

*Our Dear Christ  
Enters In*



Company Comes!

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*Visiting for the first time? Welcome! See back cover for visitor information.*

*\*congregation stands*

**AS WE GATHER**

In this fourth service for Our Dear Christ Enters In, a special service for Advent, we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus, just as we get ready when company comes to our homes. How shall we meet the Lord when He comes? The Son of Mary by the Holy Spirit is Jesus, who saves us from our sins and who fulfills the promise of Immanuel: God is with us. Love caused our Lord to come. Rejoice. Despair not you who are saddened, who sit in deep darkness. Jesus comes bringing salvation. Let us welcome our Savior into our homes and greet him in faith with heart's delight this Christmas season and always.

**OPENING HYMN****ARISE, O CHRISTIAN PEOPLE****LSB 354****\*INVOCATION**

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

**\*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*Psalm 130:7; Philippians 1:6*

- P O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
C **and with Him is plentiful redemption.**

*Silence for self-examination.*

- P Holy and gracious God,  
C **I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.**  
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.**  
P He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.  
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**

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

## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Genesis 18:1–14*

<sup>1</sup> The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth <sup>3</sup>and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, <sup>5</sup>while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." <sup>6</sup>And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." <sup>7</sup>And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

<sup>9</sup>They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." <sup>10</sup>The LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. <sup>11</sup>Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. <sup>12</sup>So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" <sup>13</sup>The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' <sup>14</sup>Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son."

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

### **PSALM**

*Psalm 24; antiphon: v. 7*

<sup>1</sup>The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,  
the world and those who dwell therein,  
<sup>2</sup>for he has founded it upon the seas  
and established it upon the rivers.  
<sup>3</sup>Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?  
And who shall stand in his holy place?  
<sup>4</sup>He who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
who does not lift up his soul to what is false  
and does not swear deceitfully.  
<sup>5</sup>He will receive blessing from the LORD  
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

<sup>6</sup>Such is the generation of those who seek him,  
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

<sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates!  
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

<sup>8</sup>Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD, strong and mighty,  
the LORD, mighty in battle!

<sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates!  
And lift them up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

<sup>10</sup>Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD of hosts,  
he is the King of glory!

## EPISTLE

*1 Peter 4:8–10*

<sup>8</sup>Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. <sup>9</sup>Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. <sup>10</sup>As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### \*VERSE

*Matthew 1:23a*

P Alleluia.

C **Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel.**

P Alleluia.

### \*HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 1:39–45*

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

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

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, <sup>40</sup>and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>42</sup>and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup>And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup>For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON HYMN**

**JESUS! NAME OF WONDROUS LOVE**

**LSB 900**

**SERMON      OUR DEAR CHRIST ENTERS IN: COMPANY COMES**

**Luke 1:39-45**

**MARY'S:** \_\_\_\_\_

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*"Now in these days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city in Judah, and she entered into the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth." Luke 1:39-40*

**MARY IS NOT JUST A RELATIVE ANY MORE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**MARY:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**MARY IS BLESSED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**AS WE WELCOME GUESTS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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*"Surely the Lord is in this place" Genesis 28:16*

**\*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.

## **\*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

After our petitions:

P O Jesus Christ, who is coming soon,  
C **visit us with Your love.**

## **OFFERING**

### **\*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** — *Sung; tune on LSB 178*

### **\*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**

- 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.**

## **\*PAX DOMINI**

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C **Amen.**

## **\*AGNUS DEI** — *Sung; tune on LSB 180*

**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.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN                      LET THE EARTH NOW PRAISE THE LORD                      LSB 352**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN                      O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM                      LSB 361**

## **\*NUNC DIMITTIS**— *Sung; tune on LSB 182*

## **\*POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

- P Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,  
C **for His steadfast love endures forever.**

- P Gracious God, ... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
C **Amen.**

## **\*BENEDICAMUS**


## **\*BENEDICTION**

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Serving Our Lord

		December 21, 2025	December 28, 2025 9:00am only
Musician		Merlin Simon	Marsha Workman
Cantor		Dave Workman	Dave Workman
Altar Guild		Sharon Drews and Nancy Strand	Sharon Drews and Nancy Strand
Elder	8am	Bill Breitingner and Sam Erdman	Andy Olson
	10:30am	Matthew Berg and Kurt Vallin	
Reader	8am	Jim Kohn	Andy Olson
	10:30am	Matthew Berg	
Usher Team	8am	Sam Erdman	Gary Sheets/Ben Swenson
	10:30am	Open	
Greeter(s)	8am	Open	Open
	10:30am	Open	
Acolyte	8am	Mason Kolb and Isaac Koch	Ian Olander and Ethan Swenson
	10:30am	Joshua Jebin and Henley Starksen	
Projection	8am	Jean Peterson	Swenson family
	10:30am	Eric Hakanson	
Live Stream	8am	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas
Coffee Hour	9:15am	LWML	Open



Christmas bags for TLO members

Get one today! | deliver at your convenience

Stop by the narthex, pick up a prepared bag(s) and deliver it(them) to the address on the bag. You will deliver Christmas goodies and smiles while receiving much more in return.

