



## Counting the Cost

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*Visiting for the first time? Welcome! See back cover for visitor information.*

*\*congregation stands*

**AS WE GATHER**

Jesus is blunt about the cost of discipleship. He does not sugarcoat the life He calls us to in the baptismal waters but neither does He diminish His promises, gifts, and blessings that accompany this life of faith. Today He calls us to count the cost, knowing that the way of the Christian is constantly tested and tried by our affection for the things of this life, our vulnerability to the enemies of the faith, and the weakness of our own sinful flesh. Part of that cost is not just in what you desire but also in what you are willing to surrender for the sake of Christ and His kingdom.

**OPENING HYMN****O GOD, MY FAITHFUL GOD****LSB 696, vs. 1–4****\*INVOCATION**

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

**\*CONFESSION OF SINS**

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord.  
C **Who made heaven and earth.**  
P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
C **But with you there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**  
P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God be merciful to me, a sinner.  
C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**\*ABSOLUTION**

- 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.**

**\*KYRIE** - *Sung – tune on LSB 204*

**\*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** - *Sung – tune on LSB 204*

**\*SALUTATION**

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

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Deuteronomy 30:15–20*

<sup>15</sup>“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM

*Psalm 1*

<sup>1</sup>Blessèd is the man  
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners,  
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;  
<sup>2</sup>but his delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and on his law he meditates day and night.  
<sup>3</sup>He is like a tree  
planted by streams of water  
that yields its fruit in its season,  
and its leaf does not wither.

In all that he does, he prospers.  
<sup>4</sup>The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.  
<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked will not stand in the  
judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the  
righteous;  
<sup>6</sup>for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.

### EPISTLE

*Philemon 1–21*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Philemon our beloved fellow worker <sup>2</sup>and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, <sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, <sup>6</sup>and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. <sup>7</sup>For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

<sup>8</sup>Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, <sup>9</sup>yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— <sup>10</sup>I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>(Formerly he was useless to you,

but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) <sup>12</sup>I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. <sup>13</sup>I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, <sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. <sup>15</sup>For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. <sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

<sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### \*VERSE

*Galatians 6:14*

P Alleluia. Far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,

C **by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Alleluia.**

### \*HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 14:25–35*

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

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

<sup>25</sup>Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

<sup>34</sup>“Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? <sup>35</sup>It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

**SERMON HYMN THE SAINTS IN CHRIST ARE ONE IN EVERY PLACE**

**LSB 838**

## SERMON

## COUNTING THE COST

## OFFERING

## INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS/STAFF AND BIBLE STUDY LEADERS

### \*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After our petitions:

P let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

### \*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 208*

### \*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 210**

**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.

<b>HYMN</b>	<b>PRAISE TO YOU AND ADORATION</b>	<b>LSB 692</b>
<b>HYMN</b>	<b>TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE</b>	<b>LSB 783</b>
<b>HYMN</b>	<b>OH, THAT THE LORD WOULD GUIDE MY WAYS</b>	<b>LSB 707</b>

### **\*NUNC DIMITTIS - Sung – tune on LSB 211**

### **\*POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

P Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;  
C **and His mercy endures forever.**  
P O holy and most merciful God, You have taught us ...through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
C **Amen.**

### **\*BENEDICAMUS**

P Let us bless the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

### **\*BENEDICTION**

<b>HYMN TO DEPART</b>	<b>GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT REDEEMER</b>	<b>LSB 918</b>
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## Serving Our Lord

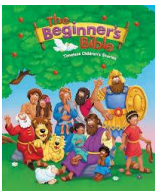
		September 7, 2025	September 14, 2025
Musician		Diane Streich	Diane Streich
Cantor		Andy Koch	Dave Workman
Altar Guild		Roxanne Foley and Linnea Raveling	Roxanne Foley and Linnea Raveling
Elder	8am	Matthew Berg, Andy Olson	Bill Breitinger
	10:30am	Ben Swenson	Kurt Vallin
Reader	8am	Matthew Boll	Open
	10:30am	Tim Morris	Keith Prusak
Usher Team	8am	Sam Erdman	Brian Nack
	10:30am	Ben Swenson	Open
Greeter(s)....	8am	Open	Open
	10:30am	Helen Stoerzinger	Helen Stoerzinger
Acolyte(s)	8am	Open	Open
	10:30am	Ethan Swenson	Dana Vallin
Projectionist	8am	Matthew Boll	Open
	10:30am	Swenson family	Open
Live Stream	8am	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas
Coffee Hour	9:15am	Open	Open



### Bible Studies

Before your Fall calendar gets overscheduled, get connected to a group where your faith can grow. View our Bible study list on the enclosed insert or online. There's good studies for everyone! Jump in!

