



Always Better

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AS WE GATHER

We try to exercise our freedom and planning, but God's way is always better. It was better for Abraham and Sarah in the Old Testament Reading and gets Mary's attention in the Gospel. It was still taking some time for the new believers of Colossae to fathom that God had done so much for them in Christ. And when their friends found the treasure of the Gospel, they, too, must have laughed that God had such gracious plans for them, plans that are always better than they imagined.

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 SENTENCESColossians 1:21–22; Psalm 27:14*

- P And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,
C **Christ has now reconciled in His body of flesh by His death,**
- P in order to present you holy and blameless
C **and above reproach before Him.**
- P Wait for the LORD; be strong,
C **and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!**

***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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.**

KYRIELSB 168*

- 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.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

IN THEE IS GLADNESS

LSB 818

***SALUTATION**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray.

O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word

C **and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will;**

P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 18:1–14

¹ The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." ⁷And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." ¹⁰The LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. ¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" ¹³The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now

that I am old?’ ¹⁴Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 27:1-5, 11-14

A ¹The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

C **The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

A ⁴One thing have I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:

C **that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to inquire in his temple.**

A ⁵For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;

C **he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high upon a rock.**

A ¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.

C ¹²**Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they breathe out violence.**

A ¹³I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living!

C ¹⁴**Wait for the LORD;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD!**

EPISTLE

Colossians 1:21–29

²¹You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

²⁴Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, ²⁵of which I became a minister according to the

stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*VERSE

Colossians 2:6b–7a

P Alleluia. As you received Christ Jesus the Lord,

C **so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him. Alleluia.**

*HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 10:38–42

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

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

³⁸Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴²but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON HYMN

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

LSB 575

SERMON

ALWAYS BETTER

*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 our petitions:

P let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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, tune on LSB page 178*

***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, tune on LSB page 180*

DISTRIBUTION Distribution is continuous, 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

WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER

LSB 763

HYMN

JESUS COMES TODAY WITH HEALING

LSB 620

HYMN

I LOVE YOUR KINGDOM, LORD

LSB 651

***NUNC DIMITTIS**—*sung, tune on LSB page 182*

***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

ALMIGHTY FATHER, BLESS THE WORD

LSB 923

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Serving Our Lord

	July 20, 2025	July 27, 2025
Musician	Merlin Simon	Diane Streich
Cantor	Dave Workman	Andy Koch
Altar Guild	Nancy Strand	Nancy Strand
Elder	Matthew Berg and open	Bill Breitinger
Reader	Dan Shield	Jim Kohn
Usher Team	Gary Sheets and Jon Peterson	Open
Greeter(s)	Lynn Kroonblawd	Pam Burdick
Acolyte(s)	Mason Kolb and Josh Jebin	Sophia Orr and Beth Koch
Projection	Jean Peterson	Jean Peterson
Live Stream	Jim Nicklas	No livestream
Coffee hour	Open	Jean Peterson

COMING UP AT TLO — July 13, 2025 — July 20, 2025		
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST		
Sun	9:00*am	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15am	Bible class
	12:30am	Peniel Evangelical Church
Mon	10:00am	Adult Bible Class
Tue	6:30pm	Moms in Prayer
	7:00pm	Church Council
Thur	6:00pm	Peniel event
Sat	9:00am	Women's Bible study
	2:00pm	Peniel events
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST		
Sun	9:00*am	Worship with reception of new members
	10:15am	Cake and fruit new member reception, Bible class, NYG update
	12:30am	Peniel Evangelical Church
*worship online at www.trinityloneoak.org		

Go First! Ministry Conference

September 26 -27, 2025

Go First!

Redemption Lutheran Church
927 East Old Shakopee Road
Bloomington, MN

Hosted by the MN South District
and the SW Suburban Circuit

Save The Date

Go First! Ministry Conference

September 26-27

Redemption Lutheran, Bloomington

Get ready to be inspired and to encourage others in ministry! It is open to ALL - laypersons, church workers, and pastors! Read more about it on the MN South website, mnsdistrict.org/go-first-initiative. New information is added regularly, so keep checking back!