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COMING UP AT TLO — December 21, 2025 — December 28, 2025		
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT		
Sun	8:00*am	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15am	Adult Bible classes - no Sunday school
	10:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
	11:30am	Pizza and Caroling – join the fun!
	12:30pm	Peniel Evangelical Church
	6:00pm	Hoops - adult basketball
Mon		Christmas break begins; church office closed
Tue		Christmas break; church office closed
Wed	3:30pm	Christmas Eve Family Worship
	7:00pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion
Thur	9:00am	Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion
	6:00pm	Peniel event
Fri		Christmas break; church office open
Sat	2:00pm	Peniel events
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS		
Sun	9:00*am	Worship
	10:15am	Adult Bible class with Pastor Kroonblawd - no Sunday school
	12:30pm	Peniel Evangelical Church
	6:00pm	Hoops - adult basketball
*worship online at <a href="http://www.trinityloneoak.org">www.trinityloneoak.org</a>		



**Pizza and Christmas Caroling**  
**Today! December 21 | 11:30am | All ages | Meet at TLO**

Enjoy pizza lunch after late service. Then bring Christmas joy to TLO members in homes and in Care Centers by forming caroling groups that make up to 4 stops. No singing talent needed! Join us even if you didn’t RSVP!



- Birthdays this week**
- Dec 21 Elizabeth Berg
  - Dec 23 Corban Lumives
  - Dec 24 Ben Swernson
  - Dec 25 Jesus, Noel Koss, Regan Wallace
  - Dec 27 Cheryl Barnes

## WEEKLY DEPOSITS: December 14, 2025

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering - supporting staff and operations	\$	9,004.20
	(Our offering budget is \$10,475 per week)		
	Building Reserve Fund - supporting monthly mortgage payments	\$	25.00
	(Our offering budget is \$675 for per week)		
	Tuition	\$	7,389.47
	1883 School Annual Fund - supporting TLO School	\$	5.00
	Annual Appeal to 1883 School Annual Fund	\$	3,750.00
	Thrivent Choice Dollars to 1883 School Annual Fund	\$	16.00
	Church and school fees	\$	348.17
	<b>Subtotal General Fund Income</b>	\$	<b>20,537.84</b>
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2 - Yesterday, Today, Forever 2 initiative	\$	175.30
	Acorn Scholarship Fund	\$	25.00
	12/3 Advent meal in support of LEA	\$	222.00
	General support of Rev. Tom Park in Taiwan	\$	25.00
	12/10 Advent meal in support of Rev. Tom Park in Taiwan	\$	164.25
	Sunday school offerings in support of Rev. Tom Park	\$	11.96
	Chapel offering - Gospel Adventures: Mongolia	\$	45.75
	Washington DC	\$	1,229.75
	Young Investors stamps through Lutheran Church Extension Fund	\$	352.00
	<b>Subtotal Special Fund Income</b>	\$	<b>2,251.01</b>



### Stewardship verse:

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord,  
And he will repay him for his deed. **Proverbs 19:17**

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### Calendars, directories and offering envelopes

Stop by the table in the narthex to pick up your items for 2026: calendars, church phone book, and offering envelopes. By the way, if you want a box of envelopes and don't see one for you, contact the church office and we'll get you set up for 2026.

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## Remember in Prayer



### Mission Field:

- Rev. Tom Park, Theological Educator in Taiwan is OUR missionary and requests prayers for “our partner church, the China Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC)—that they remain steadfast in their devotion to God and His Word”

### Those with Health Concerns:

- Eddie Burdick
- Dixie Cliff
- Larry Flannery, pray for strength and continued healing.
- Gary Foley, facing medical issues, prayers for strength, wisdom, and guidance
- David Frick, recovering from rotator cuff surgery that was more extensive than expected
- John, grandfather of 2 TLO students, prayers for his upcoming surgery, ability to make informed decisions and progress with his cancer treatment
- Lisa Groenendyk, Marsha Workman's sister in law, is hospitalized with bacterial meningitis and will need open heart surgery when her condition improves
- Don Holz, father of Lorrie Buecksler, strength and healing from surgery
- Tyler Keech, brother of 2 TLO students, diagnosed with a massive osteosarcoma
- Justin Kube, nephew of Ken and Marla, recovering after a serious fall
- Joseph Labhart (Flannery's grandson) ongoing health concerns
- Marilou Larson, close cousin of Alice Dornseif, needing a “live liver” transplant
- Mary Ann Nagengast with husband Colin and sons, Brandon and Jordan, working through the pain of losing her nephew, Johnathan
- Renata Rahn, strength for each day
- Gia Watters, grand-niece of Alice, who suffered a severe concussion
- For TLO members and friends in care facilities or homebound
  - Glenda Holz + Donine Leatherby + Jeff Schaaf + Karen Stohlberg
  - Char Timm + Laverne Ziebell

### General and ongoing Prayers:

- For our nation: O Lord, let the earth fear You and all the world's inhabitants stand in awe of Your Christ, for You alone with the Holy Spirit are King of kings and Lord of lords. Preserve those who fear and serve You in this fallen world. Maintain good government among us. Even so, come quickly Lord Jesus, for Your kingdom is not of this world and our citizenship is with You in heaven.
- Ryan Kroonblawd - Seminarian - Classes began on Oct. 21 at Lutherische Theologische Hochschule in Oberursel, Germany. Pray for Ryan to fully comprehend the lectures and assignments he will be receiving in German through 2 semesters of studies. His wife, Emily, will be working on campus in various capacities.

### Our Weekly Memory Verse:

In him was life, and the life was the light of men. **John 1:4**





**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%.



## Christmas Worship

Join us as we worship Jesus this Christmas season. Postcard invitations in the narthex make it easy to invite a friend or neighbor to worship with you!

December 24 | 3:30pm | Christmas Eve Family Worship

December 24 | 7:00\*pm | Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion

December 25 | 9:00\*am | Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion

December 28 | 9:00\*am | Worship (**NOTE: one Sunday service**) | Adult study; no Sunday school

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