



## Render to Caesar and to God

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**AS WE GATHER**

One of the most famous sayings of Jesus appears to provide a neat and tidy divide between the worldly power of government and the spiritual power of the Church. Is that really what Christ is doing? Is He marking the divide or is He commending all things and the ultimate authority to the saving purpose of our heavenly Father? The things that belong to Caesar appear to be valuable in the moment but are temporary and temporal. The things of God are everything—all things in heaven and earth. They are eternal. In reality, there is nothing that does not belong to God, although the Lord assigns different people with the different responsibilities of church and state. In this question of who is in charge, God makes it clear that He is always in charge and always working for our salvation.

**OPENING HYMN    SING PRAISE TO GOD, THE HIGHEST GOOD    LSB 819, vs. 1–4**

**\*INVOCATION**

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

**\*OPENING SENTENCES**

*Psalm 121:2, 7*

P    My help comes from the LORD,  
 C    **who made heaven and earth.**

P    The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
 C    **He will keep your life.**

**\*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*We pause to examine ourselves.*

P    Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
 C    **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

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 Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
 C    **Amen.**

P    He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
 C    **Amen.**

## \*KYRIE

LSB 152

- 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.**

## OPENING HYMN      SING PRAISE TO GOD, THE HIGHEST GOOD      LSB 819, vs. 5

- 5 All who confess Christ's holy name,  
Give God the praise and glory.  
Let all who know His pow'r proclaim  
Aloud the wondrous story.
- Cast ev'ry idol from its throne,  
For God is God, and He alone:  
To God all praise and glory!  
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## \*SALUTATION

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

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 45:1-7*

- <sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
whose right hand I have grasped,  
to subdue nations before him  
and to loose the belts of kings,  
to open doors before him  
that gates may not be closed:  
<sup>2</sup>"I will go before you  
and level the exalted places,  
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze  
and cut through the bars of iron,  
<sup>3</sup>I will give you the treasures of darkness  
and the hoards in secret places,  
that you may know that it is I, the LORD,  
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.  
<sup>4</sup>For the sake of my servant Jacob,  
and Israel my chosen,  
I call you by your name,  
I name you, though you do not know me.

<sup>5</sup>I am the LORD, and there is no other,  
besides me there is no God;  
I equip you, though you do not know me,  
<sup>6</sup>that people may know, from the rising of the sun  
and from the west, that there is none besides me;  
I am the LORD, and there is no other.  
<sup>7</sup>I form light and create darkness,  
I make well-being and create calamity,  
I am the LORD, who does all these things.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

*1 Thessalonians 1:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

<sup>2</sup>We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, <sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. <sup>9</sup>For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### \*HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 22:15–22*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

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

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. <sup>16</sup>And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” <sup>21</sup>They said, “Caesar’s.” Then

he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." <sup>22</sup>When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

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.**

**SERMON HYMN**

**ALL DEPENDS ON OUR POSSESSING**

**LSB 732**

**SERMON**

**THE REAL RENDERING TO GOD**

**MATT. 22:15-22**

**OFFERING**

**NEW MEMBER RECEPTION** (8:00am)

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

After each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

## \*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 ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME LSB 549, vs. 1, 4-7**

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### **Welcome new members**

We warmly welcome the Dan and Paula Sattler with daughters, Evelyn and Millie, into the TLO Family today. Evelyn attends TLO preschool and Sunday school and loves her little sister. Please introduce yourself to them at your nearest opportunity.

## Serving Our Lord

|               |         | October 22, 2023                  | October 29, 2023                  |
|---------------|---------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Musician      |         | Diane Streich                     | Jacob Erdman & TLO brass ensemble |
| Cantor        |         | Dave Workman                      | Andy Koch                         |
| Altar Guild   |         | Jane Shull and Joanie Wachter     | Jane Shull and Joanie Wachter     |
| Elder         | 8am     | Bill Breitinger                   | Sam Erdman                        |
|               | 10:30am | Jim Kohn                          | Kurt Vallin                       |
| Reader        | 8am     | Rob Orr                           | Andy Olson                        |
|               | 10:30am | Matthew Berg                      | Kurt Vallin                       |
| Usher Team    | 8am     | Gary Sheets                       | Andy Olson                        |
|               | 10:30am | Open                              | Jon Peterson                      |
| Greeter(s)    | 8am     | Open                              | Open                              |
|               | 10:30am | Open                              | Open                              |
| Acolyte(s)    | 8am     | Camryn Ergang and Lillian Olander | Open                              |
|               | 10:30am | Open                              | Dana Vallin                       |
| Projectionist | 8am     | Marc Ergang                       | Open                              |
|               | 10:30am | Open                              | Jean Peterson                     |
| Live Stream   | 8am     | Jim Nicklas                       | Jim Nicklas                       |
| Coffee Hour   | 9:15am  | Megan Naas                        | Roxanne Foley                     |

 SCHOLASTIC

## BOOK FAIRS

### Scholastic Book Fair

The Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran Library is sponsoring the Scholastic Book Fair where you will be able to shop for birthday or Christmas presents or just items for enjoyment and benefit TLO Library at the same time. The Book Sale will be open Sunday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> 9:00 to noon and also from 2:30pm to 9:00pm on Wednesday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> and Thursday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. We hope to see you there!



