

"My Lord
and my God."

John 20:28



Reacting to the Unbelievable

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AS WE GATHER

When Thomas finally met Jesus, alive again after Easter, he went from demanding proof to a personal confession of faith, "My Lord and my God." It would have been a different story had the news been false. The rest of the Jerusalem congregation truly exhibited Easter faith when they became a welcoming community, one that shared with newcomers whatever they needed. The news was unbelievable, but so were the responses—in word and deed as faith saw the freeing truth: we need fear nothing, not even death. We have heard the news as well. How shall we respond?

OPENING HYMN

ALLELUIA! JESUS IS RISEN

LSB 474

***INVOCATION**

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

***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

1 John 1:5:10; 2:1b–2

- P This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.
- C **But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.**
- P If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.
- C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. Therefore as a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**
- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

***KYRIE**

- 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.**

***THIS IS THE FEAST**

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C **This is the feast of victory for our God.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

***SALUTATION**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection

C **may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God;**

- P through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 4:32–35

³²The full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

EPISTLE

1 John 1:1—2:2

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

VERSE

Romans 6:9; John 20:29b

- P Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.
- C **Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.**

HYMN**O SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE KING****LSB 470, vs. 1–5*****HOLY GOSPEL***John 20:19–31*

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

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

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON HYMN**O SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE KING****LSB 470, vs. 6–9****SERMON****REACTING TO THE UNBELIEVABLE***John 20:19-31****NICENE CREED*****PRAYER OF THE CHURCH***Acts 4:34–35*

P We read again a portion of the First Reading: “There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.”

P Lord Jesus, we pray that You would use us and the gifts You have given to us to serve anyone in need. Open our eyes to see opportunities near and far in which we may serve Your gracious plans. All that we have and are belongs to You.

C **Risen Christ, grant us to be of one heart and soul, sharing not only our common faith but all that we are and have.**

- P We pray for people who are homeless, hungry, captive, and in mourning. Surround them, heavenly Father, with people of faith in our risen Savior, brothers and sisters who will tend to them with compassion and love. We pray for those near and dear to us, [*especially...*]. Wherever Your plans include us, O Lord,
- C **open our hearts and hands, voices and resources to share the difference Easter makes for all who trust in our risen Savior.**
- P We pray for those who are rich and those who are poor, those who influence our nation and those who live unnoticed. O Holy Spirit, be among our brothers and sisters—those who have vast resources; all who make, administer, and judge our laws; and parents, teachers, and counselors—all who know Christ as their living Lord.
- C **Give them courage and caring hearts so that through them Your will shall be done.**
- P We pray for our congregation, its programs of outreach and growth, and all who worship here. Lord over all, be with us and enliven us to do Your will in Easter joy.
- C **Give us strength to show forth the difference Easter makes for us. Guide and protect us, heavenly Father, that we may serve You and the people around us in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

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

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*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You did not spare Your only Son but gave Him into death that we might have life. Though we cannot understand Your love or comprehend eternity, we lift our voices in thanksgiving and pray You to strengthen us through this Sacrament to serve as Your witnesses.
- C **Use us, we pray, so that the people around us will see our faith in all Your gracious promises.**
- P Gathered in Jesus' name, we pray that You would forgive, renew, and strengthen us. Gather us with all who are faithful so that together we may join the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. To You alone, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be glory, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

***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**

***PAX DOMINI**

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

***AGNUS DEI**

LSB 163

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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| HYMN | THE STRIFE IS O'ER, THE BATTLE WON | LSB 464 |
| HYMN | AWAKE, MY HEART, WITH GLADNESS | LSB 467 |
| HYMN | IN THEE IS GLADNESS | LSB 818 |

***POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

- P Let us pray.
We give You thanks, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this Sacrament.
C **We pray that You would strengthen us by it to use each day to praise Your gracious name and pass Your love on to those whom we meet;**
- 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.**

***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.**

***DISMISSAL**

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- P Go in peace as you serve our living Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

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Serving Our Lord

| | | April 7, 2024 | April 14, 2024 |
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| Musician | | Diane Streich | Diane Streich |
| Cantor | | Dave Workman | Andy Koch |
| Altar Guild | | Sharon Drews and Nim Traeger | Sharon Drews and Nim Traeger |
| Elder | 8:00am | Bill Breitinger | Rob Orr |
| | 10:30am | Sam Erdman | Kurt Vallin |
| Reader | 8:00am | Andy Olson | Andy Olson |
| | 10:30am | Matthew Berg | Kurt Vallin |
| Usher Team | 8:00am | Andy Olson | Sam Erdman |
| | 10:30am | Open | Open |
| Greeter(s) | 8:00am | Open | Open |
| | 10:30am | Open | Helen Stoerzinger |
| Acolyte | 8:00am | Mason Kolb, Sophia Orr | Sophia Orr |
| | 10:30am | Open | Sebastian Ness, Dana Vallin |
| Projection | 8:00am | Jean Peterson | Open |
| | 10:30am | Tim Morris | Open |
| Livestream | 8:00am | Jim Nicklas | Jim Nicklas |
| Coffee Hour | 9:15am | Roxanne Foley | Open |



VBS at TLO

June 17-21, 2024 | 9am-11:30am daily

We're having a party—a party to celebrate the Savior—and you're invited! At TLO's Vacation Bible School, students rotate through Bible challenge, Bible narratives, crafts, games, and snacks all celebrating Jesus! Registration open at trinityloneoak.org. Make plans to join the fun either as a student or as a volunteer!

