



The Noblest Work

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**congregation stands*

AS WE GATHER

Although the work of composers of church music and writers of hymn texts are often observed and even celebrated, the faithful and thoughtful work of text translators is rarely noted. One of the most gifted translators, whose work brought into English many historical and doctrinally powerful German hymns, was an Englishwoman named Catherine Winkworth. The contributors' index in *Lutheran Service Book* (p. 1002) lists forty-six hymns included in the hymnal that she translated from the original German. Her chosen words have both beauty and depth of meaning.

In the second stanza of Johann Mentzer's hymn "Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices" (LSB 811), she phrases the call to all powers to praise God with these simple words: "Your noblest work is to adore." As we gather for worship and bring our praises in adoration to our gracious God, we are fulfilling our purpose as the crown of His creation. We are called in our worship to be joyfully carrying out the "noblest work." It doesn't get any better than that!

OPENING HYMN FORGIVE US, LORD, FOR SHALLOW THANKFULNESS LSB 788

*INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

*OPENING SENTENCES

Psalms 66:1–3a, 4, 8; 40:5a; 111:3

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 **You have multiplied, O LORD my God, Your wondrous deeds and Your thoughts toward us; none can compare with You!**

P Full of splendor and majesty is His work,

C **and His righteousness endures forever.**

*CONFESSION

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. Too often I have sought the easy road of ignoring the needs of others and considered only myself and my wants.**

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 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**

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.**
P As God's forgiven people, we join confidently in a sung prayer to our gracious God.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

ALL GLORY BE TO GOD ALONE

LSB 948, vs. 1, 4, 5

***SALUTATION**

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

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 58:3–9a

³“Why have we fasted, and you see it not?
Why have we humbled ourselves, and you
take no knowledge of it?
Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own
pleasure,
and oppress all your workers.
⁴Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to hit with a wicked fist.
Fasting like yours this day

will not make your voice to be heard on high.
⁵Is such the fast that I choose,
a day for a person to humble himself?
Is it to bow down his head like a reed,
and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him?
Will you call this a fast,
and a day acceptable to the LORD?
⁶Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of wickedness,

to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover him,
and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?
⁸Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up speedily;

your righteousness shall go before you;
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.'

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

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 2:1–16

¹And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the heart of man imagined,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. ¹³And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

¹⁴The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. ¹⁶“For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GRADUAL AND VERSE

Psalms 117:1–2a; 96:8; Matthew 5:16b

C **Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples! For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts!**

Alleluia.

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Alleluia.

***HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 5:13–20

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

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

¹³[Jesus said:] “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

***CATECHISM**

The Second Article

P In this season of Epiphany, Jesus is made known to the nations as the light of the world. Let us speak together the words of the Apostles’ Creed regarding our Savior, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, and respond to that confession of faith with the words relating to it from Luther’s Small Catechism.

C **I believe 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.**

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord,

who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,

just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

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

SERMON HYMN

THY STRONG WORD

LSB 578, vs. 1, 2, 3, 5

SERMON

The Noblest Work

2 Corinthians 2:1-5

GOD'S WORD: _____

THE NOBLEST WORK: _____

THE WORK WORKS: _____

WE PRAY: _____

***OFFERTORY** — *Sung; tune on LSB 192*

OFFERING

*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After our petitions:

P let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

***LORD'S PRAYER** -*See inside back cover of the hymnal or projection screens*

*BENEDICTION

HYMN TO DEPART

1 God, whose almighty word
Chaos and darkness heard
And took their flight:
Hear us, we humbly pray,
And where the Gospel day
Sheds not its glorious ray,
Let there be light!

2 Lord, who once came to bring,
On Your redeeming wing,
Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind:
Oh, now to humankind
Let there be light!

GOD WHOSE ALMIGHTY WORD

3 Spirit of truth and love,
Life-giving, holy dove,
Speed forth Your flight;
Move on the water's face,
Bearing the lamp of grace,
And in earth's darkest place
Let there be light!

△ 4 Holy and blessed Three,
Glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, love, might!
Boundless as ocean's tide,
Rolling in fullest pride,
Through the earth, far and wide,
Let there be light!

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LSB 979

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Welcome!

Today we welcome Gwen Veldhuis to our congregation. Please join in a cake reception in her honor between services.