### **New Bible study begins October 30, 10:00am**

We invite you to meet God's unforgettable man named Jeremiah. Listen to his scorching sermons. Eavesdrop as he spills his guts and raves at God. Watch him as he wears a yoke around his neck for sermon illustrations. Sit with him in the mud at the bottom of a cistern, convinced he's soon to die. And ask, as every listener must, "What is God telling me about my world, my church, and the role He wants me to play?" We are taking an abbreviated tour of Jeremiah's life and ministry. We will not be covering every chapter, nor will we be reading everything in order, but you will be challenged and enlightened! Join us each Monday at 10:00am beginning October 30.

**COMING UP AT TLO — October 22, 2023 — October 29, 2023**

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

|     |                |   |
|-----|----------------|---|
| Sun | 8:00*am        | Worship   |
|     | 9:15am         | Acolyte Training in TLO Sanctuary                 |
|     | 9:15am         | Education Hour for all ages                       |
|     | 10:30am        | Worship   |
|     | 12:30pm-4:00pm | Peniel Evangelical Church activities              |
|     | 6:00pm         | Hoops   |
| Mon | 12:30pm        | 12 Baskets / KFC donation for Dept of Indian Work |
| Tue | 7:00pm         | TLO Church Council                                |
| Wed | 6:30am         | Men's Bible study                                 |
|     | 4:00pm         | Midweek Confirmation class                        |
| Fri | 9:00am         | Women of the Word (WoW) Bible study               |
| Sat | 3:00-7:00pm    | Peniel Evangelical Church activities              |

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

|     |               |   |
|-----|---------------|---|
| Sun | 8:00*am       | Worship   |
|     | 9:15am        | Education Hour for all ages                     |
|     | 10:30*am      | Worship   |
|     | 12:00noon     | TLO School's 140th Celebration meal and program |
|     | 1:30pm-5:00pm | Peniel Evangelical Church activities            |
|     | 6:00pm        | Hoops   |

\*worship online at [www.trinityloneoak.org](http://www.trinityloneoak.org)



**TLO School Fall Open House November 16**

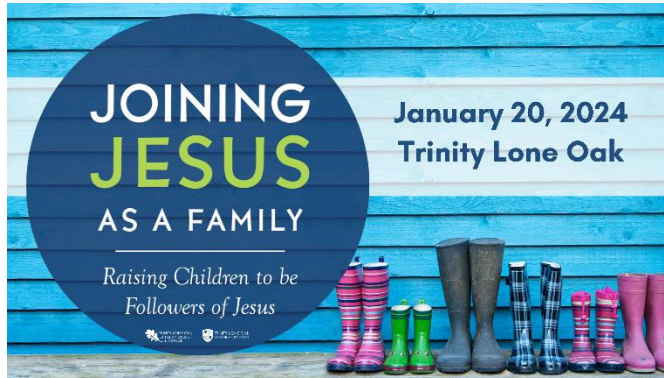
Do you know someone who would love TLO as much as you do? Or are you a TLO Preschool parent curious about our Kindergarten program? Our open house is coming up on Thursday, November 16 from 4-6 pm. Bring a friend to learn more about TLO our preschool and K-8 program!



**Local elections**

Many communities are having school board elections Tuesday, November 7. Be informed about what's happening in your area! As Christians, we have a duty to participate in the exercise of self-government. The first and most important step in this responsibility is to register and vote in every election. Thomas Jefferson is often quoted as saying, "We in America do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate." For information on YOUR election visit <https://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/> or stop in the church office for assistance.





## Joining Jesus as a Family Seminar Saturday, January 20 | 9:00am-12noon

Christian parents want to raise their children to be life-long followers of Jesus, but may ask “What does it mean to ‘disciple’ my own child” and “How can I weave Jesus’ discipleship process into the rhythm of my family’s everyday life?”

Greg and Susan Finke identify what Jesus shows us in the gospels to help parents *become more intentional and practical in raising Jesus-followers.*

This seminar is for anyone helping a child live the fruitful and fulfilling life of a Jesus-follower: parents, grandparents, foster parents, pastors, family ministry professionals and volunteers.



Bring the whole family!  
Camp Omega staff will lead our children's programming.  
Light breakfast for all attendees is included and offered from 8:00-9:00am.



\$5 per person (\$20 family max). Register TODAY using the QRC code, go to [trinityloneoak.org](http://trinityloneoak.org), or contact the church office. Books (optional) are \$10 each.

