



Forgive One Another

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**congregation stands*

AS WE GATHER

We know that it is our calling in Christ to forgive one another, but that does not eliminate the question of how much or how often we should forgive others. It becomes a particularly vexing question when we are asked to forgive the same sin over and over again. The great temptation is for us to make forgiveness conditional upon the person no longer offending us with their words or actions, but God applies no such condition upon us. Our temptation is to count how often we forgive but to forget how often we are forgiven. Our weakness counts the sins of others, but could it be that God counts only the times we refused to forgive from the heart? We know the riches of the Lord's limitless grace to forgive us without counting the cost. Today, we pray that we may joyfully receive this precious gift of forgiveness and joyfully forgive others in Christ's name, counting not the cost to forgive but the cost to refuse forgiveness.

HYMN

SHEPHERD OF TENDER YOUTH

LSB 864

***INVOCATION**

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P Since we are here assembled to hear God's Word, to call upon Him in prayer, and to receive the body and blood of Christ, let us first think of our unworthiness; confess before God our sins of thought, word, and deed; and acknowledge also that we, by our own strength, cannot free ourselves from our sinful nature or the sins we have committed. Therefore, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy and grace of our heavenly Father, seeking and imploring Him to behold us through Jesus Christ, saying:

C **God have mercy on me, a poor, sinful being, forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and grant to me the Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful ways; through Jesus Christ, my Lord, I pray. Amen.**

P God, have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to life everlasting. 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.**

P He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

***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.**

***GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** – *Congregation response is sung – tune on LSB 154*

***SALUTATION**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 50:15–21

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Romans 14:1–12

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we

live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall confess to God."

¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDRENS' MESSAGE

Mrs. Stacey LaMere

*HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21–35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

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

²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

²³"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*APOSTLES' CREED

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

SERMON HYMN

FORGIVE OUR SINS AS WE FORGIVE

LSB 843

SERMON

FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER

Matthew 18:21ff

OFFERING

INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS/STAFF AND BIBLE STUDY LEADERS

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

After every petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

***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.**

*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

THERE IS A BALM IN GILEAD

LSB 749

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		September 13, 2026	September 20, 2026
Musician		Diane Streich	Merlin Simon
Cantor		Andrew Koch	Open
Altar Guild		Linnea and Al Raveling	Linnea and Al Raveling
Children's		Stacey LaMere	Stephanie Vallin
Elder	8am	Andy Olson	Bill Breitingner and Jim Kohn
	10:30am	Ben Swenson	Ben Swenson and Open
Reader	8am	Kurt Vallin	Jim Kohn
	10:30am	Dan Schield	Open
Usher Team	8am	Brian Nack	Layne Streich
	10:30am	Open	Terry Stoerzinger
Acolyte(s)	8am	Open	Open
	10:30am	Open	Open
Projectionist	8am	Jean Peterson	Open
	10:30am	Sebastian Ness	Open
Live Stream	8am	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas
Coffee Hour	9:15am	Irma Bjork and Rally Sunday	LWML



Welcome, Pastor Burmeister

TLO's Board of Elders would like to inform the congregation that Pastor Robert Burmeister will serve as vacancy pastor at TLO. If you missed his bio last week, pick up a copy in the narthex. We feel very blessed that Pastor Burmeister has agreed to serve in this role at TLO. Please greet him warmly at your nearest convenience.

COMING UP AT TLO — September 13, 2026 — September 20, 2026		
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST		
Sun	8:00*am	Worship
	9:15am	Sunday school and Adult Bible class
	10:30am	Worship
	11:30am	Picnic followed by family games
	12:30pm	Peniel Evangelical Church
	6:30:pm	Youth Group - join the fun!
Tue	10:30am	TLO leads worship at Lexington Pointe Senior Living
	7:00pm	Trustee meeting
Wed	6:30am	Men's Bible study
	5:30pm	Board of Christian Outreach
Thur	6:00pm	Peniel
Fri	9:00am	WoW Bible study
	4:00pm	Cross Country meet on TLO grounds - Go, Tigers!
Sat	11:00am	Funeral service for for Donald Hugo Holz
	2:00pm	Peniel events
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST		
Sun	8:00*am	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15am	Sunday school and New Member Reception & Adult Bible class
	10:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
	12:30pm	Peniel Evangelical Church
*worship online at www.trinityloneoak.org		



Join us TONIGHT beginning at 6:30pm for an evening of games, music, Bible study and small group discussion. Students in Grades 8-12 are invited - bring a friend!

