



Jesus Turns Our Darkness into Light

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AS WE GATHER

The Lord is grieved by the spiritual blindness of His people, but He does not forsake them. Instead, He promises to turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground (Isaiah 42:16). The Lord does not give up on His servant, Israel, but sends another Servant who is the light of the world (John 9:5). Jesus' light comes to us in His Word, His water, and His Supper. These are His means for opening our eyes to see and to live as children of light (Ephesians 5:8). Baptized into Christ, we look forward to the day when these words will come pass: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you" (Ephesians 5:14).

OPENING HYMN**WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS****LSB 425*****INVOCATION**

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTIONPsalm 142:1*

- P With my voice I cry out to the LORD;
C **with my voice I plead for mercy to the LORD.**

Silent reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we were born in utter sin. To this day and by nature, we have eyes that do not see and ears that do not hear. We have trusted in the things we have made rather than You. Our thoughts, words, and actions have been unfruitful and dark. We have been blind to our sin, but You have seen it. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, open our eyes. 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. Jesus is the light of the world and your salvation. He has enlightened you with His gifts and given you ears to hear Jesus' words. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

INTROITPsalm 27:4-6; antiphon: Psalm 25:15*

- P My eyes are ever toward the LORD,
C **for He will pluck my feet out of the net.**

P One 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.**

P For 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.**

P And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
C **I will sing and make melody to 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.**

P My eyes are ever toward the LORD,
C **for He will pluck my feet out of the net.**

***KYRIE**

LSB 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.**

***SALUTATION**

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

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 42:14–21

¹⁴For a long time I have held my peace;
I have kept still and restrained myself;
now I will cry out like a woman in labor;
I will gasp and pant.

¹⁵I will lay waste mountains and hills,
and dry up all their vegetation;

I will turn the rivers into islands,
and dry up the pools.

¹⁶And I will lead the blind
in a way that they do not know,
in paths that they have not known
I will guide them.

I will turn the darkness before them into light,
the rough places into level ground.

These are the things I do,
and I do not forsake them.

¹⁷They are turned back and utterly put to shame,

who trust in carved idols,
who say to metal images,
"You are our gods."

¹⁸Hear, you deaf,
and look, you blind, that you may see!

¹⁹Who is blind but my servant,

or deaf as my messenger whom I send?
Who is blind as my dedicated one,
or blind as the servant of the LORD?

²⁰He sees many things, but does not observe them;

his ears are open, but he does not hear.

²¹The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake,
to magnify his law and make it glorious.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Ephesians 5:8–14

⁸For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

"Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*VERSE

Psalm 36:9

C **With You is the fountain of life; in Your light do we see light.**

*HOLY GOSPEL

John 9:1–41

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ninth chapter.

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

¹As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ²And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he

anointed the man's eyes with the mud ⁷and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." ¹⁰So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." ¹²They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" ²⁰His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. ²¹But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." ²²(His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) ²³Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." ²⁵He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" ²⁸And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" ³⁷Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." ³⁸He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" ⁴¹Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

***NICENE CREED-** *See inside back cover of the hymnal or projection screens*

OFFERING

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

After every petition:

- P Lord, in Your mercy,
C **shine on us.**

***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 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-** *See inside back cover of the hymnal or projection screens*

***PAX DOMINI**

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

***AGNUS DEI-** *Sung; tune on LSB 180*

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.

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**MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN
O JESUS, KING MOST WONDERFUL**

**LSB 430, vs. 1–4, 7
LSB 554**

***NUNC DIMITTIS-** *Sung; tune on LSB 182*

***POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

***BENEDICTION**

HYMN TO DEPART PRAISE THE ONE WHO, BREAKS THE DARKNESS LSB 849

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Serving Our Lord

		March 15, 2026	March 22, 2026
Musician		Merlin Simon	Merlin Simon
Cantor		Andy Koch	Dave Workman
Altar Guild		Linnea and Al Raveling	Linnea and Al Raveling
Elder(s)	8am	Bill Breitinger and Andy Olson	Andy Olson
	10:30am	Matthew Berg and Sam Erdman	Ben Swenson
Reader	8am	Andy Olson	Open
	10:30am	Tim Morris	Dan Schield
Usher Team	8am	Andy Olson	Layne Streich
	10:30am	Terry Stoerzinger	Ben Swenson
Acolyte	8am	Open - Gala	Sophia Orr and Beth Koch
	10:30am	Josh Jebin	Ethan Swenson and Ian Olander
Projection	8am	Don Lee	Open
	10:30am	Tim Morris	Swenson family
Live Stream	8am	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas
Coffee Hour	9:15am	LWML	Open

