



"Beloved, do not imitate evil but imitate good."

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* Congregation Stands

HYMN OF INVOCATION

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

LSB 851, sts. 1-2, 4

1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,
 4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your
 life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the
 free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your
 life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the
 lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;
 good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
 lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.
 And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings
 Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by
 Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to
 count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful
 You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py
 stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of
 and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.
 and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.
 all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

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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 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.

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Stand

***KYRIE**

**C Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.**

***SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 45:1–7

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped,
to subdue nations before him
and to loose the belts of kings,
to open doors before him
that gates may not be closed:
²"I will go before you
and level the exalted places,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
³I will give you the treasures of darkness
and the hoards in secret places,
that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I name you, though you do not know me.
⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other,
besides me there is no God;
I equip you, though you do not know me,
⁶that people may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is none besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
⁷I form light and create darkness,
I make well-being and create calamity,
I am the LORD, who does all these things."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 96:1–9; antiphon: v. 9a

¹Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!
²Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
³Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!
⁴For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.
⁵For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.
⁶Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
⁷Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!
⁸Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!
⁹Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!

EPISTLE

3 John 2–8

²Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul. ³For I rejoiced greatly when the brothers came and testified to your truth, as indeed you are walking in the truth. ⁴I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

⁵Beloved, it is a faithful thing you do in all your efforts for these brothers, strangers as they are, ⁶who testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God. ⁷For they have gone out for the sake of the name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles. ⁸Therefore we ought to support people like these, that we may be fellow workers for the truth.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15–22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. ¹⁶And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" ²¹They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

*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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

SERMON HYMN

Preserve Your Word, O Savior

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1 Pre - serve Your Word, O Sav - ior, To us this lat - ter day,
 2 Pre - serve, O Lord, Your hon - or, The bold blas - phem - er smite;
 5 Pre - serve in wave and tem - pest Your storm-tossed lit - tle flock;



And let Your king - dom flour - ish; En - large Your Church, we pray.
 Con - vince, con - vert, en - light - en The souls in er - ror's night.
 As - sailed by wind and weath - er, May it en - dure each shock.



O keep our faith from fail - ing; Keep hope's bright star a - glow.
 Re - veal Your will, dear Sav - ior, To all who dwell be - low,
 Stand at the helm, our pi - lot, And set the course a - right;



Let noth - ing from truth turn us While liv - ing here be - low.
 Great light of all the liv - ing, That all Your name may know.
 Then we will reach the har - bor In Your e - ter - nal light.

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SERMON

Walking In Truth

3 John 2-8

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P As God's beloved children, invited by Jesus to come to Him without hindrance, let us pray for the Church, the world, and ourselves, trusting the mighty mercy of our Lord. God of mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P For the Church, that the Lord deliver us from arrogance and instead turn our hearts toward the mercy of Jesus, so that the Church becomes increasingly an agent of God's mercy in the lives of people in our community. For our Synod—our president, district presidents, pastors, teachers, and all servants of the Church—that they not become puffed up with pride or be made timid by weakness, but, relying on the mercy of Jesus, show mercy to one another and to the world. God of mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P For this nation in which we live, in thanksgiving for the abundance of life and freedom that we enjoy. For the president and Congress, for our governor and local elected officials, that all work for the common good and serve not themselves, and especially for those who are struggling. That this nation so divided along political lines would repent of our hatred of those who differ from us and, based on our one common humanity, work to resolve our differences with reason and kindness. God of mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P For those in need in our community—the sick, those facing surgery, those with terminal illness, [*especially . . .*], that they receive mercy and healing according to God's will, that their hearts be opened to receive the love of Christ, and that they find peace in the love of Jesus. God of mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P For this congregation, that, having received the mercy of Jesus, we find ways to bring God's mercy to the people around us—family, co-workers, friends, and strangers alike. We pray especially for children in vulnerable situations—those not yet born, those experiencing family division, and those struggling with poverty. Show us how to extend to these little ones mercy and to open our arms to them as Jesus did. God of mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P In remembrance of and thanksgiving for all those who have gone before us in the faith, for the mercy they showed us, for the examples of faith they gave us, for the joy they brought to our lives, we give thanks. [*We especially remember today . . .*]. With them, rescue us from every evil and bring us safely into Your heavenly kingdom. God of mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Let Your Holy Spirit breathe the prayers of our hearts that remain unspoken, and hear these spoken prayers in the mercy You show for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ. To God be the glory forever and ever.

