



from the sermon series *Honest Repentance*
Faith: "How Long, Lord?"

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AS WE GATHER

When Paul wants to provide the definitive example of justification in Romans 4, he turns to the story of Abraham where God promises Abraham that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars in the sky, and "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness" (Rom 4:3, citing Gn 15:6). Abraham believed God's promise, and God considered Abraham's faith to be righteousness. Following St. Paul, Lutherans call this "justification," and we hold that we are justified by faith alone. The fact that Abraham actually did offer his son is then cited as proof of his faith by James and Hebrews. So, we cannot get around this text. This incident is at the very heart of the Lutheran understanding of salvation.

OPENING HYMN**IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY****LSB 427*****INVOCATION**

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

***OPENING SENTENCES**

- P God invites us to gather in His name.
C **We are gathered to worship and praise.**
- P Our heavenly Father's house is a house of prayer for all the nations.
C **He gathers people from every corner of the earth to sing His praises.**
- P We listen to God's Word.
C **We hear the message proclaimed of Christ crucified.**

***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P Though this is a house of prayer, we do not always honor God's house as we should. Still, our heavenly Father is merciful, and He invites us ever into His house to ask for forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

- P Heavenly Father,
C **we have sinned against You and against our neighbors. 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. Disrupt our sinfulness. Forgive us, renew us, and restore us, on account of Jesus. Amen.**
- P Almighty God in His mercy sent Jesus into our world, not only to disrupt our sinfulness but also to forgive us by His death and resurrection. 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen. We are forgiven because of Christ crucified.**

KYRIE —*tune LSB 204*

*SALUTATION

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

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 22:1–18

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." ²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." ¹²He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

¹⁵And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

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

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

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

VERSE

John 2:19

- P Destroy this temple,
- C **and in three days I will raise it up.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*HOLY GOSPEL

John 2:13-25

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.
- C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹³The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

¹⁸So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²²When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

²³Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. ²⁴But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people ²⁵and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON HYMN

SERMON

***NICENE CREED**

MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE

HONEST REPENTANCE: FAITH

LSB 702

Genesis 22:1-18

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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

After our petitions:

P On our hearts imprint Your image,

C **blessed Jesus, King of grace.**

OFFERING

*Please complete a worship attendance card and place in the plate as it passes.
Donations accepted using our QR code. Those who support this church and its ministry
by giving electronically are invited to place the "I Give Online" cards located in each
pew in the offering plate as a way of participating in this act of worship.*



*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**—*tune 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—*tune 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.

HYMN LORD JESUS CHRIST, WE HUMBLY PRAY LSB 623

HYMN JESUS COMES TODAY WITH HEALING LSB 620

*NUNC DIMITTIS—*tune LSB 211*

*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 OH, THAT THE LORD WOULD GUIDE MY WAYS LSB 707

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Seder Meal Invitation

Thursday, March 28 | 5:00pm | TLO Gym

TLO members are invited to a Seder meal, a combined Passover meal and worship service. Learn more and RSVP on the poster in the narthex.

Serving Our Lord

		Sunday, March 3, 2024	Sunday, March 10, 2024
Musician		Diane Streich	Diane Streich
Cantor		Dave Workman	Andy Koch
Altar Guild		Roxanne Foley	Roxanne Foley
Elder(s)	8am	Sam Erdman	Jim Kohn
	10:30am	Bill Breitinger	Kurt Vallin
Reader	8am	Jim Kohn	Jim Kohn
	10:30am	Keith Prusak	Kurt Vallin
Usher Team	8am	Andy Olson	Sam Erdman
	10:30am	Open	Open
Greeter(s)....	8am	Open	Open
	10:30am	Lynn Kroonblawd	Open
Acolyte	8am	Lily Olander	Isaac Koch
	10:30am	Andrew Swenson, Sebastian	Dana Vallin, Sabontu Benya
Projection	8am	Jean Peterson	Jean Peterson
	10:30am	Ben Swenson	Chris Martin
Live Stream	8am	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas
Coffee Hour	9:15am	Roxanne Foley, Irma Bjork	Christian Larson



A Special Voters' Meeting has been called by TLO Congregation President Christopher Martin for today, Sunday, March 3, at 11:30 am. The one item on the agenda is to place a call for Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran School Teacher to Mr. Dan Shield. Please attend this meeting and pray for TLO Lutheran School as we seek a candidate to serve as teacher as Mrs. Pinky Seeman has decided not to serve at TLOLS next Fall.



Lego Derby

March 16, 2024 | 9:00am - 1:00pm | TLO Gym

Kids in grades K-8 are invited to build and race a car! Lego bricks and chassis are provided in this family-friendly event. Lunch is provided. Register today on our website, trinityloneoak.org.

