



THE
BEATITUDES

*Blessed are....
...the Peacemakers*

A seven-part sermon series based in Matthew 5

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**congregation stands*

HYMN OF INVOCATION

BLESSED ARE THEY

LSB 982 vs. 1-4

(Not in pew hymnal)

1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; Theirs is the
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; They shall in -
 3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; Mer - cy
 4 Blest are they who seek peace; They are the

king - dom of God. Blest are they, full of
 her - it the earth. Blest are they who hun - ger and
 shall be theirs. Blest are they, the pure of
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they who suf - fer in

sor - row; They shall be con - soled.
 thirst; They shall have their fill.
 heart; They shall see God!
 faith; The glo - ry of God is theirs.

Refrain

Re - joice and be glad! Bless-ed are you,

ho-ly are you. Re - joice and be glad! Yours is the

king - dom of God.

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***INVOCATION**

P In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

P Blessed are the poor in spirit—
Women: **For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

P Blessed are those who mourn—
Men: **For they will be comforted.**

P Blessed are the meek—
ALL: For they will inherit the earth.

P Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness—
Women: **For they will be filled.**

P Blessed are the merciful—
Men: **For they will be shown mercy.**

P Blessed are the pure in heart—
Women: **For they will see God.**

P Blessed are the peacemakers—
Men: **For they will be called children of God.**

P Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness—
ALL: For theirs is the kingdom of heaven!

***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P Paul writes in today's second lesson, "Christ came proclaiming peace to those who are far off and those who are near." (Ephesians 2:17) Heavenly Father, this proclamation has reached our ears but we confess it has not settled into our hearts.

C **We confess that we do not live up to your calling to be peacemakers.**

P We much prefer being peace-fakers and peace-breakers.

C **We are more ready to resent than to forgive.**

P More ready to keep our distance than to welcome.

C **More ready to judge than to show mercy.**

P Forgive our hard hearts.

C **And make us more alive to the depths of your love.**

P Show us what it cost to give up your Son.

C **That we might become your sons and daughters,**

P Who seek peace, pursue peace and love peace.

ALL: We ask this in the name of Jesus our Prince of Peace. Amen.

P Had we been in charge, long ago we would have crushed such rebels. Had we been the Heavenly Father, long ago we would have rejected such children. But, thank God, such is not the case! The true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, has made peace with us through the cross. He has delivered peace to us through the Gospel.

ALL: Ours is the kingdom of God!

HYMN

BLEST ARE THEY

LSB 982,

vs. 5

5 Blest are you who suffer hate,
All because of Me.
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom;
Shine for all to see.

ref Rejoice and be glad!
Blessèd are you, holy are you.
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God.

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*SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Heavenly Father, when we suffer for following Jesus, empower us to trust in these words of the Master, "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." We pray in Jesus' name.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 26:1–4

¹In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah:

"We have a strong city;
he sets up salvation
as walls and bulwarks.

²Open the gates,
that the righteous nation that keeps faith may enter in.

³You keep him in perfect peace
whose mind is stayed on you,
because he trusts in you.

⁴Trust in the LORD forever,
for the LORD GOD is an everlasting rock.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Ephesians 2:11–18

¹¹Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— ¹²remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of

promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 7:36–50

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventh chapter.
- C **Glorify to You, O Lord.**

³⁶One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. ³⁷And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, ³⁸and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. ³⁹Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." ⁴⁰And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher."

⁴¹"A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴²When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?" ⁴³Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly." ⁴⁴Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. ⁴⁶You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little." ⁴⁸And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." ⁴⁹Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" ⁵⁰And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

- 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

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS

(Matthew 5:9)

HYMN OF THE DAY

GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY

LSB 850

OFFERING

Please complete a worship and communion attendance card and place in the plate as it passes. Those who support this church and its ministry by giving electronically are invited to place the "I Give Online" cards located in each pew in the offering plate as a way of participating in this act of worship.

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

- P Father, Son and Holy Spirit, all powerful and ever-living God, we praise and thank you through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for your powerful peace at work in the world.
- C **In the midst of conflict and division—**

P We know it is you,

C **Who turns us toward peace.**

P Your Spirit breaks down walls.