Come Hang Out.

Ask Questions.

Explore Faith.

Let's Go!



Birthdays this week

Sept 13 Lillian Olander

Sept 14 Jebin Joseph

Sept 15 Jenna Arnold



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.

We thank God for TLO's Sunday School Team for 2026-2027 being installed today:

Preschool: Michelle Wills

Kindergarten: Daryl Buecksler

Grades 1-3: Michelle Koch, Justine Kolb

Grades 4-5: Lana Siewert-Olson, Donna Logan

Grades 6-8: Mark Feldman, Kevin Olander, Kurt Vallin

High School: Jon Peterson

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

Communications: Henipher Christopher, Chris Wong

Faithful Substitutes: 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



Volunteer positions

There are many ways to serve at Trinity Lone Oak. Our Worship Assistant Team has openings for altar guild, cantor, 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. And we'd like help with changing the sign on Highway 55.

If you feel God is leading you into service at TLO, speak with Mrs. Peterson to start the conversation and get you connected to the right person. Thank you!



Amnion--Ultrasound Models Needed

September 14-17 and September 22-25 | 9am-3:30pm

Amnion is looking for pregnant women to receive an ultrasound for our nurse ultrasound training. To schedule text Emma: 612-747-2267 Models receive ultrasound photos and a gift card. Families welcome! [Thank you!](#)



Thank You, Sign Changers!

TLO is incredibly grateful to Layne and Diane Streich for their faithful service in changing the highway sign. If you would like to help with this important task, there's room for you! Please contact the church office or the Streichs to learn more.

The Lord's Supper

On display in TLO's narthex is a framed, crocheted wall hanging of The Last Supper made by Roxanne Foley. When asked, she had this to say about the piece: I had the pattern for a few years, and when Gary was in and out of the hospital and coping with multiple health issues, I decided to start the project. It took about 3 months to crochet, and it was a labor of love. I thought of Jesus sitting with the disciples, knowing what was in store for Him in the days ahead. We don't have any knowledge of *our* days ahead, but we know that what Jesus had to go through, He did because He loved us. Mark Feldman offered to make the frame for the piece, for which I'm very grateful. He did a fantastic job; thank you, Mark! His offer confirmed for me how we have such loving brothers and sisters in Christ. I hope that the wall hanging will bring Glory to God.



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!



Trail Life Troop 2950 Open House - Monday, September 21, 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.

WEEKLY DEPOSITS: September 6, 2026

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering - supporting staff and operations	\$	6,331.00
	(Our offering budget is \$10,690 per week)		
	Building Reserve Fund - supporting monthly mortgage payments	\$	551.00
	(Our offering budget is \$675 for per week)		
	Tuition	\$	17,082.49
	1883 School Annual Fund - supporting TLO School	\$	5.00
	Verizon Tower Rental	\$	2,076.35
	Church and school fees	\$	3,326.00
	Subtotal General Fund Income	\$	29,371.84
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2 - Yesterday, Today, Forever 2 initiative	\$	275.00
	Acorn Scholarship Fund	\$	25.00
	General support of Rev. Tom Park in Taiwan	\$	25.00
	Tri-1 chapel offerings in support of Rev. Tom Park in Taiwan	\$	34.78
	Young Investors stamps through Lutheran Church Extension Fund	\$	451.00
	Subtotal Special Fund Income	\$	810.78

Ways to give to Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran Church and School



Online

Visit trinityloneoak.org/giving and click **Give Now** to set up a one-time or recurring donation, or to make a payment.



QR CODE

Scan the QR code to visit our online giving page.



In Person

Whether it's cash or check, we appreciate your kindness. Please place your donations in the offering plate as it's passed.

Thank you!