C Amen.

OFFERING

*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.**

*BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*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

Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing

LSB 584

1 Faith and truth and life be - stow - ing, O - pen now the
 2 May the Spir - it's pow'r un - ceas - ing Bring to life the

Scrip - tures, Lord, Seed to life e - ter - nal sow - ing,
 hid - den grain, Dai - ly in our hearts in - creas - ing,

Scat - tered on the wind a - broad. Let not hearts, Your
 Bear - ing fruit that shall re - main. So in Scrip - ture,

Word re - ceiv - ing, Like a bar - ren field be found, Choked with
 song, and sto - ry, Sav - ior, may Your voice be heard. Till our

thorns and un - be - liev - ing, Shal - low earth or ston - y ground.
 eyes be - hold Your glo - ry Give us ears to hear Your Word.

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| COMING UP THIS WEEK – October 18 , 2020 — October 25, 2020 | | |
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| TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | | |
| 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 |
| Mon | 10:00am | Adult Bible study |
| Wed | 6:30am | Men's Bible study |
| | 3:30pm | Midweek confirmation class |
| Fri | 9:00am | WoW Bible study |
| | 7:00pm | Amnion's virtual gala |
| Sat | 9:00am | GodConnects session 3 of 3 |
| | 1:00pm | Rite of Confirmation |
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| | 12noon | Holy Communion by appointment at www.trinityloneoak.org |



RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Saturday, October 24 | 1:00pm | TLO Sanctuary

Congratulations to Bilise Benya and Elizabeth Zenda-Johnson who will confirm their faith in Jesus Christ at a private Rite of Confirmation service. Bilise and Elizabeth will read their faith statements on their confirmation day, and print copies will be distributed with our October 25 bulletin. We pray God's blessings and continued growth in Christ for Bilise and Elizabeth.



Amnion Pregnancy Center Gala and Auction

Friday, October 23 | 7:00pm

It was 1996 and Stephanie came to Amnion as a scared 20 year old, ashamed to be pregnant, and having been raised in a Christian home, knew she should've known better. "Abortion" was the whisper that fear sent. Join us for Amnion's Gala to hear her full story, and how God worked (and used Amnion) to write the ending. Silent Auction Online Bidding—over 145 items to bid on —opens October 19. Join in virtually for a special evening to celebrate God's amazing work through the life-saving ministry at Amnion Pregnancy Center. Find details and registration at www.helpofferhope.org



Call meeting

Sunday, October 25 | 9:15am

The Board of Elders has put forth a proposal to pursue a Divine Call to Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing to serve as Associate Pastor at TLO. Pastor Lessing has recently moved from Indiana for a Call to serve at Concordia University, St. Paul as a Professor of Theology with an emphasis on the Old Testament. Pastor Lessing has extensive experience preaching, teaching, counseling and administering from many years of Pastoral service. Pastor Lessing would provide assistance to Pastor Kroonblawd appx. 5 – 7 hours per week teaching, preaching and visiting members as needed. The Board of Elders recommends added Pastoral care to help meet the many ministry needs of Trinity Lone Oak and provide immediate added support for Pastor Kroonblawd. While this role is valuable and needed, it is not the same as the YTF2 (Yesterday, Today, Forever 2) full-time Associate Pastor who will assist the Senior Pastor in developing new ministry for singles, families with young children, school families and the community. The plan is to begin a candidate search for this full-time role when YTF2 pledges reach \$500,000 and accumulated YTF2 funds toward a second pastor reach \$200,000. A Special Voters Meeting has been set to decide whether to place a Divine Call to Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing to TLO and all TLO members are encouraged to attend the Meeting. Please note: As the TLO Constitution stipulates, only TLO members 18 years and older who have previously attended a Voter's meeting are eligible to vote. After attending their first voter's meeting, new members can vote at following meetings.



