



HIS  
STEADFAST LOVE  
ENDURES FOREVER

A SERVICE FOR THANKSGIVING

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**AS WE GATHER**

*Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!* Psalm 106:1

**OPENING HYMN****NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD****LSB 895****\*INVOCATION**

P In the name of the Father,  
C **who created us in love.**

P In the name of the Son,  
C **who forgave us in love.**

P In the name of the Spirit,  
C **who inspired us in love. Amen.**

**\*PSALM 107:1–9**

P Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
C **for his steadfast love endures forever!**

P Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,  
C **whom he has redeemed from trouble**

P and gathered in from the lands,  
C **from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.**

P Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in;  
C **hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.**

P Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.  
C **He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in.**

P Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,  
C **for his wondrous works to the children of man!**

P For he satisfies the longing soul,  
C **and the hungry soul he fills with good things.**

**\*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P O God, we give you thanks for your love to us, which is steadfast through every age. But we have been far from steadfast in our love for you.

- C **We confess that we have not loved you as we ought. We have not loved others as we should. We have been less than faithful toward you, and we have broken bonds with people who wronged us instead of forgiving them. We have taken your mercy for granted and continued in our ways of sin instead of your ways of love. We have turned away from your goodness and trusted ourselves instead. Forgive us, embrace us and direct us to live in your grace and favor always.**

*Please observe a time of self-examination to reflect on our sins.*

- P People dearly loved by God: I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. His love is steadfast. His compassion is complete. His care is eternal. Nothing can separate you from God ever again because Christ Jesus died and rose to destroy sin and bring you back to God forevermore.
- C **We live sin-free and thank-full. Amen.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE WE PRAISE YOU O GOD, OUR REDEEMER, CREATOR LSB 785**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**OLD TESTAMENT**

*Exodus 15:1–13*

<sup>1</sup>Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying,

“I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

<sup>2</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation;  
this is my God, and I will praise him,  
my father’s God, and I will exalt him.

<sup>3</sup>The LORD is a man of war;  
the LORD is his name.

<sup>4</sup>“Pharaoh’s chariots and his host he cast into the sea,  
and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea.

<sup>5</sup>The floods covered them;  
they went down into the depths like a stone.

<sup>6</sup>Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,  
your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

<sup>7</sup>In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries;  
you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble.

<sup>8</sup>At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up;  
the floods stood up in a heap;  
the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.

<sup>9</sup>The enemy said, ‘I will pursue, I will overtake,  
I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them.  
I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.’

<sup>10</sup>You blew with your wind; the sea covered them;  
they sank like lead in the mighty waters.

<sup>11</sup>“Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods?  
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,  
awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?”

<sup>12</sup>You stretched out your right hand;  
the earth swallowed them.

<sup>13</sup>“You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed;  
you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

*Ephesians 1:3–23*

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup>which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

<sup>11</sup>In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup>so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup>who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

<sup>15</sup>For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup>that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, <sup>18</sup>having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup>that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup>And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### \*HOLY GOSPEL

*Mark 6:30-43*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

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

<sup>0</sup>The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup>And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup>And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. <sup>33</sup>Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. <sup>34</sup>When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. <sup>35</sup>And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. <sup>36</sup>Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." <sup>37</sup>But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." <sup>39</sup>Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. <sup>40</sup>So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. <sup>41</sup>And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. <sup>42</sup>And they all ate and were satisfied. <sup>43</sup>And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish.

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 HYMN**

**SING TO THE LORD OF HARVEST**

**LSB 893**

**SERMON**

**HIS STEADFAST LOVE ENDURES FOREVER**

**OFFERING**

**\*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

After each petition:

P O God of all goodness,

C **Your steadfast love endures forever.**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

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.**

**\*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**

**\*THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**\*AGNUS DEI**

*LSB 198*

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

**BLEST ARE THEY**

**LSB 982**

*Soloist sings each stanza, Congregation joins for Refrain*

**\*POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

**HYMN TO DEPART PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW LSB 805**

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**Serving our Lord**

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Elder	Bill Breitingner	Kurt Vallin
Reader	Open	Kurt Vallin
Usher Team	Layne Streich	Ben Swenson
Greeter(s)	Open	Open
Acolyte(s)	Jacob Seeman, Isaac Koch	Open
Projectionist	Matt Seeman	Jean Peterson
Live Stream	Jim Nicklas	N/A



## 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.

**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%.

## Advent and Christmas Worship

Come adore The Light of Grace through song, service and worship. Full worship schedule and activities [trinityloneoak.org](http://trinityloneoak.org)



Advent Meal\* & Advent Worship  
Dec. 6, 13, 20 | 5:15 & 6:30\*\*pm



School Christmas Matinee | Dec. 13 @ 1:30pm  
School Christmas Concert | Dec. 14 @ 6:30pm  
Pizza and Caroling\* | Dec. 17 @ 11:30am



Christmas Family Worship | Dec. 24 @ 3:30pm  
Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion | Dec. 24 @ 7:00\*\*pm  
Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion | Dec. 25 @ 9:00\*\*am



Note Sunday worship schedule:  
Dec. 24–9:00am & Dec 31–9:00am

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