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### Preschool Family Faith Night

**Wednesday, September 10, 5:00-6:00pm**

Your family is cordially invited to attend Preschool Family Faith Night at Trinity Lone Oak. Come enjoy a pizza and fruit supper with other preschool families. This invitation is open to any families with preschool-aged children; if you have a neighbor or a friend with a preschooler, invite/bring them to this event!

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### Trail Life Troop 2950 Open House

**Monday, September 15, 6:30pm**

Come find out what Trail Life is all about at our Open House. Trail Life, for boys K-12th grade, combines outdoor skills and leadership opportunities with discipleship, fun activities, active learning and advancement to help our boys develop into courageous young men ready to honor God, lead with integrity, and serve God and their families.



### **Sunday School begins today**

All our classes teach salvation is by grace alone through faith alone through Christ alone. You will not want you or your children to miss a Sunday as we hear:

- We can trust all of God's Word.
- God's attributes are displayed throughout the Bible.
- The Bible presents true history, not just "stories" and not "myths."
- God's plan of redemption through Christ alone is woven throughout Scripture.
- By the power of the Holy Spirit, we live in light of what the Bible teaches.
- We must be ready to give an answer for what we believe.

Classes are offered for age 3 through adult. Make it a great year by enrolling in Christian education for the whole family via paper forms in the narthex, or online at [trinityloneoak.org](http://trinityloneoak.org).

### **We thank God for TLO's Sunday School Team for 2025-26 being installed today:**

Preschool: Michelle Wills, Isabella Schwalbe

Kindergarten: Daryl Buecksler

Grades 1-2: Michelle Koch, Justine Kolb

Grades 3-4: Lana Siewert-Olson, Donna Logan

Grades 5-6: Mark Feldman, Peter Naas, Megan Naas, Kevin Olander

Grades 7-8: Kurt Vallin

High School: Jon Peterson

TLO Sunday School Secretary: Open – could this be YOU?

Communications: Henipher Christopher, Chris Wong

Faithful Substitutes: Matthew Boll, Lynn Kroonblawd, Christian Larson, Claire

Ruckheim, Dan Schield, Sue Zeches, Amy Zenda-Johnson

### **Our Adult Bible class leaders (see studies on the insert) are being installed today. They are:**

Jim Kohn, Helen Stoerzinger, Diane Streich, Nim Traeger, Jean Peterson

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### **Volunteer positions**

There are many ways to serve at Trinity Lone Oak. Our Worship Assistant Team has openings for altar guild, usher, greeter, reader. Can you make coffee once per month for fellowship hour? The Sunday School Secretary position is open – could that be YOU? Several officer and member positions are open on TLO boards.

If you feel God is leading you into service at TLO, speak with Pastor Kroonblawd or Mrs. Peterson to start the conversation. Thank you!



COMING UP AT TLO — September 7, 2025 — September 14, 2025		
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST		
Sun	8:00*am	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15am	Family Education Hour - learning for everyone in the family!
	10:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
	11:30am	Picnic and family games - bring a salad, fruit or dessert - fun for all!
	12:30pm	Peniel Evangelical Church
Mon	10:00am	Adult study - Exodus - join us!
Tue	6:30pm	Moms in Prayer
Wed	6:30am	Men's Bible Study
	5:00pm	Preschool Family Faith Night
Thur	6:00pm	Peniel event
	6:30pm	Board of Christian Education
Sat	2:00pm	Peniel events
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST		
Sun	8:00*am	Worship
	9:15am	Family Education Hour - learning for everyone in the family!
	10:30am	Worship
	12:30pm	Peniel Evangelical Church
*worship online at <a href="http://www.trinityloneoak.org">www.trinityloneoak.org</a>		



### Friends For Praise at TLO

**Sunday, Sept. 21, 8:00am and 10:30am**

Friends For Praise are 4 men that enjoy singing together. Cumulatively they have been singing together for over 57 years, either at Concordia Lutheran Church in South St Paul or at Concordia University in St. Paul. They absolutely love to share their faith with the world and will bless both worship services at TLO September 21. The 4 members are: Ken Anderson, Dave Golnitz, Bill Pieper, Mark Stoltenow. They are accompanied by Naomi Golnitz. Don't miss this!



### Honoring Curt Stoltenow

Curt Stoltenow, former TLO principal, is going on an Honor Flight at the end of the month. On the second day of the event, they will do a "mail call". At this time, he'll receive letters that are written for him. The family is asking if people would be willing to write a letter. It's a surprise for him so please keep the secret. It would be a letter of congratulations and thanking him for his service. Letters need to be sent by September 10th to the address above. Thank you!