The 2020 Lutheran Voter Information Guide includes counsel of Scripture in the four matters of public life with which the LCMS engages: life, marriage/family/sexuality, religious freedom, and parental choice in education. This year's guide also includes counsel on the dilemma of voting for a person or their policy. Pick up your copy in the narthex!



SCRIP certificates for Clergy Appreciation Month

Don't miss your chance to honor Pastor Kroonblawd in October! SCRIP certificates are available in any denomination allowing Kroonblawds to choose their own gift cards; contact the church office to purchase a SCRIP certificate.



Operation Christmas Child brings shoe boxes filled with gifts along with the message of the Gospel to children in desperate situations all over the world. Children only receive one box in their lifetime and this may be their best opportunity to learn about Jesus since a copy of the New Testament in their language is included in every box. Pick up an empty box from the narthex and pack it for shipping overseas. Suggestions for what to pack are inside the box. Alternately, we will be collecting donations in the narthex through November 15 and a small group of volunteers will pack the boxes. We welcome bars of soap, washcloths, small toys, school supplies, pencil sharpeners, small stuffed animals, t-shirts and socks for all ages. The cost to ship each box is \$9 so donations towards this cost are also needed.



All School Marathon exceeds goal

TLO students exceeded our \$8,900 goal by raising over \$12,000. As a result, Principal Kathryn Jones spent Tuesday, October 13 on the roof! Thanks for everyone's support!



Our parents, Rich & Dixie Cliff will be celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary on October 22nd. Since we are unable to celebrate with an in person gathering, please help us celebrate them by loading up their mailbox with cards and well wishes. Thank you— The Cliff Family

Rich and Dixie Cliff
12523 Akron Ave.
Rosemount MN 55068

Rich and Dixie —married at TLO, 1955



WEEKLY DEPOSIT: October 11, 2020

| General Fund Income: | | | |
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| | Current and Mission Weekly Offering | \$ | 6,671.00 |
| | Thrivent Choice to Current and Mission | \$ | 12.00 |
| (Our Weekly Offering budget is \$7,692.00 per week) | | | |
| | Building Reserve Fund | \$ | 1,270.00 |
| (Our Weekly Offering budget is \$635.00 per week) | | | |
| | Sunday school | \$ | 7.08 |
| | Tuition | \$ | 3,465.64 |
| | Thrivent Choice to Annual fund | \$ | 582.00 |
| | Church and school fees | \$ | 383.67 |
| | Subtotal General Fund Income | \$ | 12,391.39 |
| Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending) | | | |
| | YTF2 | \$ | 1,055.00 |
| | YI Stamps through LCEF | \$ | 190.00 |
| | Subtotal Special Fund Income | \$ | 1,245.00 |



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

Dick, Gary Foley and Dixie Cliff's step brother, who recovering from broken femur

Mikey Joe, Gary and Dixie's step brother, who fell while traveling to see his brother. Pray for healing of ribs, shoulder, pelvis, hand, wrist and internal injuries.

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

Pastor Kroonblawd, finished medical treatment through Mayo Clinic; prayers for strength

Joseph Labhart (Flannery's grandson) ongoing health concerns

Dan Linse recovering from heart surgery

Brian Motz - prayers for continued healing

Rob Prusak, brother of Keith, looking for work. Pray that he would find the right employment soon

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

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

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

Billy D. Swain, ongoing health concerns.



Please pray for the family of Ray Schlichtmann, father of Julie Morris, at his passing October 11 in North Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Schlichtmann regularly attended TLO School Grandparent Day, concerts, graduations, confirmations, and more. We will miss Ray dearly and we pray for comfort for all who knew and loved him.

"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me." Ps. 23:4



Birthdays this week

Oct 18 Erbey Estrada, Elle Montez, Ashlee Zeches

Oct 19 Alan Turnmire

Oct 20 William Kolesar, Quoc Nguyen, Austin Rudoll

Oct 21 Jim Perron, Hannah Starksen

Oct 22 Taylor Erdman, Corey Perron, Jessica Schmeckpeper

Anniversaries this week

Oct 18 Michael and Lisa Loge

Oct 22 Rich and Dixie Cliff (65 years!)

Oct 23 Dave and Kathy Jones, Rachel and Michael Wallace