



from the sermon series *Honest Repentance*  
Repentance: "How we stop hiding..."

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**AS WE GATHER**

The people of Nineveh were vicious and violent, not the kind of people you would think would be receptive to repentance. Yet Jonah delivered the Lord's message to them: "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" (Jon 3:4). And it worked brilliantly. You could not ask for a more thorough-going repentance than that of Nineveh. The people repented even before the king decreed it, and by the end, everyone in the city, from the king all the way down to the animals, was wearing sackcloth and sitting in ashes. It is a model of repentance in the Bible. This morning we will contemplate it as a model for our own repentance as well.

**OPENING HYMN**

**WHEN IN THE HOUR OF DEEPEST NEED**

**LSB 615**

**\*INVOCATION**

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

**\*OPENING SENTENCES**

*John 3:16*

P God so loved the world,  
C **that He gave His only Son,**

P that whoever believes in Him should not perish  
C **but have eternal life.**

P Our Lenten journey leads us to the cross where Jesus gave His life,  
C **and then to the resurrection and eternal life.**

**\*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P Though Christ has loved us with this genuine love that gives us eternal life, we sometimes ignore His love and refuse to share Christ's love with others. Still, our heavenly Father is merciful, and He invites us to draw near to Him in hope and confidence to ask for His grace.

*Silence for reflection.*

P Heavenly Father,  
C **we have sinned against You and against our neighbors. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not loved our enemies. Forgive us, renew our love, on account of Jesus. Amen.**

P Jesus Christ was lifted up on the tree of the cross so that we might be forgiven. His genuine love is for the world and is for you. 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 by the genuine love of Jesus.**

## \*KYRIE

LSB 204

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

## \*SALUTATION

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

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray.  
Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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

*Jonah 3*

<sup>1</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>"Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." <sup>3</sup>So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

<sup>6</sup>The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. <sup>7</sup>And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water, <sup>8</sup>but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. <sup>9</sup>Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish."

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

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

## PSALM

*Psalms 107:1–9*

- <sup>1</sup>Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever!  
<sup>2</sup>Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,  
whom he has redeemed from trouble

<sup>3</sup>and gathered in from the lands,  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.  
<sup>4</sup>Some wandered in desert wastes,  
finding no way to a city to dwell in;  
<sup>5</sup>hungry and thirsty,  
their soul fainted within them.  
<sup>6</sup>Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress.  
<sup>7</sup>He led them by a straight way  
till they reached a city to dwell in.  
<sup>8</sup>Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,  
for his wondrous works to the children of men!  
<sup>9</sup>For he satisfies the longing soul,  
and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

## EPISTLE

*Ephesians 2:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>And you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— <sup>3</sup>among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. <sup>4</sup>But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— <sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### \*VERSE

*John 3:16*

P For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son,  
C **that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.**

### \*HOLY GOSPEL

*John 3:14–21*

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

<sup>14</sup>[Jesus said:] "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,  
<sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God."

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  
SERMON  
OFFERING**

**BY GRACE I'M SAVED  
HONEST REPENTANCE: *Repentance***

**LSB 566, vs. 1, 3, 4, 6**

*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.*



## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (10:30am)

### \*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After individual petitions:

- P Jesus, may our hearts be burning  
C **with more fervent love for You.**

### \*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**

**O BLESS THE LORD, MY SOUL**

**LSB 814**

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## Serving Our Lord

		Sunday, March 10, 2024	Sunday, March 17, 2024
Musician		Diane Streich	8:00, L. Kroonblawd; 10:30 M.Workman
Cantor		Andy Koch	Andy Koch
Altar Guild		Roxanne Foley	Roxanne Foley
Elder(s)	8am	Jim Kohn	Rob Orr
	10:30am	Kurt Vallin	Kurt Vallin
Reader	8am	Jim Kohn	Rob Orr
	10:30am	Kurt Vallin	Kurt Vallin
Usher Team	8am	Sam Erdman	Brian Nack
	10:30am	Open	Terry Stoerzinger
Greeter(s)	8am	Open	Open
	10:30am	Open	Open
Acolyte	8am	Isaac Koch	Sophia Orr, Lily Olander
	10:30am	Dana Vallin, Sabontu Benya	Ethan Swenson, Dana Vallin
Projection	8am	Jean Peterson	Marc Ergang
	10:30am	Chris Martin	Ben Swenson
Live Stream	8am	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas
Coffee Hour	9:15am	Christian Larson	Open



### Welcome New Members

We gladly welcome Rev. Noel and Linda Koss as members to TLO. Recently moved to Minnesota from Washington, the Koss's have already been active in worship and Bible class. We pray God's richest blessings on them as they find opportunities to grow and share their faith in the TLO community. Please enjoy a piece of cake with them at the 9:15am fellowship hour and introduce yourself at your nearest convenience.



### Lego Derby

Next Saturday, 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. What student can YOU invite to this event? Register today on our website, [trinityloneoak.org](http://trinityloneoak.org).

**COMING UP AT TLO — March 10, 2024 — March 17, 2024****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
Mon	10:00am	Adult Bible class
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	Board of Christian Education
	6:30pm	Peniel activities
Fri	9:00am	WoW Bible study
Sat	9:00am	Lego Derby - you're invited!
	2:00-8:00pm	Peniel Evangelical Church activities

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

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

\*worship online at [www.trinityloneoak.org](http://www.trinityloneoak.org)

**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. Our Seder meal follows closely the traditions of Passover meals at the time of Jesus including roast lamb, bitter herbs and unleavened bread. The service during the meal describes the symbolism of the various foods and rituals. Each family is asked to bring a dish (rice, green beans, or haroses (chopped apple salad), recipes are provided). To participate in the Seder meal, sign up in the narthex (or call the church office). Deadline for signing up is March 24. If you have questions, please contact Jim or Connie Kohn.