Remember in Prayer



Mission Field:

- Rev. Tom Park, Theological Educator in Taiwan is OUR missionary and requests prayers for his mother to find a new place to live and for the move to go smoothly.

Those with Health Concerns:

- Austin, officer & friend of Bueckslers, for full healing
- Bri Buecksler, recovering from surgery, with long recovery ahead
- Dixie Cliff, who entered hospice this week
- Alice Dornseif, in transition care with much back pain
- John, grandfather of 2 TLO students, undergoing cancer treatment.
- Tyler Keech, brother of 2 TLO students, hospitalized with life threatening cancer
- Betty Keller, mom of Kim Anderson, frail and in need of prayers
- Marilou Larson, close cousin of Alice Dornseif, asks for our continued prayers
- Scott and his wife, Heidi, sister of Nancy Strand, as Scott has broken his hip
- Becky Tomek requests our prayers for healing on her leg
- Eddie Twait, Alice's brother, fell and is in transitional care
- Karen Turnmire who broke two vertebrae in a fall; pray for healing and relief of pain
- For TLO members and friends in need of our continued prayers:

Larry Flannery + Gary Foley + Glenda Holz + Justin Kube + Joseph Labhart
Donine Leatherby + Renata Rahn + Jeff Schaaf + Karen Stohlberg + Char Timm

General and ongoing Prayers:

- Vicar Ryan & Emily Kroonblawd - Ryan serves at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Lansing, MI until July 2027 & Emily is working at "The Brew" coffee shop as a barista. They appreciate knowing TLO congregation continues to support them not only financially, but with prayer as Ryan prepares for full-time pastoral ministry.

For those that mourn:

- Funeral service for Edgar Carl Mumme, age 96, father of Mary Erdman, was held September 10, 2026 at St. John's Lutheran Church in South Branch Township, rural St. James. Edgar and Myrna spent many Grandparent Days at TLO, encouraging Andrew, Breanna, Jacob and Becca in their elementary years. We rejoice in Edgar's legacy of faith in Christ. Please keep all who loved him in your prayers.
- Laverne Ziebell, age 89, father of Karen Turnmire, died August 28. Funeral service be held at 11:00 am on Thursday, Sept. 17 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 2561 N. Victoria St., Roseville, followed by a luncheon. Visitation one hour prior the service. Interment will be in Pilgrims Rest Cemetery, Myrtle, MN on Saturday, September 19.
- Don Holz, age 93, baptized and confirmed at TLO and father of Lorrie Buecksler, passed away Thursday, August 13. Funeral service will be held at Trinity Lone Oak on Saturday, September 19 at 11:00am, with visitation 1 hour prior. A luncheon will be served after the service. Please keep Don's wife, Glenda, and all who loved Don in your prayers.

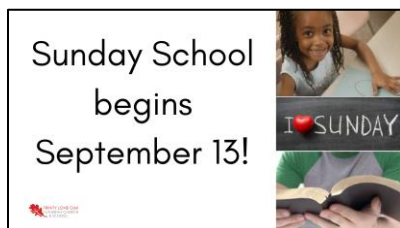


Welcome Guests We are glad you are here today! Here are a few things we thought you would like to know to help you feel at home with us today. If you are visiting please introduce yourself to our team. We love to make new friends!

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.



Sunday School

Begins today, September 13 | 9:15am

Jesus loves us so much that He willingly suffered and died for the sins of the world. We know the message of God's love for us is true because the Bible tells us so, and we teach the Bible to ages 3 through adult on Sunday mornings. Enroll today with forms in the narthex or on our website.



Find your group!

TLO offers Bible study groups for men, women and mixed. We meet Sundays between services, Tuesday evenings, Friday mornings, and with a RightNowMedia subscription you can even study online. Get growing in Christ by finding your group this Fall! Full details are on the bulletin insert, in the narthex and on our website.



Fall Picnic and Games

Today, September 13 | 11:30am

Join us for a Fall Picnic and Games today. Hot dogs, chips and lemonade provided, and potluck sides to choose from. LOTS of family games will be set up for parents and kids to have fun together. All free. Come and enjoy!