



“The Jews had light and gladness and joy and honor.”

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* Congregation Stands

HYMN OF INVOCATION

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

LSB 901, vs.1, 2, 5

1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so
 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be
 en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
 un - to me. Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,
 done in - deed. May I un - dis - turbed draw near Thee
 Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed
 There a heav'n on earth must be. To a - my heart, O
 While Thou dost Thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the
 is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!
 en - ter Thou; Let it be Thy tem - ple now!
 foun - tain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

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*INVOCATION

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

*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Gracious Lord
 C **we come before You, laying the burden of our sin at the foot of Your cross. We openly acknowledge our failure to follow Your plans for our lives. We have stumbled and fallen in our service to You. We have placed our agenda ahead of Yours. We have been shallow in our love toward You and toward those You have placed in our path. We cry out for mercy, trusting in Your promise to forgive us through the love of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P God has heard your cry for mercy and fulfills His promise to save and deliver you! Lavishing His grace upon you in Jesus, He enables you to love and forgive as He has first loved and forgiven you. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, 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;
 Christ, have mercy;
 Lord, have mercy.**

*SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

P Let us pray.
 Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; 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

Esther 8:15–17

¹⁵Then Mordecai went out from the presence of the king in royal robes of blue and white, with a great golden crown and a robe of fine linen and purple, and the city of Susa shouted and rejoiced. ¹⁶The Jews had light and gladness and joy and honor. ¹⁷And in every province and in every city, wherever the king's command and his edict reached, there was gladness and joy among the Jews, a feast and a holiday. And many from the peoples of the country declared themselves Jews, for fear of the Jews had fallen on them.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 26; antiphon: v. 8

¹Vindicate me, O LORD,
for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.
²Prove me, O LORD, and try me;
test my heart and my mind.
³For your steadfast love is before my eyes,
and I walk in your faithfulness.
⁴I do not sit with men of falsehood,
nor do I consort with hypocrites.
⁵I hate the assembly of evildoers,
and I will not sit with the wicked.
⁶I wash my hands in innocence
and go around your altar, O LORD,
⁷proclaiming thanksgiving aloud,
and telling all your wondrous deeds.
⁸O LORD, I love the habitation of your house
and the place where your glory dwells.
⁹Do not sweep my soul away with sinners,
nor my life with bloodthirsty men,
¹⁰in whose hands are evil devices,
and whose right hands are full of bribes.
¹¹But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity;
redeem me, and be gracious to me.
¹²My foot stands on level ground;
in the great assembly I will bless the LORD.

EPISTLE

Romans 12:9–21

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21–28

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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

Creator Spirit, By Whose Aid

LSB 500, vs.1-3



1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, by whose aid The world's foun - da - tions
2 O Source of un - cre - at - ed light, The bear - er of God's
3 Giv - er of grace, de - scend from high; Your sev'n - fold gifts to



first were laid, Come, vis - it ev - 'ry hum - ble mind; Come,
gra - cious might, Thrice - ho - ly fount, thrice - ho - ly fire, Our
us sup - ply; Help us e - ter - nal truths re - ceive And



pour Your joys on hu - man - kind; From sin and sor - row
hearts with heav'n - ly love in - spire; Your sa - cred, heal - ing
prac - tice all that we be - lieve; Give us Your - self that



set us free; May we Your liv - ing tem - ples be.
 mes - sage bring To sanc - ti - fy us as we sing.
 we may see The glo - ry of the Trin - i - ty.

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SERMON

The Great Reversal

Esther 8:15-17

OFFERING

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

After each petition:
 P Let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.

***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 give you peace.
C Amen.

HYMN TO DEPART

Beautiful Savior

LSB 537



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
 flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
 spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines
 God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
 pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
 ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

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Organist: Diane Streich

Cantor: Andrew Koch

COMING UP THIS WEEK — August 30, 2020 – September 7, 2020		
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST		
Sun	8:00am	Worship in sanctuary
	9:30am	Worship in sanctuary
		worship online at www.trinityloneoak.org
Mon	10:00am	Adult Bible Study
Tue		School begins!
	6:00pm	Board of Elders
	7:00pm	Board of Trustees
	7:00pm	Privileged to Pray
Wed		Holy Communion, register at www.trinityloneoak.org
	6:30am	Men's Bible study
	3:30pm	Confirmation orientation
	6:30pm	Confirmation orientation
Fri		No school
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST		
Sun	8:00am	Worship in sanctuary
	9:30am	Worship in sanctuary
		worship online at www.trinityloneoak.org
Mon		No school; church office closed
		No Adult Bible Study



Thank you to Rev. Dr. Robert (Reed) Lessing

The Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing is a Professor of Theology and Ministry at Concordia University in St. Paul. Prior to joining the CSP faculty, Reed served as a pastor in three LCMS congregations and professor at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. He is the author of eight books—all on the Old Testament. We appreciate having Pastor Lessing with us as Pastor Kroonblawd is away.