C **Enemies begin to speak to one another.**

P Those who were estranged join hands in friendship.

C **And people seek the way of peace.**

P Send us your Holy Spirit,

C **So that vengeance is quenched by forgiveness.**

P And judgment gives way to mercy.

+ Additional Prayers +

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in y mercy, through your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

***PREFACE**

LSB 160

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**

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**

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**

LSB 163

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

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
HYMN**

**LORD JESUS CHRIST, LIFE-GIVING BREAD
O WONDROUS TYPE! O VISION FAIR**

**LSB 644
LSB 413**

***THANK THE LORD**

LSB 164

**Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED TO REV. DR. REED LESSING

***BENEDICTION**

LSB 166

HYMN TO DEPART

ALLELUIA, SONG OF GLADNESS

LSB 417

WHY DO I SERVE? VIDEO

SILENT PRAYER

Father, let Christ's peace permeate my church, family and place of work, and let it begin with me! Amen.

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Serving Our Lord

		Sunday, February 19, 2023	Sunday, February 26, 2023
Musician		Diane Streich	Lynn Kroonblawd
Cantor		Dave Workman	Andy Koch
Altar Guild		Sharon Drews	Sharon Drews
Elder(s)	8am	Jon Petesron	Andy Olson
	10:30am	Sam Erdman	Kurt Vallin
Reader	8am	Peter Olsen	Andy Olson
	10:30am	Kurt Vallin	Kurt Vallin
Usher Team	8am	Gary Sheets	Andy Olson
	10:30am	Open	Jon Peterson
Greeter(s)	8am	Karen Turnmire	Carolyn Wesling
	10:30am	Open	Open
Acolyte	8am	Open	Isaac Koch
	10:30am	Eric Hakanson, Sean Hakanson	Sebastian Ness
Projection	8am	Peter Olsen	Open
	10:30am	Open	Open
Live Stream	8am	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas



Farewell and Godspeed

On Sunday, Feb. 5, Pastor Lessing informed TLO congregation he received and accepted a Call to serve on the pastoral staff at Cross View Lutheran Church, Edina. He will also continue his position at Concordia University, St. Paul. A reception for Pastor Lessing is being held at 9:15am this morning in the gym. Please join us!



TLO Gala

Don't miss out! Saturday March 4th at 5pm. Ticket sales end on Thursday Feb. 23rd. This is the last Sunday to purchase your gala tickets. Register and purchase your tickets at <http://bidpal.net/tigergala2023>. Final donation for the silent & live auction due to the office Feb. 22nd.

Questions please contact Tami Taylor davidandtamtaylor@yahoo.com or 651-468-8581.



COMING UP AT TLO — February 19, 2023— February 26, 2023**TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

Sun	8:00*am	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15am	Farewell reception for Pastor Lessing and education hour for all ages
	10:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
	12:30pm	Peniel Evangelical Church worship
	6:00pm	Hoops
Mon		President's Day—No School—Church office closed
	10:00am	Adult Bible study
	6:30pm	Trail Life Troop 2950
Tue	6:30pm	Board of Christian Outreach
Wed	6:30am	Men's Bible study
	9:00am	Quilters
	4:00pm	Confirmation
	5:15pm	Lent Meal served by WoW Bible study
	6:30pm	Ash Wednesday worship with Holy Communion
	7:15pm	Men's choir rehearsal
Fri	9:00am	Women of the Word (WoW) Bible study
Sat	9:00am	GodConnects, session 3 and 3
	3:00-8:00pm	Peniel Evangelical Church activities

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Sun	8:00*am	Worship
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages
	10:30am	Worship
	11:30am	Quarterly Voters' Meeting
	12:30pm	Peniel Evangelical Church worship
	6:00pm	Hoops

*worship online at www.trinityloneoak.org

**Amnion Bottles for Life at TLO**

The Amnion Bottles for Life Campaign keeps growing! We're over \$1,525 (up from \$1,159.79 in 2022!) Thanks to everyone who participated and praise the Lord for His work through Amnion Pregnancy Center. Please continue to keep Amnion in prayer as they minister to God's people.



Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran Church
Voters' Meeting Agenda
February 26, 2023 – 11:30 a.m. – TLO Gym



Call to Order

Open Meeting with Devotion and Prayer

- Review Voters' Meeting Minutes from November 20, 2022
- Board and Officer Reports

Written reports will be available on Sunday, February 26th, in the gym. Please review the reports and ask questions at the meeting.

Pastor's Report

Board of Christian Outreach

Board of Social Ministry

Finance Secretary

Principal's Report

Board of Elders

Board of Stewardship

Treasurer

Board of Christian Education

Board of Endowment

Board of Trustees

President

Old Business

- Parking Lot repair Update
- YTF2 Update

New Business

- Congregational nominations for President, First Vice President, and Regional Vice President of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
- Approval to request Teacher/DCE candidate from CUNE be designated for a Divine Call to TLO
- Board and Officer Nominations and Elections

Vice President – Open

Board of Elders – 3 Open

Board of Christian Education-2 Open

Board of Trustees – 2 Open

Board of Worship – Chair

Board of Youth – Chair Matt Seeman

Board of Social Ministry – Chair

- New Members Signing of Constitution

Motion to Adjourn

Close with Prayer

Mark your calendar for these future Voters' Meetings!

- May 21 - 11:45
- September 24 - 11:45
- November 12 - Time to be determined



UNITED FOR LIFE

MINNESOTA'S PRO-LIFE ADVOCACY DAY
FEBRUARY 28TH, 2023 · UNITEDFORLIFEMN.ORG

United for Life is a pro-life advocacy day at the Minnesota State Capitol Rotunda. It will be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, with registration beginning at 9 am. The event will bring together pro-life Minnesotans, organizations, and church bodies from across the state to stand up for life. We hope you can join us!

Together, we will care for women, children, and families by inspiring legislators to fight for the fundamental rights of all human beings, from conception to natural death. By walking with mothers and children in need, and encouraging our legislators to do the same, we can make Minnesota the best place to welcome a child into this world.

The day will consist of a rally in the Capitol Rotunda, educational opportunities, and meetings with your state representatives. You will get to hear from a variety of inspiring speakers, and get a chance to connect with many of the leading pro-life organizations from around the state. It is now more important than ever to UNITE and make the pro-life message heard in Minnesota.

The event is free, but registration is necessary to schedule meetings with your specific state legislators. You will also receive a free t-shirt.

Join us for United for Life. United, we stand up for justice--for the unborn, for mothers, for children, and for families. See you on February 28th!

Visit this site for detailed information, the event schedule, and to register:
<https://unitedforlifemn.org/>





Sunday School Greeters Needed!

Thank you to those who have served as Greeters for TLO's Sunday School! We do need additional Greeters in March, April and May. Please consider this opportunity to be a friendly face as families bring their children to Sunday School. A Greeter is needed each Sunday from **9:00-9:30am** at the Sunday School table set up near the entrance area of the school. You can sign up with the church office. Or contact Lynn Kroonblawd (kroonblawd86@q.com or 651-235-8259)



The Book of Revelation: Explained and Applied

Saturday, March 18 | 9am-3pm | Concordia University, St. Paul

Would you like to make sense of Revelation's numbers, colors, and vivid imagery?

Then Pastor Lessing's next seminar is for you! It will not only explain and apply this daunting book, but participants choosing the \$25 option will also receive a 70-page study—along with 269 accompanying PowerPoint slides—and a seven-week sermon series based upon Revelation 2–3. Best of all, attendees will be encouraged and strengthened through studying Christ's victory over all evil. Register at <https://www.csp.edu/center-for-biblical-studies/>

\$25 Seminar PLUS Bible Study and Sermons

\$10 Seminar ONLY



Summer can't come soon enough!

Registration is now open for 2023 Concordia Academy Camps!

We're offering almost three dozen summer camps focusing on athletics, arts, STEM, and other areas for students in Grades 1-12. In addition to favorites like Boys and Girls Basketball, CSI, G3 (Genuinely Great Girls), Camp Create, Playmakers, Volleyball, and Youth Worship Team, **we're offering plenty of exciting new camps**. In addition, we're offering two weeklong sessions of our popular Auto Shop and ICE Lab camps. Many camps have size limits and fill up quickly, so don't delay in signing up!



Camp Omega registration open!

