 Christmas Concert
Fri	9:00am	Women of the Word
Sat	9:00am	Women's Bible study

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Sun	8:00*am	Worship in sanctuary with Holy Communion
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages
	10:30am	Worship in sanctuary
	4:00pm	BB skills clinic for K-3 boys and girls
	4:40pm	BB skills clinic for grade 4-8 boys and girls
	6:00pm	Adult Hoops

*worship online at www.trinityloneoak.org**Vocalist and Instrumentalists wanted**

For the coming Advent and Christmas season, we welcome musicians to come forward. We can help find music to suit your interests. Contact Diane Streich for more information.

WEEKLY DEPOSITS: November 28, 2021

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering	\$	8,676.00
	(Our offering budget is \$7,980 per week)		
	Building Reserve Fund	\$	171.00
	(Our offering budget is \$665 for per week)		
	1883 School Annual Fund	\$	1,025.00
	HVAC replacment IMO Marvin Rahn	\$	20.00
	Sunday school	\$	1.00
	Families in Need	\$	400.00
	Tuition	\$	11,889.49
	Church and school fees	\$	1,340.34
	Subtotal General Fund Income	\$	23,522.83
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2	\$	350.00
	Acorn Scholarship Fund	\$	25.00
	Acorn Scholarship Fund IMO Marvin Rahn	\$	865.00
	YI Stamps, an investment of Lutheran Church Extension Fund	\$	N/A
	Subtotal Special Fund Income	\$	1,240.00



The Giving Tree

Brighten Christmas for yourself and others by buying a gift for someone you don't know! Gift suggestions for families in need and full instructions are on the small tree in the narthex.



Concordia Academy Christmas Concert

Join the Concordia Academy band, orchestra, choirs, and art students at CA's 2021 Christmas Concert, "Proclaim!" Performances are Saturday, December 11, at 7:00 pm, and Sunday, December 12, at 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students and senior citizens.



Poinsettias for Christmas Worship through December 14 | TLO Church office

Help us beautify the Sanctuary for Christmas by purchasing a poinsettia. This win-win also supports our Youth trip to NYG in 2022. Order forms are in the church narthex and church office.



Remember in Prayer

Corrine, Jenna's mom, prayers during chemo treatment appreciated

Jackie Holey recovering from surgery

Jebin Joseph, recovering from surgery; family requests ongoing prayer through follow up care

Joseph Labhart (Flannery's grandson) ongoing health concerns

Richard Hermanson, father of Mary Ann Nagengast, TLO preschool teacher, in transition care

Ian Olander, TLO grade 2 student, updates on caringbridge.org/visit/iano

Charlie Olson, Andy's dad, undergoing cancer treatment

Billy D. Swain, ongoing health concerns.

Erin Turnmire working through medical concerns

Edsel Vierling, age 3, returned to hospital this week

Jason Vierling, recovering from leg amputation

Glenn and Dianne Vierling, in need of continued prayer for recovery after covid

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



Birthdays this week

Dec 6 Henry Nguyen, Jim Nicklas

Dec 9 Carrie Foley, Matthew Traeger



Flowers in the sanctuary are from the memorial service of Anna Goers held at TLO

December 2. Anna was inurned at Fort Snelling beside her husband Ed.



Salad Luncheon and optional Christmas Cookie Exchange

Sunday, December 19 | 11:30am | TLO Conference Room

Come and enjoy salad and conversation with your TLO friends. RSVP Siewert-Olson (651-453-1563) by December 12. To participate in the cookie exchange, bring 10 dozen cookies to share.



Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 19 | 3:00pm | All ages | Meet in the TLO gym

Bring Christmas joy to TLO members in homes and in Care Centers (covid-permitting) Meet at TLO to form caroling groups that make up to 4 stops. All ages welcome, and no singing talent needed! Join us!

Welcome Guests

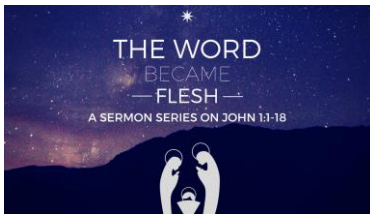
We are glad you are here today! Here are a few things we thought you would like to know to help you feel at home with us today. If you are visiting please introduce yourself to our pastor, a greeter or an usher. We love to make new friends!

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%.



Advent Meal* and Worship Dec. 8, 15 | 5:15 & 6:30**pm

Come adore the Word made flesh through song, service and worship. For more information visit www.trinityloneoak.org

* Event Sponsored in part by Thrivent Financial

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TLO School K-8 Concerts

Wednesday, Dec 8 | 1:30pm | TLO Gym
Thursday, Dec 9 | 6:30pm | TLO Gym

Please feel warmly welcomed at either (or both!) performance. Nothing will put you in the Christmas spirit as children singing about their Jesus!