COMING UP AT TLO — March 15, 2026 — March 22, 2026**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

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
Mon	10:00am	Adult Bible study
	6:30pm	Trail Life Troop 2950
Tue	10:30am	TLO leads worship at Lexington Pointe Senior Living
	11:00am	Funeral for Roger Arlen Schaaf
	5:30pm	Board of Christian Outreach
	6:30pm	Moms in Prayer
Wed	6:30am	Men's Bible study
	1:30pm	Musical Matinee - The Jungle Book
	5:15pm	Lenten supper served by WoW (Women of the Word) Bible study
	6:30pm	Lenten worship
Thur	6:00pm	Peniel event
	6:30pm	Musical - The Jungle Book
Fri	9:00am	WoW Bible study
Sat	2:00pm	Tiger Tunes
	2:00pm	Peniel events

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Sun	8:00*am	Worship
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages; 2 adult studies to choose from
	10:30am	Worship
	12:00noon	Leonard Perron's 90th birthday party - please join us!
	12:30pm	Peniel Evangelical Church
	6:00pm	Hoops - adult basketball

*worship online at www.trinityloneoak.org

**Flowers on the altar are in honor of TLO School's Gala**

Please join in a prayer of thanks for our successful Gala last night. *Dear Father in Heaven, we praise You for providing for all of our needs. Thank you that our Gala was so well attended and supported. We ask that You have the glory for any good outcome and that funds raised would bring glory to You as we continue in the ministry You are leading at Trinity Lone Oak. In Jesus' name. Amen*



The Perron family warmly invites you to Leonard's 90th birthday party.

Sunday, March 22 | 12noon - 2:00pm | TLO Gym

Lunch provided; no gifts. RSVP to Katie: 651-336-9271 (note the corrected number)



Seder Meal Invitation

Thursday, April 2 | 5:00pm | TLO Gym

TLO members and friends are invited to a Seder meal, a combined Passover meal and worship service. Our Seder meal follows closely the traditions of Passover meals at the time of Jesus including roast lamb, bitter herbs and unleavened bread. The service during the meal describes the symbolism of the various foods and rituals. Each family is asked to bring a dish (rice, green beans, or haroses (chopped apple salad; recipes are provided). To participate in the Seder meal, sign up in the narthex indicating how many are coming and which dish you will bring. A donation is requested to defray the cost of the lamb, the wine and grape juice. Deadline for signing up is March 29. If you have questions, please contact Jim or Connie Kohn.



Christus Chorus Spring Tour Home Concert

Tuesday, March 17 | 7:30pm | Graebner Memorial Chapel (CSP)

You're invited to the final concert of the year as Concordia St. Paul's Christus Chorus presents its Spring Tour Home Concert. TLO's own Elizabeth Zenda-Johnson sings with the choir. Don't miss this!



Tiger Tunes!!!

Saturday, March 21st the Cross and Crown band will be hosting an event from 2:00 to 4:00 here at Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran Church and School. The first part of the event will be a time to look and touch instruments hosted by Cross and Crown players, past players, and volunteers who want to share their musical talent. Then the second part of the event will be a worship celebration in the sanctuary singing songs, reading bible verses, and testimonies from our very own Cross and Crown players. This will be an uplifting event you don't want to miss. Please join us.



Weekly memory Verse

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. Eph. 2:4-5

WEEKLY DEPOSITS: March 8, 2026

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering - supporting staff and operations	\$	12,476.75
	(Our offering budget is \$10,475 per week)		
	Building Reserve Fund - supporting monthly mortgage payments	\$	145.00
	(Our offering budget is \$675 for per week)		
	Tuition	\$	19,989.76
	1883 School Annual Fund - supporting TLO School	\$	5.00
	Verizon Tower Rental	\$	2,015.87
	Gala 2026	\$	1,518.13
	Thrivent Financial match to Gala 2025	\$	1,750.00
	Church and school fees	\$	664.55
	Subtotal General Fund Income	\$	38,565.06
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2 - Yesterday, Today, Forever 2 initiative	\$	175.30
	Acorn Scholarship Fund	\$	25.00
	Acorn Scholarship Fund in memory of Shirley Koderick	\$	500.00
	General support of Rev. Tom Park in Taiwan	\$	25.00
	Sunday school support of Rev. Tom Park in Taiwan	\$	7.00
	TLO School chapel supporting Gospel Adventures - Mongolia	\$	33.00
	Young Investors stamps through Lutheran Church Extension Fund	\$	375.00
	Subtotal Special Fund Income	\$	1,140.30



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Amnion Women's Center Bottles For Life Campaign! Your donations of over **\$2500** will provide critical services at no cost to those who are impacted by an unplanned pregnancy. If you still have a bottle at home, please return to TLO at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your generosity!



