



Through Groaning to Glory

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AS WE GATHER

As Christians, we suffer and groan—but not as those without hope. Paul touches on this in Romans. He reminds us that because of what Christ has done for us we can actually “rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope” (5:3–4). Specifically, says Paul, “we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.” Thanks be to God, who gives us, weak and groaning sinners, the victory over sin, suffering, and death adopting us into His family through the groaning—weakness, suffering, and death—of our Lord Jesus Christ!

OPENING HYMN**HEAR US, FATHER, WHEN WE PRAY****LSB 773*****INVOCATION**

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

***OPENING SENTENCES**

Psalm 31:24; Hebrews 10:23; Psalm 39:7

- P Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
C **all you who wait for the LORD!**
- P Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering,
C **for He who promised is faithful.**
- P And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?
C **My hope is in You.**

***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Psalm 130:5

- P Let us confess to the Lord our sins and trust in His salvation.
C **“I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope.”**
- P Almighty God, You spoke a perfect world into being, yet now Your creation bears the stains and scars of our failure.
C **“I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope.”**
- P We bear responsibility for the suffering around us, filling the world with evil and failing to do the good we ought.
C **“I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope.”**
- P Our hearts are crushed beneath the burden of our sin and with longing for the world to be made right.
C **“I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope.”**

P Forgive us, O God, for You are faithful and just and will cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

C **"I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope."**

P Your hope is met by the redemption and renewal of our God found in His Son, Jesus Christ, who was given to die for you, and for whose sake God 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.**

***KYRIE** - *Sung* - *LSB 204*

***GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** - *Sung* - *LSB 204*

***SALUTATION**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 44:6–8

⁶Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

"I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

⁷Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.
Let him declare and set it before me,

since I appointed an ancient people.
Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.

⁸Fear not, nor be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?

And you are my witnesses!
Is there a God besides me?
There is no Rock; I know not any."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Romans 8:18–27

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit,

groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*VERSE

Matthew 13:35b

P Alleluia. I will open My mouth in parables;

C **I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world. Alleluia.**

*HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

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

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

²⁴[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' ²⁸He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" . . .

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴²and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."

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	IN HOLY CONVERSATION	LSB 772
SERMON OUTLINE	Through Groaning to Glory	Romans 8:18-27
BECAUSE OF SIN:		

OUT OF LOVE FOR US: _____

WHEN WE PRAY AND GROAN: _____

JESUS: _____

UNITED WITH JESUS IN THE NEW CREATION: _____

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After our petitions:

- P Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**

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* - LSB 208

***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* - LSB 210

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	MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS	LSB 576
HYMN	HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION	LSB 728
HYMN	LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING	LSB 700

***NUNC DIMITTIS** - *Sung* - LSB 211

***POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

***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 RISE, MY SOUL, TO WATCH AND PRAY LSB 663, vs. 1, 3, 5

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Serving Our Lord		
	July 19, 2026	July 26, 2026
Musician	Diane Streich	Éowyn Prusak
Cantor	Andrew Koch	Keith Prusak
Altar Guild	Nancy Strand	Nancy Strand
Elder	Kurt Vallin and and open	Bill Breitinger and open
Reader	Kurt Vallin	Keith Prusak
Usher Team	Brian Nack and Terry Stoerzinger	Layne Streich and Ben Swenson
Acolyte(s)	Isaac Koch and Beth Koch	Henley Starksen and Sophia Orr
Projection	Don Lee	Sebastian Ness
Live Stream	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas



"Lutheranism In Germany Today"

On Sunday July 26, seminarian Ryan Kroonblawd will give a presentation in the gymnasium during the Bible study hour (approx 10:30am-11:30am) about his year studying abroad at a Lutheran seminary in Germany. Come to hear about Ryan's experiences and to learn about what Lutheranism is like in Germany today!

COMING UP AT TLO — July 19, 2026 — July 26, 2026		
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST		
Sun	9:00*am	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15am	New Member reception followed by Adult Bible Class
	12:30pm	Peniel Evangelical Church
Mon	10:00am	Adult Bible Class
Tue	10:30am	TLO leads worship at Lexington Pointe Senior Living
Wed	6:30am	Men's Bible study
	5:30pm	Board of Christian Outreach
Thur	6:00pm	Peniel
Sat	2:00pm	Peniel events
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST		
Sun	9:00*am	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15am	Ryan Kroonblawd: "Lutheranism In Germany Today"
	12:30pm	Peniel Evangelical Church
*worship online at www.trinityloneoak.org		



The 69TH Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) is in session through July 23, 2026, in Phoenix. Please keep the triennial convention in mind and in prayer as Synod leaders, both clergy- and lay-leaders, meet to discuss the important business of our Church. This morning’s Sunday morning Bible Study will explore the convention theme, 'Christ is Risen Indeed.' The Convention Bible Study is based on 1 Cor. 15:20–22. Come and join us in the gym after worship.

TLO Campus Prayer Meeting
Monday, August 3 – 6:30pm

TLO is seeking individuals who will meet at TLO on Monday, August 3 to pray for every area of our ministry. From playground to meeting room, from Sanctuary to locker bays, all portions of our ministry need to be covered in prayer. We're asking for a one-time commitment to join for this event. Meet in the TLO sanctuary for opening prayer and to form teams before spreading to all areas of our campus. Use the QR code or call the church office to register.