If you are interested in membership at TLO, set an appointment with Pastor Kroonblawd by calling the church office at 651-454-7235. You will explore opportunities to grow deeper in your relationship with Christ, build relationships with other members, and find meaningful roles of service in the church. We welcome hearing from you!

Serving Our Lord

		February 8, 2026	February 15, 2026
Musician		Diane Streich	Merlin Simon
Cantor		Dave Workman	Andy Koch
Altar Guild		Sharon and Mike Drews	Sharon and Mike Drews
Elder(s)	8am	Andy Olson	Bill Breitinger and Sam Erdman
	10:30am	Kurt Vallin	Matthew Berg and Ben Swenson
Reader	8am	Jim Kohn	Open
	10:30am	Kurt Vallin	Open
Usher Team	8am	Brian Nack	Layne Streich
	10:30am	Terry Stoerzinger	Ben Swenson
Acolyte	8am	Open	Open
	10:30am	Ethan Swenson and Dana Vallin	Open
Projection	8am	Don Lee	Open
	10:30am	Sebastian Ness	Swenson Family
Live	8am	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas
Coffee	9:15am	Open	LWML

COMING UP AT TLO — February 8, 2026 — February 15, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Sun	8:00*am	Worship
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages; 2 adult studies to choose from
	10:30am	Worship
	11:45am	Quarterly Voters' Meeting
	12:30pm	Peniel Evangelical Church
	6:00pm	Hoops - adult basketball
Mon	10:00am	Adult Bible study
Tue	6:30pm	Moms in Prayer
Wed	6:30am	Men's Bible study
Thur	6:00pm	Peniel event
	6:30pm	Board of Christian Education
Fri	9:00am	Women of the Word (WoW) Bible study
Sat	2:00pm	Peniel events

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Sun	8:00*am	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages; 2 adult studies to choose from
	10:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
	12:30pm	Peniel Evangelical Church
	6:00pm	Hoops - adult basketball

*worship online at www.trinityloneoak.org



**Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran Church
Voters' Meeting Agenda**

February 8, 2026 | 11:45am | TLO Gym
Light lunch served



Call to Order

Open Meeting with Prayer

Review and Approve Voters' Meeting Minutes from November 16, 2025

Board and Officer Reports

Written reports will be available on Sunday, February 8 in the gym. Please review the reports and ask questions at the meeting.

Pastor's Report	Principal's Report	Board of Christian Education
Board of Elders	Board of Endowment	Board of Christian Outreach
Board of Trustees	Board of Stewardship	Board of Youth Ministry
Finance Secretary	Treasurer	Board of Social Ministry
		President

Old Business

- LCMS President/Vice President candidate nominations

New Business

- Life Ministry Convocation sponsorship request
- Options for usage of Estate Settlement gift (each voted on separately)
 - Finish funding YTF2 (~\$207k + ~\$130k borrowed)
 - Pay off three Concordia Plan bills (~\$82,000)
 - Do a facility vulnerability assessment and apply for grant
- Funding for more detailed cost estimates for potential building improvements.

Board and Officer Nominations and Elections

Board of Elders – 3 open	Board of Youth Ministry – chair
Board of Worship – chair	Board of Endowment – 2 open
Board of Christian Outreach - chair	

New Members Signing of Constitution, Motion to Adjourn, Close with Prayer

Mark your calendar for our next Voters' Meeting! – May 17th at 11:45 a.m.



Lent begins Ash Wednesday, February 18

Join us for midweek activities:

- Meals 5:15-6:15pm
- Worship 6:30pm

WEEKLY DEPOSITS: February 1, 2026

General Fund Income:		
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering - supporting staff and operations	\$ 7,204.25
(Our offering budget is \$10,475 per week)		
	Building Reserve Fund - supporting monthly mortgage payments	\$ 626.00
(Our offering budget is \$675 for per week)		
	Tuition	\$ 39,862.85
	1883 School Annual Fund - supporting TLO School	\$ 156.00
	Gala 2026	\$ 2,214.90
	Church and school fees	\$ 4,214.60
	Subtotal General Fund Income	\$ 54,278.60
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)		
	YTF2 - Yesterday, Today, Forever 2 initiative	\$ 310.30
	Acorn Scholarship Fund	\$ 425.00
	General support of Rev. Tom Park in Taiwan	\$ 25.00
	Sunday school in support of Rev. Tom Park in Taiwan	\$ 9.00
	Young Investors stamps through Lutheran Church Extension Fund	\$ 430.00
	Subtotal Special Fund Income	\$ 1,199.30



Stewardship verse:

It is well with the man who deals generously and lends;
who conducts his affairs with justice. **Psalms 112:5**



It's TIME!