Rally Day Schedule

Sunday, September 13, 2020

- 9:15am EVERYBODY (All parents, students, and congregation members) meet in the gym to begin Sunday school with an orientation and opening. Adult Bible study will follow immediately after students are dismissed to classrooms.
- 10:30am Outdoor worship. Note the single service September 13.
- 11:30am Fellowship and fun!

A food truck and socially distanced picnic tables will be on hand for lunch. Traditional games and activities will be available for fun with the TLO church family. Join us!

Parents, register your child for Sunday school by [clicking here](#).



Fall Schedule announced

Beginning September 20, TLO's Sunday schedule is:

- 8:00am in-person worship
- 9:15am in-person Sunday school
- 10:30am in-person worship

Pre-recorded worship will continue to be available



Cub Foods items and in-person worship invitations are in the narthex. When you're taking some treats to your neighbors, be sure to invite them to worship, too!



"Women of the Word" (WOW) Bible study welcomes TLO women, -friends, and guests. Come for prayer, Bible study, and friendship. WOW meets in the TLO Conference Room, upper level near the Sanctuary, on Fridays when TLO School is in session. Plan to make WoW Bible study part of your routine beginning Sept. 11, 2020.

We will follow Covid 19 precautions. Please wear a mask. Leaders for this study are Helen Stoerzinger and Diane Streich. Contact the church office to get connected!

In September we'll study: ***Journey from Unbelief to Faith***, by Rev. Dr. John Nunes "The passage from unbelief or antagonism toward God to faith in Christ as Lord and Savior is a road that's different for each person. Follow the stories of four individuals from widely dissimilar pasts that arrived at the same conviction: Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior and because He is they must tell others about it." [Read more](#) about this study. Check out our [full list of studies at TLO!](#)



GodConnects course announced

Saturdays, September 19, 26, October 10 | 9:00am-12noon

GodConnects is a video series explaining the Christian faith in a way that makes it easy to invite a friend, family member, or church visitor. Plain language and helpful illustrations present God's work of salvation in a concise manner. This series is ideal for those with questions about sin, judgment, redemption, Jesus, the believer's life, and more. Who has God put in *your* life that needs to hear His message? Invite them to attend, or contact the church office and we'll reach out to them.

WEEKLY DEPOSIT: August 23, 2020

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering	\$	8,212.00
(Our Weekly Offering budget is \$8,115.00 per week)			
	Building Reserve Fund	\$	1,305.00
(Our Weekly Offering budget is \$635.00 per week)			
	Tuition	\$	1,588.34
	Annual Fund	\$	25.00
	Acorn Scholarship Fund	\$	416.25
	Church and School Fees	\$	405.78
	Subtotal General Fund Income	\$	11,952.37
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2	\$	185.00
	Y. I. Stamp Club through LCEF	\$	N/A
	Subtotal Special Fund Income	\$	185.00

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
Eddie Burdick, Pam's husband, overall health in dealing with on-going concerns
Rich Cliff, recovering from eye surgery
Dorothy Englert in need of prayer for pain and wellbeing
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.
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
Kris Markley, grand-nephew of John Krauss, thanksgiving and more prayers for healing 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
Billy D. Swain, ongoing health concerns.



Please pray for the family of Dorothy Englert called home to glory Thursday, August 27. She fought the good fight, she finished the course, she kept the faith. Now the Lord has laid upon her the crown of righteousness. All tears are wiped away. She rests in peace and joy in her Savior's presence. Funeral will be held Monday, August 31 at 5:00pm at Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran Church. Interment and meal to follow. Please keep Dorothy's family in your prayers. *"Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints."* - Psalm 116:15



TLO School opens Tuesday, Sept 1

As we prepare to open our school year on September 1st, please include TLO School Ministry, its faculty, staff, students and families, in your prayers. Pray that God will bless our planning and preparation that we may provide a safe environment in which we not only *equip children for life-long learning and service*, but even more importantly *nurture hearts and minds in Christ*. Thank you! —Kathryn Jones, TLO Principal



Privileged to Pray

Tuesday, September 1 | 7:00pm

Praying in unity with one another, asking for the same thing with one heart and mind pleases God. He loves and honors the synergy that occurs when we gather with others to pray. Won't you join us this Tuesday? Contact Jon and Jean Peterson for location information.



Flowers on the altar are in honor of Dorothy Sell's 98th birthday August 29. We thank God for the gift Dorothy is to her family, friends, and congregation and pray God's richest blessings on her!



Birthdays this week

Aug 30 Connie Kohn, Pastor Kroonblawd, Arlene Perron
Aug 31 Rick Pieper
Sept 1 Aubre Niehaus

Sept 2 Brad Johnson

Sept 5 Lance Pickerign, Joseph Vallin

Anniversaries this week

Sept 3 Marvin and Renata Rahn (72 years!)