



A Season of Psalms

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AS WE GATHER

As we celebrate July 4th, as believers in Christ, let us be glad and sing. For God's love has been poured out for us in Christ Jesus through whom we have redemption through the forgiveness of sins. As we gather as Christians before the altar of God, we acknowledge with joy and conviction our loyalty to our nation. But we do so, knowing that anything made by human hands is subject to decay, demise and disfigurement. As Christians, our highest and final loyalty is to God, our Creator and Redeemer. While the world has an ungodly disobedience to God's fundamental will and commands, we are called to be lights in the darkness of the sinful world around us. Lord, having been set free from sin, empower us to love and serve to the glory of your Holy Name.

OPENING HYMN**ETERNAL FATHER, STRONG TO SAVE****LSB 717, vs. 1–4*****INVOCATION**

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

***COLLECT**

- P Lord, keep this nation under Your care. Bless the leaders of our land that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to the other nations of the earth. Grant that we may choose trustworthy leaders, contribute to wise decisions for the general welfare, and serve You faithfully in our generation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTIONEphesians 2:1–5, 19–20*

- P Dearly beloved, the apostle Paul says, "And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved. . . . So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone."

Accordingly, let us now make confession of our sins.

- C **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P The Lord will give strength to His people.

C **The Lord will bless His people with peace.**

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

***HYMN**

GOD BLESS OUR NATIVE LAND

LSB 965

1 God bless our native land;
Firm may she ever stand
Through storm and night.
When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave,
Do Thou our country save
By Thy great might.

2 So shall our prayers arise
To God above the skies;
On Him we wait.
Thou who art ever nigh,
Guarding with watchful eye,
To Thee aloud we cry:
God save the state!

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***KYRIE**

C **Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

***SALUTATION**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have given us this good land as our heritage. Grant that we remember Your generosity and constantly do Your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil course of action. Grant that we, who came from many nations with many different languages, may become a united people. Support us in defending our liberties, and give those to whom we have entrusted the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there may be justice

and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, may our hearts be thankful, and in troubled times do not let our trust in You fail; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Kings 18:1–8, 28–36

¹In the third year of Hoshea son of Elah, king of Israel, Hezekiah the son of Ahaz, king of Judah, began to reign. ²He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Abi the daughter of Zechariah. ³And he did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, according to all that David his father had done. ⁴He removed the high places and broke the pillars and cut down the Asherah. And he broke in pieces the bronze serpent that Moses had made, for until those days the people of Israel had made offerings to it (it was called Nehushtan). ⁵He trusted in the LORD the God of Israel, so that there was none like him among all the kings of Judah after him, nor among those who were before him. ⁶For he held fast to the LORD. He did not depart from following him, but kept the commandments that the LORD commanded Moses. ⁷And the LORD was with him; wherever he went out, he prospered. He rebelled against the king of Assyria and would not serve him. ⁸He struck down the Philistines as far as Gaza and its territory, from watchtower to fortified city.

²⁸Then the Rabshakeh stood and called out in a loud voice in the language of Judah: "Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria! ²⁹Thus says the king: 'Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he will not be able to deliver you out of my hand. ³⁰Do not let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD by saying, The LORD will surely deliver us, and this city will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.' ³¹Do not listen to Hezekiah, for thus says the king of Assyria: 'Make your peace with me and come out to me. Then each one of you will eat of his own vine, and each one of his own fig tree, and each one of you will drink the water of his own cistern, ³²until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of olive trees and honey, that you may live, and not die. And do not listen to Hezekiah when he misleads you by saying, The LORD will deliver us. ³³Has any of the gods of the nations ever delivered his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria? ³⁴Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivvah? Have they delivered Samaria out of my hand? ³⁵Who among all the gods of the lands have delivered their lands out of my hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?'"

³⁶But the people were silent and answered him not a word, for the king's command was, "Do not answer him."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 67 — read responsively

A ¹May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,

C ²**that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.**

A ³Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

C **⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.**

A ⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

C **⁶The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.**

C **⁷God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!**

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 4:7–18

⁷But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. ¹¹For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. ¹²So death is at work in us, but life in you.

¹³Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, ¹⁴knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

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.**

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" ²¹They 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." ²²When 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.**

HYMN

BEFORE YOU, LORD, WE BOW

LSB 966, vs. 1, 2, 4, 5

SERMON

DUAL CITIZENSHIP

PSALM 67

***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.

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

After each petition:

- 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**

LSB 161

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***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.**

***THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

***PAX DOMINI**

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

***AGNUS DEI**

LSB 163

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

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	LORD OF ALL NATIONS, GRANT ME GRACE	LSB 844
HYMN	LORD OF OUR LIFE	LSB 659
HYMN	GLORY BE TO GOD THE FATHER	LSB 506

***POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

- P Let us pray.
Heavenly Father, God of all concord, it is Your gracious will that Your children on earth live together in harmony and peace. Defeat the plans of all those who would stir up violence and strife, destroy the weapons of those who delight in war and bloodshed, and, according to Your will, end all conflicts in the world. Teach us to examine our hearts that we may recognize our own inclination toward envy, malice, hatred, and enmity. Help us, by Your Word and Spirit, to search our hearts and to root out the evil that would lead to strife and discord, so that in our lives we may be at peace with all people. Fill us with zeal for the work of Your Church and the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which alone can bring that peace which is beyond all understanding; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C **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 PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN LSB 793