COMING UP AT TLO — April 7, 2024 — April 14, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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| Sun | 8:00*am | Worship with Holy Communion |
| | 9:15am | Education Hour for all ages |
| | 10:30am | Worship with Holy Communion |
| | 12:30-5:00pm | Peniel Evangelical Church worship |
| | 6:00pm | Hoops |
| Mon | 10:00am | Adult Bible class |
| | afternoon | NLSA Accreditation Team arrives |
| Tue | all day | NLSA Accreditation Team on site |
| | 6:30pm | Moms in Prayer |
| Wed | all day | NLSA Accreditation Team on site |
| | 6:30am | Men's Bible study |
| | 8:15am | Chapel |
| | 5:00pm | Midweek confirmation class |
| Thur | 6:00pm | Peniel Evangelical Church activities |
| | 6:30pm | Board of Christian Education |
| Fri | 9:00am | Women of the Word (WoW) Bible study |
| Sat | 9:00am | GodConnects 2 of 3 |
| | 2:00pm | Piano recital |
| | 2:00-8:00pm | Peniel Evangelical Church activities |

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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| Sun | 8:00*am | Worship |
| | 9:15am | Education Hour for all ages |
| | 10:30am | Worship with TLO Kindergarten - Grade 2 students singing |
| | 12:30-5:00pm | Peniel Evangelical Church worship |
| | 6:00pm | Hoops |

*worship online at www.trinityloneoak.org



Work Day

Saturday, April 20 | 8am-12noon

Come help spiff up the inside and the outside (weather permitting) of our facility. Just like our own homes, God's House needs care.

Hope to see you there!

WEEKLY DEPOSITS: March 31, 2024

| General Fund Income: | | | |
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| | Current and Mission Weekly Offering | \$ | 16,696.25 |
| | (Our offering budget is \$8,525 per week) | | |
| | Building Reserve Fund | \$ | 1,165.15 |
| | (Our offering budget is \$665 for per week) | | |
| | 1883 School Annual Fund | \$ | 530.00 |
| | 140th Anniversary Gift | \$ | 100.00 |
| | Tuition | \$ | 20,474.98 |
| | Parking Lot fund | \$ | 1,225.00 |
| | Parking Lot fund in memory of Richard Cliff | \$ | 175.00 |
| | Current and Mission in memory of Richard Cliff | \$ | 375.00 |
| | Gala 2024 | \$ | 962.43 |
| | Church and school fees | \$ | 5,087.52 |
| | Subtotal General Fund Income | \$ | 46,791.33 |
| Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending) | | | |
| | YTF2 | \$ | 265.45 |
| | Acorn Scholarship Fund | \$ | 30.00 |
| | Subtotal Special Fund Income | \$ | 295.45 |



Reaccreditation

April 8-10 our school will host a National Lutheran Schools Accreditation Team. National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA) serves as the accrediting body for Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod schools across the United States and the world. NLSA encourages, assists, and recognizes schools that provide quality Christian education and engage in continuous improvement. We were last reaccredited in 2019; each reaccreditation extends for 5 school years.

Our teachers and school board have been studying different aspects of our school and rating them as areas of strength or areas of growth for our school throughout the school year. The accreditation team will come to review our self-study, interview school stakeholders, visit classrooms and observe overall school practices.

Please pray for Principal Jones, teachers, staff, and Board of Christian Education members as we welcome the NLSA Team and share our school ministry with them.



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

Liam, 9 month old friend of Bueckslers, surgery to remove tumors. Prayers for this little fellow...

Joyce (Kirchner) Moynihan, diagnosed with cancer

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

Ian Olander, MRI's April 10. Praying boldly that the MRI shows no changes from October 2023.

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

Sharon Fitterer, TLO Preschool Aide, hospitalized with pneumonia

Sharon Phelps, mom of Cindy Rahn

Verna Ratzlaff recovering at home

Ron and Denise, close friends of Char Timm,. Ron is hospitalized in Duluth with serious complications from a snowmobile accident

Former TLO staff member Curt Stoltenow receiving treatment for prostate cancer.

Stuart Weierke at the Minneapolis VA Home

Keaton David Wells, great-grandson of Al and Linnea Raveling, born March 5, 2024 at 4# 3oz.

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



Weekly Memory Verse

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. 1 Cor. 15:3-4



Birthdays this week

April 7 Steven Groth, Kimberly Perron, Pinky Seeman, Denise Volkert

April 8 Cheri Breitinger

April 9 Greg Hakanson, Aaron Kolb

April 11 Ashley Goehring, Lila Nosal, Andy Olson, James Wills

April 13 Bilise Benya

Anniversaries this week

April 9 Jon and Jean Peterson



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%.

Subscribe to TLO's weekly e-newsletter at www.trinityloneoak.org/resources-media-1

Camp Omega News



Summer Staff Needed

Camp Omega still needs at least four male counselors and three female counselors for Summer 2024. Can you think of any college-aged Christ followers in your life? Encourage them to apply at campomega.org.



Seeking Youth Servant Leaders

The Youth Servant Leader Program (YSL) prepares high school-age youth ages 15 and older to be servant leaders at camp, at church, and in their communities. After a week of leadership training, YSLs are eligible to serve at Camp Omega by working with camper groups, leading games, giving devotions, and lots more! Get started at campomega.org



Register for Summer Camp

Register now for a life-changing experience at Camp Omega this summer! The faith growth, confidence boost, personal development, and friends made stay with campers long after they leave. There's still time to register at campomega.org, but do it soon because programs are filling!