



Easter People Proclaim

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AS WE GATHER

When Jesus uses the image of the vine and speaks of vineyards, He is choosing something very familiar to His hearers. Viticulture is well known around the world. More than eighteen million acres worldwide is used for growing grapes—from Panama to Tajikistan to Zimbabwe! Today, the cultivation of vineyards is still an important agricultural component in both Israel and the Jordan, lands where Jesus walked and taught. Life in the vineyard is vital! As branches grafted to the Vine that is Christ, we are vitalized by His power. As we worship, God's life-supporting power infuses us! It is time to continue growing!

OPENING HYMN**O HOLY SPIRIT, ENTER IN****LSB 913*****INVOCATION**

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

OPENING SENTENCESPsalm 66:1–4, 8–9; 40:5*

- P Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
C **sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!**
- P Say to God, "How awesome are Your deeds!
C **All the earth worships You and sings praises to You; they sing praises to Your name."**
- P Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of His praise be heard,
C **who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.**
- P You have multiplied, O LORD my God, Your wondrous deeds and Your thoughts toward us; none can compare with You!
C **I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.**

***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P Humble yourselves then before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.
C **O almighty God, most merciful Father, I, a repentant sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You. By nature, I am a sinful creature. In thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your law. For this I justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life and bear fruit in keeping with true repentance.**
- P God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.
C **Amen.**

- P As you believe, so let it be. As a called and ordained servant 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

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- 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.**

*SALUTATION

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

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray.
O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 8:26–40

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he opens not his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

PSALM

Psalm 150

- A Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens!
- C **Praise Him for His mighty deeds; praise Him according to His excellent greatness!**

- A Praise Him with trumpet sound; praise Him with lute and harp!
- C **Praise Him with tambourine and dance; praise Him with strings and pipe!**

- A Praise Him with sounding cymbals; praise Him with loud clashing cymbals!
- C **Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

EPISTLE

1 John 4:1–11

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FAITH STATEMENTS

*VERSE

Romans 6:9; John 14:23

- P Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.
- C **Alleluia. If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. Alleluia.**

*HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:1–8

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.
- C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON HYMN

SPREAD THE REIGN OF GOD THE LORD

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SERMON

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*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.**

OFFERING

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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

FRUITFUL TREES, THE SPIRIT'S SOWING

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Serving Our Lord

		April 28, 2024	May 5, 2024
Musician		Diane Streich	Diane Streich
Cantor		Andy Koch	Dave Workman
Altar Guild		Sharon Drews and Nim Traeger	Jane Shull and Joanie Wachter
Elder	8:00am	Sam Erdman	Open
	10:30am	Kurt Vallin	Bill Breitinger
Reader	8:00am	Andy Olson	Open
	10:30am	Kurt Vallin	Tim Morris
Usher Team	8:00am	Layne Streich	Gary Sheets
	10:30am	Ben Swenson	Jon Peterson
Greeter(s)	8:00am	Open	Open
	10:30am	Open	Helen Stoerzinger
Acolyte	8:00am	Isaac Koch	Open
	10:30am	Dana Vallin, Andrew Swenson	Sabontu Benya, Sean Hakanson
Projection	8:00am	Jean Peterson	Open
	10:30am	Ben Swenson	Tim Morris
Livestream	8:00am	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas
Coffee Hour	9:15am	Naas Family	Open



Rite of Confirmation **Sunday, May 5, 2024**

Cake reception | 9:15am | Gym

Worship with Holy Communion | 10:30am | Sanctuary

We rejoice with Camryn Ergang, Audrey Martin, Sebastian Ness, Jacob Seeman, and Andrew Swenson who will confirm their faith in Jesus Christ in a public Rite of Confirmation service Sunday, May 5 at 10:30am.

Additionally, faith statements will be given according to the schedule below. You are invited to support them as you have opportunity.

