



"The scepter shall not depart from Judah." - Genesis 49:10

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* Congregation Stands

OPENING HYMN

Arise, O Christian People!

LSB 354, vs. 1-2



1 A - rise, O Chris - tian peo - ple! Pre - pare your - selves to -
2 Pre - pare the way be - fore Him; Pre - pare for Him the



day; Pre - pare to greet the Sav - ior, Who takes your
best. Cast out what would of - fend Him, This great, this



sins a - way. To us by grace a - lone The
heav'n - ly guest. Make straight, make plain the way: The



truth and light were giv - en; The prom - ised Lord from
low - ly val - leys rais - ing, The heights of pride a -



heav - en To all the world is shown.
bas - ing, His path all e - ven lay.

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***INVOCATION**

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

C **Amen.**

***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P Behold, the true light has come into the world. Let us enter into His presence, confessing our sins and receiving His forgiveness.

C **Lord God, our heavenly Father, hear us as we confess the darkness of our waywardness and sin, especially our reluctance or refusal to rejoice, pray, or give thanks amid the troubles we have brought upon ourselves. Make us truly repentant, that we may receive the holiness of faith in our Savior Jesus Christ, the forgiveness of our sins. Amen.**

P The true light has come. To all who receive Him, He makes to be the children of God. Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace

of God to all of you. And in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

*LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

P Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,

C the light no darkness can overcome.

P Let Your light scatter the darkness

C and illumine Your Church.

HYMN

We Light the Advent Candle

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3 We light the Ad - vent can - dle And sing with cheer - ful
heart. With joy, we spread the mes - sage— A
bless - ing to im - part. Our joy is nev - er
end - ing; The Son to us is send - ing. We
wait with grow - ing light Till God makes all things right!

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*KYRIE

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C O Lord, Emmanuel, have mercy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C O Lord, Wisdom from on high, 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 O Lord, Branch of Jesse's tree, have mercy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C O Lord, Key of David, 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**

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, true Light of the world, abide with us that we may rejoice in Your gracious presence, pray to You in every need, and give thanks for all Your blessing; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 49:8–12

⁸Judah, your brothers shall praise you;
your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies;
your father's sons shall bow down before you.

⁹Judah is a lion's cub;
from the prey, my son, you have gone up.

He stooped down; he crouched as a lion
and as a lioness; who dares rouse him?

¹⁰The scepter shall not depart from Judah,
nor the ruler's staff from between his feet,
until tribute comes to him;
and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.

¹¹Binding his foal to the vine
and his donkey's colt to the choice vine,
he has washed his garments in wine
and his vesture in the blood of grapes.

¹²His eyes are darker than wine,
and his teeth whiter than milk.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 126

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

²Then our mouth was filled with laughter,

and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then they said among the nations,
"The LORD has done great things for them."
³The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.
⁴Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like streams in the Negeb!
⁵Those who sow in tears
shall reap with shouts of joy!
⁶He who goes out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
bringing his sheaves with him.

EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 5:16–24

¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰Do not despise prophecies, ²¹but test everything; hold fast what is good. ²²Abstain from every form of evil.

²³Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*VERSE

Matthew 11:10b

Alleluia. Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you. Alleluia.

*HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:6–8, 19–28

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. . . .

¹⁹This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" ²⁰He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." ²¹And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." ²²So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."

²⁴(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) ²⁵They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" ²⁶John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, ²⁷even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." ²⁸These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

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

Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come

LSB 350, vs. 1, 2, 4



1 Come, Thou pre - cious Ran - som, come, On - ly hope for
2 En - ter now my wait - ing heart, Glo - rious King and
4 Hail! Ho - san - na, Da - vid's Son! Je - sus, hear our



sin - ful mor - tals! Come, O Sav - ior of the world!
Lord most ho - ly. Dwell in me and ne'er de - part,
sup - pli - ca - tion! Let Thy king - dom, scep - ter, crown,



O - pen are to Thee all por - tals. Come, Thy beau - ty
Though I am but poor and low - ly. Ah, what rich - es
Bring us bless - ing and sal - va - tion, That for - ev - er



let us see; Anx - ious - ly we wait for Thee.
will be mine When Thou art my guest di - vine!
we may sing: Hail! Ho - san - na to our King.