Bottles for Life Campaign ends next week! Fill your bottles with coins, cash, or checks to support life, and return your filled baby bottle to TLO on Sunday, Feb. 15. Learn more at helpofferhope.org.



Birthdays this week

Feb 8 Linda Koss, Lorraine Reinke
 Feb 12 Eric Hakanson
 Feb 13 Sabontu Benya, Pam Carpenter, MaryJane Weierke
 Feb 14 Marisa Lowry, Jane Nicklas

Anniversaries this week

Feb 16 Stephan and Jennifer Cahn

Remember in Prayer



Mission Field:

- Rev. Tom Park, Theological Educator in Taiwan is OUR missionary and requests prayers for “our partner church, the China Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC)—that they remain steadfast in their devotion to God and His Word”

Those with Health Concerns:

- Brianna Buecksler, recovering from surgery; updates at mealtrain.com/trains/vd73dz
- Daryl Buecksler recovering from knee surgery
- Eddie Burdick
- Dixie Cliff
- Alice Dornseif, battling terrible back pain
- Larry Flannery, pray for strength and continued healing.
- Gary Foley, facing medical issues, prayers for strength, wisdom, and guidance
- David Frick, continued prayers to regain strength
- John, grandfather of 2 TLO students, prayers for his upcoming surgery, ability to make informed decisions and progress with his cancer treatment
- Lisa Groenendyk, Marsha Workman's sister in law, her heart is healing well; continued prayers appreciated
- Don Holz, father of Lorrie Buecksler, strength and healing from (second) surgery
- Tyler Keech, brother of 2 TLO students, diagnosed with a massive osteosarcoma
- Justin, nephew of Ken and Marla. Justin's story at madonna.org/stories/community-of-care
- Joseph Labhart (Flannery's grandson) ongoing health concerns
- Marilou Larson, close cousin of Alice Dornseif, needing a “live liver” transplant
- LeRoy Motz, recovering in Cannon Falls after a fall
- Mary Ann Nagengast recovering from surgery; updates at mealtrain.com/trains/8neq05
- Renata Rahn, strength for each day
- Sam, grandson of Curt Stoltenow, recovering after surgery complications. Doing quite well at this point; please thank God for answered prayers
- Lois Sell, recovering at home
- Karen Turnmire, recovering after hospitalization this week with fractured knee cap
- For TLO members and friends in care facilities or homebound
 - Glenda Holz + Donine Leatherby + Jeff Schaaf + Karen Stohlberg
 - Char Timm + Laverne Ziebell

General and ongoing Prayers:

- For our nation: Lord, may we enjoy the gift of good government, wise and faithful leaders, and peace among the nations
- Ryan Kroonblawd - Seminarian - Classes began on Oct. 21 at Lutherische Theologische Hochschule in Oberursel, Germany. Pray for Ryan to fully comprehend the lectures and assignments he will be receiving in German through 2 semesters of studies.



Our Weekly Memory Verse:

So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin. **James 4:17**



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.



TLO Gala Donations Due February 16; ticket sales close February 27

The TLO School is seeking donations to make our Gala the best-ever! Not sure what to donate? Check out the board in the narthex today. But hurry! Donations are due Feb. 16!



Kendra Scott gives back

Kendra Scott jewelry company is a donor to TLO School. If you shop online today, 20% of your sale will go to TLO when you use the code GIVEBACK-LDENC at checkout.



Save the Date for Family Game Night

Friday, February 20 | 5:30-8:00pm | TLO Gym

Come for a night of food and fun with your TLO friends. Bring your favorite board game and a cheerful heart. RSVP’s help us ensure enough food. Find the RSVP link on our website, trinityloneoak.org or call the office to register – we want to have enough food for all!