WEEKLY DEPOSITS: July 12, 2026

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering - supporting staff and operations	\$	12,021.00
	(Our offering budget is \$10,690 per week)		
	Building Reserve Fund - supporting monthly mortgage payments	\$	25.00
	(Our offering budget is \$675 for per week)		
	Tuition	\$	960.00
	1883 School Annual Fund - supporting TLO School	\$	30.00
	Verizon Tower Rental	\$	2,015.87
	Church and school fees	\$	1,723.49
	Subtotal General Fund Income	\$	16,775.36
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2 - Yesterday, Today, Forever 2 initiative	\$	150.00
	Acorn Scholarship Fund	\$	25.00
	General support of Rev. Tom Park in Taiwan	\$	25.00
	Subtotal Special Fund Income	\$	200.00



What a blessing that **Amnion Women's Center** raised just over \$69,000 through the **Walk for Life** held in early June! If you would still like to donate to help Amnion reach its goal of \$70,000, please visit helpofferhope.org and designate your donation to "Walk for Life". Also, Amnion is looking to fill a few full-time and part-time positions. Check out the Employment Opportunities at helpofferhope.org. Amnion is thankful for the support received from TLO members as the ministry of pregnancy resource centers reaches those in need of hope and help during an unplanned pregnancy!



Today's altar followers are placed by Pastor Jim & Lynn Kroonblawd for the 40th Anniversary of Pastor's Ordination into the Ministry on July 20. *"I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service."* - 1 Timothy 1:12



Birthdays this week

July 19 Rob Shull
July 21 Aaron Morris
July 22 Matthew Boll
July 23 Andrew Erdman, Mitchell Olson, Linnea Raveling
July 25 Chad Jeske

Anniversaries this week

July 25 Ken and Marla Kube

Remember in Prayer



Mission Field:

- Rev. Tom Park, Theological Educator in Taiwan is OUR missionary and requests prayers for his students in language learning.

Thanksgivings

- Congratulations to Sam and Mary Erdman at the birth of their first grandchild, Luke Robert Erdman, son of Andrew and Rachel, on July 9. We pray God's richest blessings on this new family as they raise their son to know Jesus as his Lord and Savior.

Those with Health Concerns:

- Austin, officer & friend of Bueckslers, for full healing from injuries sustained in the line of duty
- Pam Burdick, experiencing pain at a prior surgery site; pray for the consultation July 28
- Bri Buecksler, recovering from surgery, with long recovery ahead
- Alice Dornseif, in transition care with much back pain
- John, grandfather of 2 TLO students, undergoing cancer treatment. The family requests continued prayers in this serious situation
- Marilou Larson, close cousin of Alice Dornseif, whose liver transplant is complete; please pray the body will not reject the liver and that Marilou receives good care
- LeRoy Motz recovering at home
- Shirley Stofferahn, hospitalized with a hip injury and other health concerns
- Scott and his wife, Heidi, sister of Nancy Strand, as Scott has broken his hip
- Laverne Ziebell – recover from surgery that removed a mass from his spine
- For TLO members and friends in need of our continued prayers:
Dixie Cliff + Larry Flannery + Gary Foley + Don Holz + Glenda Holz +
Justin Kube + Joseph Labhart + Donine Leatherby + LeRoy Motz + Renata Rahn
Jeff Schaaf + Karen Stohlberg + Char Timm + Laverne Ziebell

For those who mourn

- Al and Patty, close friends of Mike and Sharon Drews, whose daughter Missy passed away recently, and unexpected

General and ongoing Prayers:

- For our nation: Lord, God of hosts, we pray that You would grant her good and wise government and sustain her in peace and security, especially so that Your Holy Gospel may be confessed openly and received gladly by her people.
- Ryan & Emily Kroonblawd - pray for a smooth transition back to the U.S. after studying in Germany for a year & that their move to Lansing, MI would also go as planned. Ryan's vicarage will begin on August 1 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church and Emily will be seeking employment.
- Please pray for safe travel for all attending the LCMS triennial Convention and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit throughout the Convention July 18-23 to the glory of God the Father and to the praise of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.





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%.



With gratitude and joy, we invite you to celebrate the
Retirement of Pastor James Kroonblawd
Sunday, August 30, 2026
9:00 a.m. Worship, catered meal to follow
Rev. Dr. Timothy Berner, Concordia Academy
Guest Preacher

After 22 years of faithful service at Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran Church and School and 40 years of pastoral ministry, Pastor Kroonblawd is retiring from a life of dedicated service to God and His people. On this special day, we will honor Pastor Jim and Lynn and give thanks for the many years they have touched lives through their ministry.

We would be honored to have you join us as we celebrate Pastor Jim and Lynn, reflect on God's faithfulness, and wish them abundant blessings in this new chapter ahead.

As part of this celebration, we are creating a memory scrapbook filled with stories, photos, letters, and special memories. If you would like to contribute, please submit your items by August 7 to the church office.

To RSVP for the catered meal, sign up in the narthex, by using the QR code or contact the church office by August 16 and let us know how many will be attending. We hope you can attend!



In His Loving Service,
Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran Church and School