Curt Stoltenow  
Veterans Honor Flight of ND  
C/O Ariel Matajcek  
PO Box 294  
Hunter, ND 58048

## WEEKLY DEPOSITS: August 31, 2025

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering - supporting staff and operations	\$	6,823.00
	(Our offering budget is \$10,475 per week)		
	Building Reserve Fund - supporting monthly mortgage payments	\$	1,060.00
	(Our offering budget is \$675 for per week)		
	Tuition	\$	53,724.62
	1883 School Annual Fund - supporting TLO School	\$	N/A
	Church and school fees	\$	7,472.35
	<b>Subtotal General Fund Income</b>	\$	<b>69,079.97</b>
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2 - Yesterday, Today, Forever 2 initiative	\$	185.00
	Acorn Scholarship Fund	\$	25.00
	General support of Rev. Tom Park in Taiwan	\$	25.00
	Sunday school support of Rev. Tom Park in Taiwan	\$	12.90
	Families in Need	\$	450.00
	Chapel offering - supporting Hats 'n Mittens	\$	48.00
	<b>Subtotal Special Fund Income</b>	\$	<b>745.90</b>



### **Birthdays this week**

- Sept. 7 Noah Guion, Clay Stenstad
- Sept. 8 Jacob Kaupa, Claire Ruckheim
- Sept. 9 Olivia Kirchner, Deb Schwanz
- Sept. 11 Brad Rahn, Jonathan Rossmann, Evon Vik
- Sept. 12 Stephan Cahn, Jennifer Hood, Jon Peterson
- Sept. 13 Liam Niehaus, Lillian Olander

### **Anniversaries this week**

- Sept 8 Dustin & Emily Burkhart
- Sept 11 Diane & John Markgraf
- Sept 12 Jeffrey & Diane Forthun



### **Go First! Ministry Conference**

**Sept 26-27 | Redemption Lutheran, Bloomington MN**

Pastors, parish professionals, educators, and lay people are all invited to experience the encouragement and inspiration of this two-day event. Break-out sessions will be led by individuals, including Virginia Flo, and congregations involved with ministries that can be replicated in your congregation and community. Learn more and register on the MN South District website. But hurry! Spaces are filling!

## Remember in Prayer



### Trinity Lone Oak Sunday School:

- That students will learn the Word and hold firm to the Lord their whole life.

### Mission Field:

- Rev. Tom Park, Theological Educator in Taiwan is OUR missionary and requests prayers as he continues to learn and practice Mandarin

### Those with Health Concerns:

- Eddie Burdick
- Pam Burdick, recovering at home. Pray for strength and continued healing.
- Dixie Cliff
- Larry Flannery, recovering at home. Pray for strength and continued healing.
- David Frick, recovering from rotator cuff surgery that was more extensive than expected
- Dennis Grover, brother-in-law of Alice, for God's plan revealed, strength to tolerate pain
- Johnathan, nephew of Preschool Teacher MaryAnn Nagengast, finishing treatment
- Gloria, Jim Kohn's sister-in-law, now in hospice; thanksgiving that her faith is strong
- 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, in rehab at Apple Valley Village
- Jayne Nystrom, relative of Alice Dornseif, experiencing swelling and pressure in her eyes
- Renata Rahn, strength for each day
- Cathy Walstad, Lexington Pointe worshiper, recovering at home and very weak
- For TLO members and friends in care facilities or homebound

Donine Leatherby + Jeff Schaaf + Sharon Phelps + Char Timm

### General and ongoing Prayers:

- For our nation: That all the nations and their leaders work for peace, that the elected and appointed leaders of our own land act with integrity in the protection of our liberty and in the pursuit of justice
- Ryan & Emily Kroonblawd - transitioning to German life & culture as Ryan prepares to begin classes in Oct. at Lutherische Theologische Hochschule, a partner seminary in Oberursel, Germany, with Concordia Seminary -St. Louis, Mo.

*If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office (651-454-7235). Pastor Kroonblawd and TLO prayer chain members will include your request in their prayer time. Please specify if you want the information printed in our news and notes for congregational prayer. Confidential prayer requests and/or visit requests can be made directly with Pastor Kroonblawd by calling him at 651-235-7600*



### Our Weekly Memory Verse:

Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. **Psalm 37:5**



**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%.

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### **Concordia Center for the Family -- Faith & Life Survey**

You are invited to participate in the Faith & Life Survey. Anyone age 17+ can take the survey. Also, if married, both spouses should take the survey.

The Faith and Life Survey will provide direction and prioritization in TLO's future ministry planning.

Your completing the survey will help TLO Church and School leaders gain insight into the households in TLO Church, TLO School, TLO Preschool, Peniel Evangelical Lutheran Church families, and Trail Life Troop to better serve the congregation and community.

The survey link <https://surveygoldcloud.com/s/AFE3628EF7F34EED/108.htm> will be open through September. Although best done on a desktop, the QR Code allows access from any device.

The Faith & Life Survey, which is objective, anonymous, and comprehensive, investigates five essential areas:

1. Demographics of the congregation
2. Faith and life addressed as an individual
3. Faith and life addressed as a couple
4. Faith and life addressed as a parent
5. Faith and life addressed as a church