The first ever Minnesota South District Go First! Ministry Conference will be held at Concordia Academy in Roseville, MN on April 19 – 20, 2024. Pastors, parish professionals, educators, and lay people are all invited to experience the encouragement and inspiration of this FREE two-day event. Learn more by picking up a flier in the narthex or scan the QR code.



## WHEN DID GOD'S LAW BECOME MERE OPINION?

When did greed, coveting, promiscuity, character assassination, violence, and even intimidation become our “cultural values?” When did things like these even become entertaining to some? When did “virtue” become such a dirty word. I realize that all of us are sinful and broken. I also know that it’s hard to have these conversations because the finger points back at each one of us. But that is not the same as saying that it doesn’t matter how we live. Admitting that we all fall short in living out our virtues is not the same thing as suggesting that virtue no longer matters! And the notion that the Laws of God, which are rooted in the reality of His creating and ordering of life for us, are outdated or unnecessary for our well-being, is both personally and culturally dangerous.

Amidst all of our present-day rationalizations, here’s a little truth from Proverbs 6:16-19: “There are six things that the LORD hates, seven that are an abomination to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil, a false witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers.”

Godly virtue opposes all of these and a healthy society seeks to mitigate the worst abuses of them. But no society which celebrates what God detests can long endure. Lust, gluttony, greed, sloth (Does anyone even worry about being lazy today?), unrighteous wrath (Just because you are angry doesn’t mean you’re right!), envy, and pride not only undermine your life and mine, they can even undermine a nation.

Whatever seems to be going on in our communities or even our culture, remember that all things are ultimately in God’s hands. So let’s be committed to others in the communities in which we live. For the sake of the culture in which we reside, let us boldly proclaim the whole counsel of God, both His “No” and His “Yes,” for all of our good. God’s Law wasn’t mere opinion when he gave it to Israel, and it isn’t now.

*Read the entire article written by Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz, speaker emeritus of the Lutheran Hour and Executive director of Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty by picking up a copy in the narthex.*



**WEEKLY DEPOSITS: March 3, 2024**

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering	\$	17,492.63
	(Our offering budget is \$8,525 per week)		
	Building Reserve Fund	\$	1,508.15
	(Our offering budget is \$665 for per week)		
	Sunday school	\$	4.90
	1883 School Annual Fund	\$	450.00
	Chapel	\$	81.00
	Tuition	\$	19,456.67
	Parking Lot fund	\$	525.00
	Gala 2024	\$	905.00
	Verizon Tower Rental	\$	1,900.16
	Church and school fees	\$	10,825.53
	<b>Subtotal General Fund Income</b>	\$	<b>53,149.04</b>
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2	\$	410.45
	Acorn Scholarship Fund	\$	25.00
	Young Investors stamps through Lutheran Church Extension Fund	\$	216.00
	<b>Subtotal Special Fund Income</b>	\$	<b>651.45</b>



Amnion is looking for the perfect person to fill a new job opening: Administrative Assistant. Hop on Amnion’s website or call their office to learn more.



**Birthdays this week**

- March 10 Kim Anderson, Tyler Blumke, Bill Breitinger
- March 12 Dale Goers
- March 13 Renata Rahn (95!)
- March 14 Jesse Kohn
- March 15 Jayne Stenstad
- March 17 Bethany Olander

**Anniversaries this week**

- March 14 Ai and Wendy Nguyen



## Remember in Prayer

Avianna (age 2), niece of Chelsea Cardenas, battling cancer  
Rich and Dixie Cliff

Connie, sister of Jim Kohn, who had surgery March 8

Gloria, Jim Kohn's sister-in-law, who has been diagnosed with bile duct cancer. She will be starting chemotherapy and radiation therapy.

Gary Foley as he continues to heal and get stronger

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

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

Stuart Weierke at the Minneapolis VA Home

Keaton David Wells, great-grandson of Al and Linnea Raveling, born March 5, 2024 at 4# 3oz.

Though tiny and on oxygen in the NICU, Keaton is "doing well" as is him mom, Samantha.

Thanksgiving and prayers for Keaton and Samantha's well-being.

Laverne and Beverly Ziebell. Karen requests continued prayers for her parents



Mary Shaw passed away March 7. For years Pastor Kroonblawd has visited Mary as a shut in. Pastor requests we pray such: Prayers to the One True God, for comfort and peace for Mary's daughter, Julie, and family in their time of grief. That they may place their hope and trust in the Victorious One, Christ Jesus, Who gave His life as a ransom for us and for our salvation, defeating sin, death and the devil through His atoning sacrifice on the cross and is now risen and lives and reigns to all eternity. And prayers of thanksgiving to God the Father, for providing caregivers who served Mary for many years while she was in assisted living. And all praise to the Holy Spirit for calling her to faith in her baptism into the name of Jesus and keeping her in the faith.



## Weekly Memory Verse

And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." Luke 9:23



## 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!

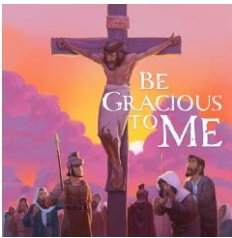
**For those with small children**, a nursery is available, located in the narthex, if you need a place to care for your child. Children’s bulletins are in the narthex, or ask an usher.

**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.

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### Wednesdays through March 20

5:15-6:15pm | Supper—March 13 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)

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### 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!