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Serving Our Lord

	July 2, 2023	July 9, 2023
Musician	Kristen Gutierrez	Diane Streich
Cantor	Dave Workman	Andy Koch
Altar Guild	Sharon Drews	Sharon Drews
Elder	Jon Peterson	Kurt Vallin
Reader	Chris Martin	Kurt Vallin
Usher Team	Layne Streich and Ben Swenson	Gary Sheets
Greeter(s)....	Open	Carolyn Wesling
Acolyte(s)	Sebastian Ness	Ethan Swenson and Dana Vallin
Projection	Jean Peterson	Ben Swenson
Live Stream	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas

COMING UP AT TLO — July 2, 2023 — July 9, 2023		
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST		
Sun	9:00*am	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15am	Adult Bible Class
	12:30pm	Peniel Evangelical Church worship
Mon		Church office closed; school summer program closed
Tue		Church office closed; school summer program closed
Wed	6:30am	Men's Bible study
Sat	3:00-8:00pm	Peniel Evangelical Church activities
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST		
Sun	9:00*am	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15am	Rev. Ture, Peniel Evangelical Church 
	12:30pm	Peniel Evangelical Church worship
*worship online at www.trinityloneoak.org		



Rev. Demeke Ture of Peniel Evangelical Church
July 9 | 10:15-11:00am | TLO Gym

Come learn more about the church using the TLO Sanctuary each Sunday afternoon.

Pastor Ture will educate us on these points and more:

- The geography of Ethiopia
- People, languages and cultures
- What issues have brought Ethiopian immigrants to Minnesota?
- What is happening in the Lutheran churches in Ethiopia?
- What is happening in the Ethiopian churches here in Minnesota?

WEEKLY DEPOSITS: June 25, 2023

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering	\$	7,075.67
	(Our offering budget is \$8,175 per week)		
	Building Reserve Fund	\$	95.15
	(Our offering budget is \$665 for per week)		
	Vacation Bible School Mission Offering	\$	291.50
	Vacation Bible School - towards expenses	\$	254.50
	1883 School Annual Fund	\$	205.96
	Tuition	\$	206.99
	Church and school fees	\$	767.30
	Subtotal General Fund Income	\$	8,897.07
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2	\$	305.45
	Acorn Scholarship Fund in memory of Gordon Morris	\$	10.00
	Subtotal Special Fund Income	\$	315.45



TLO's Mission Offer of \$290.15 will support Food for the Poor's work. Food for the Poor will visit TLO January 6, 2024. Save the date & come learn more about their work!



Lutherans Engage magazine—Summer 2023

An amazing thing is happening in Wittenberg, Germany. A building once intended as a place for people to learn about the Reformation has become a refuge for a group of Ukrainian refugees, who both live in the building and receive Word and Sacrament ministry there in their own language.

This story may be of particular interest as Russia's invasion of Ukraine continues to make headlines worldwide, yet it's not the only instance of Lutherans finding new and unexpected ways of serving their neighbor. Lutherans Engage the World magazine will encourage your faith as you read of God's work around the world.

Read current and back issues online, pick it up from your church mailbox, or contact the TLO office to have yours mailed.





Remember in Prayer

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

Joyce (Kirchner) Moynihan, diagnosed with cancer

Ian Olander, thanksgiving for good care and report. Keep updated at caringbridge.org/visit/iano

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

Verna Ratzlaff, for health and healing at Presbyterian Homes

Erin Turnmire and Mason Jones as Erin has medical needs

Stuart Weierke, for healing and strength

Laverne and Beverly Ziebell. Beverly has been discharged for at-home care. Our prayers are needed.



Weekly Memory Verse

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. —Col. 4:2



Matthew and Elizabeth Berg are excited to announce the arrival of their daughter Charlotte on Wednesday, June 28. Mom and baby are doing well, and Charlotte is welcomed by big sisters Adelaide and Kateri.

*Full of splendor and majesty is His work,
and His righteousness endures forever.*

*He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and merciful. Ps. 111: 3-4*



Birthdays this week

July 3 Roxanne Foley, Greg Wilmer, Sue Zeches

July 4 Levi Hedtke

July 5 Marc Ergang

July 7 Lexi Becker, Zach Loge, Ian Olander, Justine Schaaf

Anniversaries this week

July 4 Kurt and Stephanie Vallin

July 7 Terry and Helen Stoerzinger



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.

Today 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%.



Prayer for the nation

Almighty God, You have given us this good land as our heritage. Grant that we remember Your generosity and constantly do Your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil course of action. Grant that we, who came from many nations with many different languages, may become a united people. Support us in defending our liberties, and give those to whom we have entrusted the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there may be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, may our hearts be thankful, and in troubled times do not let our trust in You fail; thought Jesus Christ, our Lord. (LSB paged 313)