Faith Statement schedule

- Camryn Ergang—Sunday, April 28; during 8:00am worship
- Audrey Martin—Sunday, April 28; during 10:30am worship
- Sebastian Ness—Completed April 14; during 10:30am worship
- Jacob Seeman—Sunday, April 28; during 10:30am worship
- Andrew Swenson—Sunday, May 5; during 9:15am cake reception

COMING UP AT TLO — April 28, 2024 — May 5, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sun	8:00*am	Worship
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages
	9:15am	Moms in Prayer
	10:30am	Worship
	12:30-5:00pm	Peniel Evangelical Church worship
	6:00pm	Hoops
Mon	10:00am	Adult Bible class
	6:30pm	Trail Life Troop 2950
Wed	6:30am	Men's Bible study
	8:15am	Chapel
	4:00pm	Midweek confirmation class
	4:00pm	Privileged to Pray
Thur		National Day of Prayer
	6:00pm	Peniel Evangelical Church activities
Fri	9:00am	Women of the Word (WoW) Bible study
Sat	2:00-8:00pm	Peniel Evangelical Church activities

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER AND CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Sun	8:00*am	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages
	10:30am	Worship with Holy Communion and Rite of Confirmation
	12:30-5:00pm	Peniel Evangelical Church worship
	6:00pm	Hoops

*worship online at www.trinityloneoak.org



Mini-Course day | Tuesday, May 28 | TLO School

Mini-courses are intended to give students the opportunity to experience and learn things that are different from regular curriculum, including knitting, cooking, woodworking, painting, paper crafts, gardening, outdoor cooking, and many other things! What would you like to 'teach' at TLO May 28? Pick up an orange form in the narthex or the school office for more information and to register.



Walk for Life

June 1 | 9:30am | Eden Baptist Church

Registration is now open for Amnion Pregnancy Center's annual Walk for Life. Register as an individual, couple or family. Find more information at helpofferhope.org.

Prayer opportunities this week



We are living in an unprecedented time when fear of the unknown lurks around each corner. But our God has the antidote for fear! *“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”* Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV). A solid format for our prayer life is A C T S:

- ADORATION – We turn our eyes to the ONE who IS our HOPE. *Isaiah 40:31*
- CONFESSION – Acknowledging and repenting our sin brings us an assured hope of forgiveness. *1 Peter 1:21*
- THANKSGIVING – Our hope is in His faithfulness. We proclaim what He has done. *Ps 52:9*
- SUPPLICATION – God hears and answers our prayers as we put our hope in Him. *Ps 65:5*

Join fellow believers in Christ at any or all of these events:



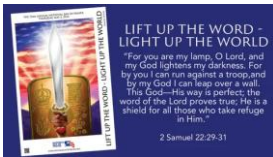
MOMS IN PRAYER

Today, Sunday, April 28 | 9:15am | TLO Conference Room



PRIVILEGED TO PRAY

Wed, May 1 | 4:00pm | Peterson's, 3870 Mersey Way, Eagan



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 2, 2024

- Traveling in their “family groups,” TLO School students will participate in activities tied into the ACTS of prayer. Using the school forest and stations in the building, the entire student body ends the time together at the flag pole. The TLO congregation is welcome to participate 8:15-9:00am.
- Emanuel Lutheran, Inver Grove Heights is hosting a gathering at 7:00pm. All are invited to join in this National Day of Prayer Service.

The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation. Please present your prayers to our Lord this Thursday. Learn more about this organized, national event at nationaldayofprayer.org.

WEEKLY DEPOSITS: April 21, 2024

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering	\$	4,593.14
	(Our offering budget is \$8,525 per week)		
	Building Reserve Fund	\$	475.15
	(Our offering budget is \$665 for per week)		
	1883 School Annual Fund	\$	155.00
	Chapel	\$	98.48
	Sunday school	\$	2.35
	Tuition	\$	6,263.60
	Church and school fees	\$	12,551.35
	Subtotal General Fund Income	\$	24,139.07
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2	\$	265.45
	Acorn Scholarship Fund	\$	30.00
	Young Investors stamps through Lutheran Church Extension Fund	\$	322.00
	Subtotal Special Fund Income	\$	617.45

Fiscal Year To Date as of April 21, 2024

Current and Mission:			
	YTD Budgeted Giving (\$8,525.00 per week for 43 weeks)	\$	366,575.00
	YTD Actual Giving	\$	380,967.03
	YTD Difference	\$	14,392.03
Building Reserve Fund			
	YTD Budgeted Giving (\$665.00 per week for 43 weeks)	\$	28,595.00
	YTD Actual Giving	\$	28,432.97
	YTD Difference	\$	-162.03



RaiseRight is fundraising while you shop!