Birthdays this week

July 21

Aaron Morris

July 22

Matthew Boll

July 23

Andrew Erdman, Mitchell Olson, Linnea Raveling

July 24

Gary Olson

July 26

Rebecca Connelly, Cassie Markgraf, Kimberlyn Petry

Anniversaries this week

July 23

Ken and Marla Kube

July 24

Steven and Jamie Niehaus

July 26

Brad and Sarah Rahn

WEEKLY DEPOSITS: July 6 and July 13, 2025			
General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering - supporting staff and operations	\$	8,218.85
	(Our offering budget is \$10,475 per week)		
	Building Reserve Fund - supporting monthly mortgage payments	\$	805.00
	(Our offering budget is \$675 for per week)		
	Tuition	\$	10,422.66
	1883 School Annual Fund - supporting TLO School	\$	5.00
	Church and school fees	\$	
	Subtotal General Fund Income	\$	19,451.51
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2 - Yesterday, Today, Forever 2 initiative	\$	225.00
	Acorn Scholarship Fund	\$	25.00
	General support of Rev. Tom Park in Taiwan	\$	25.00
	Sunday school in support of Rev. Tom Park in Taiwan	\$	3,503.66
	Subtotal Special Fund Income	\$	3,778.66



On July 4, flash floods in central Texas left over 130 people dead. An additional 100 people remain missing. The flooding also caused significant damage to homes, businesses and local infrastructure. Together, let us pray for peace for those who mourn, comfort for those with loved ones still missing, and strength for all involved in search-and-rescue efforts.

Assessments by LCMS Disaster Response are underway. If you believe God is calling you to financially support the church's response to the flooding, while maintaining a prudent reserve for unforeseen needs and future disaster, please prayerfully consider a contribution to:

- **LCMS Disaster Response—Strategic Use**

Visit lcms.org/givenow/disaster or mail a check to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, or LCMS, at P.O. Box 66861; St. Louis, MO 63166-6861. On the memo line, write "Disaster Response—Strategic Use (TR9206)." This fund allows our Synod to continue its care and support, as the demands warrant, of those still suffering in Texas.

- **LCMS Disaster Response—Flood Relief**

Your gift will only be utilized to help those impacted by floods.

Visit lcms.org/givenow/flood or mail a check to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, or LCMS, at P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861. On the memo line, write "Disaster Response—Flood Relief (NM8040-26040)."

Remember in Prayer



Trinity Lone Oak School:

- Prayers for Mrs. Stacey LaMere's transition into the Principal role
- For increased enrollment in Preschool and K-8 so more children can hear the Gospel on a daily basis

Mission Field:

- Katarina Zenda-Johnson and Elizabeth Zenda-Johnson volunteering at LCMS National Youth Gathering, July 19-23 in New Orleans, LA
- Rev. Tom Park, Theological Educator in Taiwan is OUR missionary and requests prayers for unity among Christians in his country

Thanksgiving

- Alisha, Pam's niece, has recovered so quickly from a very serious condition

Those with Health Concerns:

- Eddie Burdick
- Dixie Cliff
- Larry Flannery, hospitalized at the VA this week. Prayers for stabilization and healing
- David Frick, recovering from rotator cuff surgery that was more extensive than expected
- Johnathan, nephew of TLO Preschool Teacher MaryAnn Nagengast, undergoing chemo and radiation
- Gloria, Jim Kohn's sister-in-law, continued prayers as she goes through chemo
- Silas Kohn, undergoing treatment for LCH until August 2025
- Joseph Labhart (Flannery's grandson) ongoing health concerns
- Marilou Larson, close cousin of Alice Dornseif, dealing with extra stress in her life
- Norman Nack, brother of Brian Nack and Nancy Nord, who suffered a stroke July 5
- For TLO members and friends in care facilities or homebound
Donine Leatherby + Jeff Schaaf + Sharon Phelps + Char Timm

Ongoing Prayers:

- For those impacted by Texas flooding: for peace for those who mourn, comfort for those with loved ones still missing, and strength for all involved in search-and-rescue efforts.
- For our nation: For all who serve in public office, that God would keep them honest, fill them with wisdom and uphold them in every good deed.
- Ryan & Emily Kroonblawd - preparing to move to Oberursel, Germany - Ryan will be adding an extra year of studies at Lutherische Theologische Hochschule, a partner seminary with Concordia in St. Louis.



Our Weekly Memory Verse

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. **1 Cor. 15:58**



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.

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%.



Follow up from Kerson Muniz's visit

Many thanks from the Gideons for the donations, totaling \$668 on July 13. 100% of these donations are used to purchase and distribute God's Word around the world. Kerson enjoyed the special time with Pastor Kroonblawd and Lynn.



LCMS National Youth Gathering – July 19-23, 2025

Held every 3 years since 1980, the LCMS Youth Gathering provides thousands of youth and adults the opportunity to come together as a community of God's people to be encouraged in their walk with Jesus Christ and learn about the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity. Learn more about NYG at www.lcmsgathering.com/. And please be in

prayer for TLO members Katarina Zenda-Johnson and Elizabeth Zenda-Johnson who are volunteering at the event. These ladies will provide an update of their experience Sunday, July 28 during the 10:15am Bible study time. Please join us!