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SERMON

He Has Come

Genesis 49:8-12

OFFERING

Mail your gift to the church or give online at www.trinityloneoak.org/giving

*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each 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

What Hope! An Eden Prophesied

LSB 342



1 What hope! An E - den proph-e - sied Where tame live with the wild;
 2 A shoot will sprout from Jes - se's stem, A branch from Da-vid's line,
 3 As ban - ner of God's love un-furled, Christ came to suf - fer loss,
 4 Come, Je - sus, come, Mes - si - ah Lord, Lost Par - a - dise re - store;



The lamb and li - on side by side, Led by a lit - tle child!
 A Prince of Peace in Beth - le - hem: The fruit of God's de - sign.
 That by His death a dy - ing world Would ral - ly to the cross.
 Lead past the an - gel's flam - ing sword—Come, o - pen heav - en's door.

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Serving our Lord this week

		December 13, 2020	December 20, 2020
Musician		Marissa Bernau	Diane Streich
Cantor		Dave Workman	Andy Koch
Altar Guild		Karen Turnmire and Nancy Strand	Karen Turnmire and Nancy Strand
Elder(s)	8am	Jon Peterson	Andy Olson
	10:30am	Jim Nicklas	Kurt Vallin
Reader	8am	Jon Peterson	Peter Olsen
	10:30am	Tim Morris	Kurt Vallin
Usher Team	8am	Sam Erdman	Brian Nack
	10:30am	Open	Open
Greeter(s)	8am	Carolyn Wesling	Carolyn Wesling
	10:30am	Open	Open
Acolyte	8am	Amelia Martin and Audrey Martin	Selma Olsen
	10:30am	Caleb Morris and Jacob Seeman	Open
Projection	8am	Peter Olsen	Peter Olsen
	10:30am	Matt Seeman	Open
Cleaner	8am	Open	Open
	10:30am	Open	Open

COMING UP THIS WEEK — December 13, 2020 – December 20, 2020

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Sun	8:00am	Worship in sanctuary
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages; meet in gym
	10:30am	Worship in sanctuary
		worship online at www.trinityloneoak.org
	12noon	Holy Communion by appointment at www.trinityloneoak.org
Mon	10:00am	Adult Bible study
Tue	7:00pm	Board of Christian Outreach
Wed	6:30am	Men's Bible study
	3:30pm	Midweek confirmation
	6:30pm	Advent Worship in person and online at www.trinityloneoak.org
Fri	9:00am	WoW Bible Study
Sat	9:00am	Women's Bible study

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Sun	8:00am	Worship with Holy Communion in sanctuary
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages; meet in gym
	10:30am	Worship with Holy Communion in sanctuary
		worship online at www.trinityloneoak.org



Giving Tree items needed

[Click to view](#) the list of items still needed for the wish list. Bring wrapped packages to TLO by December 20.

[View wishlist](#)



Poinsettia orders due Dec. 14

Help us beautify the Sanctuary for Christmas by purchasing a poinsettia. This win-win also supports our Youth trip to NYG in 2022. Turn in your order today!



Order gift cards; bless TLO

Need gift cards for Christmas gift giving? Bless the church and school by ordering through TLO. Order through Leann Becker or the church office for delivery before Christmas.

WEEKLY DEPOSIT: December 6, 2020

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering	\$	17,286.00
(Our Weekly Offering budget is \$7,692.00 per week)			
	Building Reserve Fund	\$	285.00
(Our Weekly Offering budget is \$635.00 per week)			
	Sunday school	\$	3.00
	1883 School Annual Fund	\$	1,955.00
	Acorn Scholarship Fund	\$	250.00
	Tuition	\$	19,339.56
	Verizon Tower Rental	\$	1,738.91
	Church and school fees	\$	1,777.89
	Subtotal General Fund Income	\$	42,635.36
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2	\$	1,215.00
	YI Stamps through LCEF	\$	233.00
	Subtotal Special Fund Income	\$	1,448.00



Advent Series continues

Wednesday, December 16 and Sunday, December 20

in-person at 6:30pm and live stream at trinityloneoak.org

Did you miss an Advent message? [Click here](#) to view the series.