Earn money for TLO with every gift card you use—whether purchasing as a gift or using for your own shopping needs. Groceries (Cub, Target, Sam’s), gas (Holiday, Kwik Trip, Casey’s), pizza (Papa John’s, Dominos, Papa Murphy), health and beauty (Ulta, Walgreens) and so much more—700 stores to be exact! Cards are reloadable and e-cards are available.

Now, find the perfect little gift to show someone you care this spring with new limited-time gift cards in smaller amounts. Shop popular brands in our \$10 & Under category. They're just right for grads, teachers, bus drivers, mail carriers... or even just yourself! Available while supplies last at raiseright.com Need help with RaiseRight? Contact Leann Becker or Jean Peterson.



Remember in Prayer

Avianna (age 2), niece of Chelsea Cardenas, battling cancer

Dixie Cliff

Jim Kohn's sister-in-law, Gloria, starting chemotherapy and radiation therapy for bile duct cancer

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, continue prayers for resolution of autoimmune liver issues

Joyce (Kirchner) Moynihan, diagnosed with cancer

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

Jill Olson, granddaughter of Roger and Lois Schaaf, undergoing treatment for breast cancer

Sharon Phelps, mom of Cindy Rahn

Verna Ratzlaff recovering at home

Mark Sujanani, son James TLO preschool, prayers for recovery of bypass surgery, due to heart attack

Ron and Denise, close friends of Char Timm. Ron has crushed pelvis and broken femur

and likely will be at St. Mary's Duluth into May.

Former TLO staff member Curt Stoltenow will be starting a 5-week round of radiation treatments

within the month. He and bride Sylvia doing well. Thanks to TLO members for cards and prayers

Stuart Weierke at the Minneapolis VA Home

Laverne and Beverly Ziebell. Karen requests continued prayers for her parents



Weekly Memory Verse

"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." John 16:33



Donald and Connie Lee have been blessed with the arrival of a granddaughter, Persephone Violet Lee, born April 16, 2024 to Andrew and Hannah Lee. This tiny child entered the world 10 weeks early, weighing just 3 pounds. Baby and Mom are doing well. The family requests prayers of thanksgiving as well as prayers for

Persephone's and Hannah's continued well-being.



Birthdays this week

May 1 Terry Stoerzinger

May 3 Mitchell Zenda-Johnson

May 4 Gerry Groth, Marla Kube

Anniversary this week

May 1 Nick and Wendy Rueger



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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Elizabeth Zenda-Johnson Receives Athena Award

Elizabeth Zenda-Johnson was recognized as Concordia Academy's St. Paul Area Athena Award recipient for 2024. The Athena Awards honor outstanding female high school senior athletes for their athletic achievements. Yesterday's banquet was hosted by Joe Schmit of KSTP News.

Elizabeth's impressive accomplishments include four letters in cross country, three letters in basketball, four letters in softball, two all-conference honors in cross country, and all-conference and all-section honors in softball. She is also a member of the National Honor Society, has received A Honor Roll recognition, and is a CA Student Ambassador.

Congratulations, Elizabeth, on all your accomplishments, including this impressive honor.



Camp Omega Work Weekend

May 24-26 (or any portion that you can make it)

Join others in Christ's fellowship while preparing Camp Omega for the arrival of over 1600 children and adults for our summer camp programming. Entire families are welcome to join in the service, fun, and recreation of a fulfilling service weekend. Camp Omega staff will lead the youth and children in age-appropriate service projects and recreational activities. This event is free but registration is requested at campomega.org.