



In Every Generation

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AS WE GATHER

How long is a generation? Keepers of statistics suggest that a generation is between twenty and thirty years and note that at the present time there are six distinct generations living in the United States. The current generations range from our oldest citizens, known as the *Greatest Generation* through our youngest, given the group name of *Generation Z*. In the account of the presentation of our Lord in the temple at Jerusalem, we see Jesus as a baby from the youngest generation and we meet Anna the prophetess, well advanced into the most elderly generation, and Simeon, who is often portrayed as an older man. The temple is the place for all generations to experience the presence and blessing of God! The psalmist exults in praise to God: "One generation shall commend Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts" (Psalm 145:4). As we worship, we continue that praise in this generation.

***HYMN OF PRAISE O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM LSB 361, vs. 1, 2, 4**

***INVOCATION**

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

OPENING SENTENCESPsalm 89:1, 52; 71:19, 23*

P I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;
C **with my mouth I will make known Your faithfulness to all generations.**

P Your righteousness, O God, reaches the high heavens.
C **You who have done great things, O God, who is like You?**

P My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to You;
C **my soul also, which You have redeemed.**

P Blessed be the LORD forever!
C **Amen and Amen.**

***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P People redeemed by the Lord, let us now make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.
C **Merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We repent of having sinned in thought, in word, and in deed. So often we have left undone those things which we ought to have done and have done those things which we ought not to have done. We sincerely repent of our sins and humbly ask for the grace and forgiveness that we know to be ours in Jesus, our Savior. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, lead us, heavenly Father, to change what is sinful in our lives so that each day we grow in righteousness and godly living to the glory of Your holy name.**

- P God has promised pardon, life, and salvation because of the atoning sacrifice of His beloved Son, who has replaced slavery to sin with a priceless inheritance of freedom and joy. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. As you believe, so may it be.
- C **Amen.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE LET ALL TOGETHER PRAISE OUR GOD LSB 389, vs. 1, 4**

***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**

HYMN ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH LSB 368 vs. 1, 3

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 61:10—62:3*

- ¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
- ¹¹For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to sprout up before all the nations.
- ¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,
and her salvation as a burning torch.

²The nations shall see your righteousness,
and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Galatians 4:4–7

⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:22–40

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

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

²²When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

²⁹"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation

³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel."

³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a

sign that is opposed ³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

³⁶And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON HYMN

JOY TO THE WORLD

LSB 387

SERMON

IN EVERY GENERATION

LUKE 2:22-40

***NICENE CREED**

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 of the world to come. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

After each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

OFFERING

Please complete a worship attendance card and place in the plate as it passes. 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**

***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, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. 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

LSB 390, vs. 1, 2

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

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

LSB 379, vs. 1, 2-4

HYMN

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

LSB 537

*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

sts. 3-4

*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

OUR GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

LSB 733, vs. 1, 3, 4, 6

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Serving Our Lord

		December 31, 2023 9:00am	Sunday, January 7, 2024
Musician		Marsha Workman	Diane Streich
Cantor		Dave Workman	Andy Koch
Altar Guild		Nancy Strand & Sharon Drews	Connie Kohn and Nancy Nord
Elder(s)	8am	Sam Erdman	Rob Orr
	10:30am		Kurt Vallin
Reader	8am	Keith Prusak	Rob Orr
	10:30am		Kurt Vallin
Usher Team	8am	Jon Peterson	Brian Nack
	10:30am		Terry Stoerzinger
Greeter(s)	8am	Open	Open
	10:30am		Open
Acolyte	8am	Open	Sophia Orr and Mason Kolb
	10:30am		Sebastian Ness and Andrew Swenson
Projection	8am	Open	Open
	10:30am		Ben Swenson
Live Stream	8am	9:00am Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas



Un-Decorating

Come help un-decorate the church Thursday, January 4 at 6pm. A chili supper and good camaraderie are guaranteed! No RSVP necessary; just come with a cheerful hear!



Food For The Poor

January 7, 2024

Come hear Pastor Bob Weinhold, returning as our guest preacher from Food for the Poor, as he shares how we can help the poorest of poor in Jesus' name.



March For Life | January 22, 2024

10:30am Chapel at CSP | 12:00pm Capitol steps for MCCL March for Life

Come worship the Lord of Life and pray that people everywhere will uphold the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. Marches for Life are joyful and hopeful. Come to the party and be an advocate for life!