Birthdays this week

- Mar 15 Dan Schield, Jayne Stenstad
- Mar 16 Bethany Olander, Chloe Rossmann
- Mar 18 Lukas Forthun
- Mar 20 Kyle Breitinger
- Mar 21 Barbara Vail

Remember in Prayer



Mission Field:

- Rev. Tom Park, Theological Educator in Taiwan is OUR missionary and requests prayers for his own health and well-being

Thanksgiving

- Karen Turnmire is recovering so well, even returning to work this week. Praise God!
- LeRoy Motz was released from the hospital this week. Thank God for answered prayers.
- Becky Tomek has returned home from the hospital and is getting stronger.
- Dear TLO Friends. I'm so very thankful for your love, friendship, and prayers! Dr. Thomas Stark at Methodist Hospital in St. Louis Park successfully completed quadruple bypass and mitral valve repair surgery on March 3. The LORD'S steadfast love endures forever.

Those with Health Concerns:

- Bernie and Sharon, uncle and aunt of Mike Drews, fragile and needing medical care
- Baby Brady, friend of TLO, born with health problems this winter
- Brianna Buecksler, for full healing; updates at mealtrain.com/trains/vd73dz
- John, grandfather of 2 TLO students, undergoing cancer treatment
- Tyler Keech, brother of 2 TLO students, diagnosed with a massive osteosarcoma.
- Marilou Larson, close cousin of Alice Dornseif, needing a "live liver" transplant
- Linda Tetzloff for health and strength
- For TLO members and friends in need of our continued prayers:
Eddie Burdick + Pam Burdick + Dixie Cliff + Larry Flannery + Gary Foley
David Frick + 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

- The family of Roger Schaaf who passed away March 7 at the age of 94. Funeral will be on Tuesday, March 17 at 11:00am at TLO, with visitation one hour prior. After inurnment at the Trinity Lone Oak Cemetery, lunch will be served in the TLO gymnasium. Please keep Lois and family in your prayers that they would be comforted with the peace of Christ. Jesus said "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me." John 14:1

General and ongoing Prayers:

- As TLO prepares to call a pastor: Lord, our future rests secure in You. You know the plans You have for TLO (Jer. 29:11) and we trust that they are plans to prosper us and not to harm us, plans to give us hope and a future.
- For our Nation: O Lord, grant us grace to enjoy a good government and good leaders who do what is good and right and honorable in the sight of the Lord
- Ryan Kroonblawd - Seminarian - 1st semester classes have ended at the seminary in Germany. Keep Ryan & Emily in prayer for safe travels during the academic break and preparations for 2nd semester of theological studies beginning mid-April. Prayer of thanks that they received their Residency Permits; after a 6 month wait and can legally exit & re-enter the country.



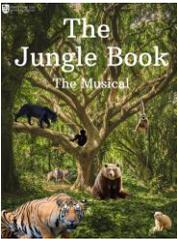
Welcome Guests We are glad you are here today! Here are a few things we thought you would like to know to help you feel at home with us today. If you are visiting please introduce yourself to our team. We love to make new friends!

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%.



Jungle Book - The TLO Lutheran School Musical
Wednesday, March 18, 1:30pm and Thursday, March 19, 6:30pm

Have you ever seen the movie "Jungle Book?" It tells the story of a boy, Mowgli, who lives in the jungle among the animals. He is trying to make his way back to the human village and along the way he meets many very interesting characters. There's mad King Louie of the Apes and a lovable, happy-go-lucky bear named Baloo. He even meets a group of vultures who pledge their friendship in a song called "That's What Friends Are For." The words of the song go like this:

*We're your friends
 We're your friends
 We're your friends to the bitter end
 When you're alone
 Who comes around*

*To pluck you up
 When you are down
 And when you're outside, looking in
 Who's there to open the door?
 That's what friends are for!*

Do you have a friend who is always there for you? One who cheers you up when you're feeling sad. One who stands by you no matter what. We could all use a friend like that, couldn't we? Yes, we all could and *you do*. Jesus loves you and he wants to be your friend. He'll pick you up when you are down. He'll be with you to the bitter end. After all, that's what friends are for.

"Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13

Thank you for being our friend, Jesus.

-- Principal Mrs. LaMere