Berean Baptist, 309 County Road 42 East, Burnsville, serves as a distribution location for Farmers to Families, providing boxes of fresh produce and dairy to any who have need. There is no intake process or proof of financial need required. They receive food that will serve almost 1900 families so there is plenty to go around!

The food in the box includes things like potatoes, onions, apples and carrots, liquid whole eggs, yogurt, cheese, hot dogs, and sausage and an entire gallon of milk. In total there is about 33 pounds of food that would go to each family. Distribution is scheduled on **Dec 15 and Dec 29 from 2-6 p.m.** All distribution is done in the parking lot and volunteers are able to provide a touchless service for anyone who comes through. Tell a friend!

For YOU!

Pick up Portals of Prayer for Jan-March, My Devotions and offering envelopes in the narthex. Need yours mailed? [Contact the church office.](#)

Remember in Prayer

Richard and Corrine, Jenna Arnold's dad and step mom. Corrine receives low level chemo every two weeks making her ill. Family requests continued prayers for healing and comfort.

Daryl Buecksler, recovering from hip surgery

Eddie Burdick, Pam's husband, overall health in dealing with on-going concerns

Rich Cliff, recovering from eye surgery

Virginia Flo, having surgery December 17

Dan Jones, brother of David Jones and Julie Casby, hospitalized and very ill

Cory Kroonblawd - completing final year of pastoral education at CTS - Ft. Wayne, IN

Joseph Labhart (Flannery's grandson) ongoing health concerns

Dan Linse recovering from heart surgery

Brian Motz - prayers for continued healing

Marvin Rahn for strength and good health while living at Brookdale in Eagan

Billy D. Swain, ongoing health concerns.

Char Timm; prayers for sight to return to her left eye

Robert Vail, brother of Barbara, diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and working through treatment

Glenn Vierling, hospitalized with serious complications from covid

Diane Vierling, home from the hospital and struggling with full recovery from covid



Please Welcome Our New Member

Mrs. Connie Swanson has been received into membership from Zion Lutheran Church of Wayside (LCMS), Greenleaf, WI. Connie is the mother of TLO member, Hannah Starksen, and grandmother of TLO kindergartener, Henley Starksen. Connie worships with TLO online and is active in zoom Bible study. We pray TLO will be a blessing to her as she is to TLO!



Birthdays this week

Dec 13	Ashley Hedtke
Dec 14	Rachel Phillips
Dec 15	William Maloney
Dec 16	Aaron Peterson
Dec 17	Michelle Nadeau, Wendy Rueger
Dec 18	Kurt Vallin, Amelia Volkert
Dec 19	Teri Garrity



Every One His Witness Study Group

Starts January 10, 2021 | 9:15am | TLO Gym

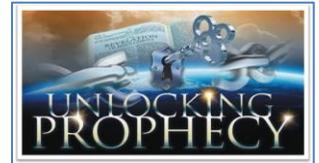
Not sure how to witness? 'LASSIE' is the answer. This relational witnessing approach teaches us to naturally share the Good News of Jesus Christ as we Listen-Ask-Seek-Share-Invite-and-Encourage people in our lives who are not yet part of the Church. To ensure we have materials, please sign up for the class through the church office or [our website](#).

Biblical Prophecy: Are We Living in the Last Days?

Pastor Lessing, Seminar Leader

Saturday, January 16 | 9am-3pm

In the midst of ongoing terrorism and chaos, pandemics and crazy politics, millions of people are looking for answers to so many questions. Are we, in fact, living in the last days? This Bible Seminar will address a wide range of issues. Participants will learn about Old Testament prophets, dig into the symbolism and rich numerology in Revelation and take a close look at the *Left Behind* novels and movies. Questions will be answered and comfort and hope in Christ will abound. Invite your friends! Register at trinityloneoak.org or through the church office.



A NEW YEAR! A NEW YOU!

January 6–February 10, 2021 | 6:30pm | via Zoom

Begin the new year with a new you! In his Small Catechism Martin Luther writes this about baptism. "It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new person should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever." In baptism God gives a new you.

In this Bible Study we will discuss these topics:

- **Balancing** our New Life
- A New **Heart**
- A New **Mind**
- New **Relationships**
- A New **Body**

St. Paul writes in Romans 6:4, "We were buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." Plan now to rediscover a new you for a new year. [Sign up today](#) for the Zoom class led by Pastor Lessing!