COMING UP AT TLO — December 31, 2023 — January 7, 2024		
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS		
Sun	9:00*am	Worship with Holy Communion
	12:30pm-5:00pm	Peniel Evangelical Church activities
	6:00pm	Hoops
Mon	church office closed	
Tue	church office closed	
	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
	4:00pm	Midweek confirmation class
Thur	6:00-9:00pm	Peniel Evangelical Church activities
	6:00pm	Undecorating TLO church
Fri	9:00am	Women of the Word (WoW) Bible study
Sat	1:00-8:00pm	Peniel Evangelical Church activities
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS		
Sun	8:00*am	Worship with Holy Communion and guest preacher Bob Weinhold
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages
	10:30am	Worship with Holy Communion and guest preacher Bob Weinhold
	12:30-5:00pm	Peniel Evangelical Church worship
	6:00pm	Hoops
*worship online at www.trinityloneoak.org		



Family Game Night
Friday, January 12 | 6-9pm | TLO Gym

Come for a night of food and fun with your TLO friends. Bring your favorite board game and a cheerful heart. See you there!



Salad Luncheon
Sunday, January 21 | 11:45am | TLO

Ladies, the Christmas baking and shopping are behind us and a New Year is here! Let's catch up and enjoy some time together. Join the fun!

WEEKLY DEPOSITS: December 24, 2023

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering	\$	9,415.27
	(Our offering budget is \$8,525 per week)		
	Building Reserve Fund	\$	165.15
	(Our offering budget is \$665 for per week)		
	1883 School Annual Fund	\$	2,304.02
	Chapel	\$	89.24
	Tuition	\$	4,460.26
	Sunday school	\$	N/A
	Church and school fees	\$	1,312.43
	Subtotal General Fund Income	\$	17,746.37
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2	\$	235.45
	Acorn Scholarship Fund	\$	N/A
	Young Investors stamps through Lutheran Church Extension Fund	\$	171.00
	Subtotal Special Fund Income	\$	406.45



Social Media Seminar

Saturday, January 27 | 9am-3:30pm

Do you think TLO's social media could be improved?! So do we! Come January 27 to give your input and learn to use social media for our good and God's glory.

Led by Craig Mattes Services, the purpose of this **Social Media Seminar** is to train for social media marketing success both inside and outside the church and school walls. Bring your laptop and get ready to expand your influence on social media. Lunch is included. Register with the church office by January 26.



Remember in Prayer

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

Rich and Dixie Cliff

Alice Dornseif, recovering at Good Samaritan, Stillwater

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

Dan Linse, hospitalized over Christmas, for return to good healthy

Joyce (Kirchner) Moynihan, diagnosed with cancer

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

LeAnn Peterson, sister of Andrea Hinrichs, recovering from foot surgery and complications

Sharon Phelps, mom of Cindy Rahn, transitioning after a fall

Verna Ratzlaff recovering at home

Stuart Weierke at the Minneapolis VA Home

Shelly Zeitlin and her family need our prayers as she is going through lymphoma cancer treatments.

Shelly is a longtime friend of Rob and Jane Shull.

Laverne and Beverly Ziebell. Our prayers are needed as they navigate day-to-day living



Weekly Memory Verse

You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.— *Is. 26:3*



Birthdays this week

Dec 31 Wayne Beckman, Sam Erdman, Nancy Kolesar

Jan 3 Vern Schaaf

Jan 5 Ayantu Benya

Jan 6 Gladys Motz, Tyler Nadeau, Matt Weierke

Anniversaries this week

Dec 31 Rod and Evon Vik (67 years!)



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.

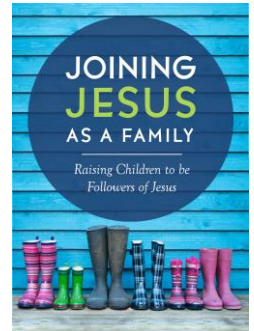
Restrooms are located to the east end of the narthex near the main entrance.

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%.

Joining Jesus as a Family Seminar Saturday, January 20 | 9:00am-12noon

Greg and Susan Finke identify what Jesus shows us in the gospels to help parents *become more intentional and practical in raising Jesus-followers*. This seminar is for anyone helping a child live the fruitful and fulfilling life of a Jesus-follower: parents, grandparents, foster parents, pastors, family ministry professionals and volunteers.



Bring the whole family!
Camp Omega staff will lead our children's programming.
Light breakfast for all attendees is included and offered from 8:00-9:00am.



\$5 per person (\$20 family max). Register TODAY using the QRC code, go to trinityloneoak.org, or contact the church office. Books (optional) are \$10 each.

“Joining Jesus as a family is simpler than you think and a lot more fun!”
—Greg and Susan Finke