Grab a Camp Omega brochure from the TLO narthex, pour over selections, then sign up for your summer adventure! There's everything from horse camp to ropes to kindercamp and survivor. Don't delay!

WEEKLY DEPOSITS: February 12, 2023

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering	\$	13,319.44
	(Our offering budget is \$8,175 per week)		
	Building Reserve Fund	\$	3,092.48
	(Our offering budget is \$665 for per week)		
	Chapel	\$	51.96
	Tuition	\$	5,238.03
	Sunday school	\$	3.50
	1883 Annual Fund	\$	385.88
	Thrivent Choice to 1883 Annual Fund	\$	288.00
	Thrivent Choice to Current and Mission	\$	167.00
	Gala 2023	\$	1,100.00
	Church and school fees	\$	12,630.83
	Subtotal General Fund Income	\$	36,277.12
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2	\$	195.15
	Acorn Scholarship Fund	\$	103.00
	Young Investor Stamps through Lutheran Church Extension Fund	\$	198.00
	Subtotal Special Fund Income	\$	496.15

Why do I serve?

TLO's Board of Christian Stewardship is focusing on the **stewardship of service** in early 2023. This is such a big part of being a faithful steward and at TLO many people do use their personal gifts to serve the Lord.



A series of videos will be featured on Sunday mornings in the next few weeks as our members share their motivation for serving in the way they do. You can also find them on TLO's **YouTube Channel**. Watch for more "Why Do I Serve" videos in the coming weeks!

May you find inspiration in these video testimonials as our members give their heart-felt reasons why they serve.



Remember in Prayer

BJ, son of Connie Wilson, in a coma after suffering severe injury to the stomach
Steve Clark, thankful to be home after successful surgery

Rich and Dixie Cliff

Kristi, Gary Foley's daughter, battling health issues

Ginny & Steve, Hannah's coworker, as Ginny is diagnosed w/ stage 4 non hodgkin's lymphoma

Ed Jones, father of David Jones and Julie Casby, for peace and comfort as he struggles with dementia

Joseph Labhart (Flannery's grandson) ongoing health concerns

Brian Motz, hospitalized this week, and in need of our prayers

Ian Olander, TLO grade 3 student, keep updated at caringbridge.org/visit/iano

John Prusak, Keith's father, struggling with Parkinson's and dementia

Joanie Shockly eye surgery February 23

Wyneta Timm, sister of Char, recovering after a fall

Rod Vik, for healing and strength as he deals with illness

Laverne and Beverly Ziebell, thanksgiving to God for His mighty hand in their lives. Beverly has transitioned home; prayers that she can get the care she needs at home.



Devotions for Lent

Man of Sorrows, People of Joy paints a revealing picture of Jesus as He winds His way to the cross. Using Matthew's Gospel as its source, we see Jesus as teacher, healer, comforter, and Savior. Our Shepherd's crucifixion and resurrection now make joy and true life available to His followers—to those who through faith entrust their lives to Him. Pick yours up in the narthex or access the online version at lhm.org.



Birthdays this week

Feb 19 Paul Anderson, Nicole Rudoll

Feb 20 Lori Barnes

Feb 21 Jackie Holey, Gavin Kellin, Gretchen Schwanz

Feb 22 Eve Bruggemann, Tracie Kirchner, Will Wallace

Feb 23 Graig Lumives

Feb 24 Beth Koch

Anniversaries this week

Feb 19 Larry and Linda Flannery

Feb 22 Stuart and Mary Jane Weierke



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 one of our pastors, 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 one of our pastors 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%.



Places of the Passion

Join us for worship Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 6:30 pm, as we begin *Places of the Passion* Midweek Lent Worship Series. In this series we will follow in the footsteps of our Savior, contemplating the places where Jesus stood on his path to salvation. In this service, we go to Jerusalem, the place of the Passover, where Jesus gathers with the crowds and sacrifices himself for us.



Meals in Lent

Invite a friend for a meal six Wednesdays in Lent. Serving is from 5:15-6:15pm, and a free will offering is taken at the door.

Date	Group Serving
February 22	WoW Bible study
March 1	Friends for Life
March 8	TLO Teachers
March 15	Scrappers
March 22	Elders
March 29	Quilters