“Joining Jesus as a family is simpler than you think and a lot more fun!”  
—Greg and Susan Finke



## WEEKLY DEPOSITS: October 15, 2023

| General Fund Income:   |   |    |                  |
|--|---|----|------------------|
|  | Current and Mission Weekly Offering                           | \$ | 5,412.77         |
| (Our offering budget is \$8,525 per week)                        |   |    |                  |
|  | Building Reserve Fund   | \$ | 303.15           |
| (Our offering budget is \$665 for per week)                      |   |    |                  |
|  | Thrivent Choice to Current and Mission                        | \$ | 86.00            |
|  | 1883 School Annual Fund                                       | \$ | 235.96           |
|  | Sunday school   | \$ | 9.20             |
|  | Chapel  | \$ | 65.27            |
|  | Tuition   | \$ | 5,749.93         |
|  | Church and school fees  | \$ | 153.30           |
|  | <b>Subtotal General Fund Income</b>                           | \$ | <b>12,015.58</b> |
| Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending) |   |    |                  |
|  | YTF2  | \$ | 365.45           |
|  | Acorn Scholarship Fund  | \$ | 1,130.00         |
|  | Young Investors stamps through Lutheran Church Extension Fund | \$ | 245.00           |
|  | <b>Subtotal Special Fund Income</b>                           | \$ | <b>1,740.45</b>  |



### Concordia Academy Craft Fair

The Concordia Academy Holiday Craft Fair returns on November 11 with almost 100 crafters and vendors, delicious treats, prize drawings, and lots of fun! Admission is free. Go to [www.concordiaacademy.com/craftfair](http://www.concordiaacademy.com/craftfair) for details!



### Operation Christmas Child

**Lunch and shoebox packing event | November 12 | 11:30am**

On October 29, bring more toys, please! Legos, barbies, or anything that would delight a child to the bin in the narthex; we'll store them here until our November 12 packing event. The cost to ship each box is \$9 so **donations towards this cost** are also needed. Need more information? Contact Cindy Rahn, Leann Becker or Mrs. Peterson in the church office.



### Pastor Appreciation in October

Just a final reminder that October is pastor appreciation month. Does your pastor know that you appreciate him?!?



### **Remember in Prayer**

Avianna (age 2), niece of Chelsea Cardenas, battling cancer  
Rich and Dixie Cliff

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

Marilou Larson, close cousin of Alice Dornseif, with liver and spleen issues

Greg Lumives, who underwent surgery October 2, and Marie, Kaylee and Corban

Brian Motz, at St Mary's Hospital in Rochester, and in need of our prayers

Joyce (Kirchner) Moynihan, diagnosed with cancer

Ryan Kroonblawd - 1st year seminarian - Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO

Ian Olander, thanksgiving for successful tests October 10; more at [caringbridge.org/visit/iano](http://caringbridge.org/visit/iano)

LeAnn Peterson, sister of Andrea Hinrichs, recovering from foot surgery and complications

Verna Ratzlaff recovering at Ebenezer, Burnsville

Stuart Weierke

Laverne and Beverly Ziebell. Our prayers are needed as they navigate day-to-day living

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### **Weekly Memory Verse**

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matt. 11:28

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### **Funeral services for Becky Fry**

Mrs. Becky Fry, mother of Michele Frick, suffered a heart attack Wednesday morning, October 11, and is now celebrating in glory. Funeral will be at Messiah Lutheran Church in Lakeville tomorrow, Monday, October 23; visitation at 10am, service at 11am with a luncheon to follow. Please keep David, Michele, Elizabeth, Christopher and all who loved Becky in prayer as they grieve this sudden loss.

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### **Birthdays this week**

Oct 22 Corey Perron

Oct 26 Matt Seeman

Oct 27 Elizabeth Frick, Kevin McDonough, Aleksander Stenstad

Oct 28 Heather Hakanson

### **Anniversaries this week**

Oct 22 Rich and Dixie Cliff - 68 years!

Oct 23 David and Kathy Jones



## 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.

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# TLO School Celebrates its 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Reformation Sunday, October 29, 2023

## October 29 details

Worship is being held at 8:00am and 10:30am October 29. Guest preacher, Rev. Cory Kroonblawd and guest organist, Jacob Erdman, along with TLO brass ensemble, will be with us at both services. TLO School students will sing and play handbells at 10:30am only.

Overflow seating for the 10:30am worship service will be available in the gymnasium. The service will be streamed into the gym and on TLO's YouTube channel.

Overflow parking is available in the newly constructed lot directly to the south of TLO. Access instructions will be published next week. A sidewalk on the west end of the lot connects to pavement parallel to Highway 55.

Reservations for the meal are required; contact the church office for availability. On the day of, registered guests should pick up their pre-printed nametag before entering the food line.

Photos, stories, names of TLO Alum who were trained in church work, and memorabilia can still be submitted to the school or church office. Please contact Principal Jones, Katarina Zenda-Johnson or Jean Peterson if you have questions or comments.



*Rev. Cory Kroonblawd  
Guest preacher*



*Mr. Jacob Erdman  
Guest organist*