COMING UP AT TLO — March 3, 2024 — March 10, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Sun	8:00*am	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages
	9:15am	Moms in Prayer
	10:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
	11:30am	Special Voters' Meeting
	12:30-5:00pm	Peniel Evangelical Church worship
	6:00pm	Hoops
Mon	10:00am	Adult Bible class
	6:30pm	Trail Life Troop 2950
Tue	10:30am	TLO leads worship at Lexington Pointe Senior Living
	7:00pm	Board of Elders
	7:00pm	Board of Trustees
Wed	6:30am	Men's Bible study
	8:15am	Chapel
	9:00am	TLO Quilters - you're invited!
	4:00pm	Midweek confirmation class
	5:15pm	Lenten supper served by TLO Crafters
	6:30pm	Lenten worship
Thur	6:30pm	Peniel activities
Fri	9:00am	WoW Bible study
Sat	5:00pm	Tiger Gala
	2:00-8:00pm	Peniel Evangelical Church activities

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Sun	8:00*am	Worship
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages
	10:30am	Worship
	12:30-5:00pm	Peniel Evangelical Church worship
	6:00pm	Hoops

*worship online at www.trinityloneoak.org



WEEKLY DEPOSITS: February 25, 2024

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering	\$	6,857.10
	(Our offering budget is \$8,525 per week)		
	Building Reserve Fund	\$	20.00
	(Our offering budget is \$665 for per week)		
	Sunday school	\$	0.00
	1883 School Annual Fund	\$	200.00
	Chapel	\$	67.75
	Tuition	\$	2,548.34
	Gala 2023 (corporate match)	\$	5,806.92
	Church and school fees	\$	436.92
	Subtotal General Fund Income	\$	15,937.03
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2	\$	220.00
	Acorn Scholarship Fund	\$	0.00
	Young Investors stamps through Lutheran Church Extension Fund	\$	389.00
	Subtotal Special Fund Income	\$	609.00



Birthdays this week

- March 3 Mason Kolb
- March 4 Sean Hakanson
- March 5 Chris Beckman, Sarah Rahn, Carolyn Wesling
- March 7 Rich Cliff
- March 8 Caleb Morris

Anniversaries this week

- March 4 Erbey and Anna Estrada
- March 8 Steve and Lori Barnes



Remember in Prayer

Avianna (age 2), niece of Chelsea Cardenas, battling cancer

Rich and Dixie Cliff

Gary Foley, home from the hospital, for healing and strength and wisdom of medical community

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

Sharon Phelps, mom of Cindy Rahn

Verna Ratzlaff recovering at home

Mary Shaw in hospice at Walker Methodist Vista Prairie

Former TLO staff member Curt Stoltenow was recently diagnosed with prostate cancer.

He will be receiving radiation treatments. Your prayers are appreciated.

Kent Stueve undergoing treatment

Mary Jane Weierke, at the loss of her sister Evelyn Naugle February 24.

Stuart Weierke at the Minneapolis VA Home

Samantha, granddaughter of Al and Linnea Raveling, will be hospitalized until delivery of second child later this month, 8 weeks early.

Thanksgiving that Shelly Zeitlin's cancer treatments have gone so well! We give God thanks for recovery Laverne and Beverly Ziebell. Karen requests continued prayers for her parents



Rich Cliff has moved home for end of life care. Rich loves his Lord and the Lord is near to him. The Cliffs are welcoming visitors if anyone would like to see Rich and Dixie. Feel free to let Nancy know what time to expect you by calling or texting 651-747-7330, or simply stop in. Please keep Rich and all who love him in your prayers at this tender time as they confess the words from Ps. 28:7 "The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him and I am helped."



Weekly Memory Verse

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith. 1 Pet. 5:8-9



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!

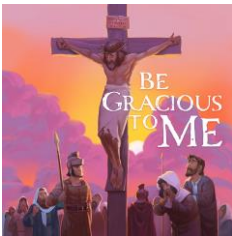
For those with small children, a nursery is available, located in the narthex, if you need a place to care for your child. Children’s bulletins are in the narthex, or ask an usher.

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%.

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Wednesdays through March 20

5:15-6:15pm | Supper—March 6 served by Crafters
6:30pm | Worship

Your Baptism has brought you so close to Jesus that you share death, life, and all things with Him. Therefore, when David said of Jesus in Psalm 41:1, “Blessed is the one who considers the poor,” he was also speaking of you.

Your blessed Lord Jesus considers you—a *poor, miserable sinner*—and He will surely deliver you in the day of trouble so that you, too, will be “called blessed in the land” (Psalm 41:2)



TLO Grade 5-8 Musical

Wednesday, March 20 at 1:30 pm

Thursday, March 21 at 6:30 pm

The rats are taking over Hamelin, and nobody, including the greedy mayor, knows what to do. Even Duchess Dingaling is at her wit’s end. Rattytatty, the pest control officer, admits defeat. Just when things can’t get any worse, who should turn up but an odd young gentleman who calls himself the Pied Piper Mark your calendars and spread the word for Pied Piper! See you there!