



"Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" - Luke 7:20

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**congregation stands*

WELCOME

New to Trinity Lone Oak? See back cover for guest information.

AS WE GATHER

Some Advent wreaths have a pink candle for this Third Sunday in Advent. The festive, joyful pink candle reflects today's Readings, which begin to anticipate the unbridled joy that Jesus' birth brings. We do many joyful things during Advent. We sing Christmas carols, bake cookies, decorate our homes inside and out, and travel far and wide to visit those we love. Yet all these joyful things point to an even greater joy—the joy that comes by the Creator of the universe, the Lord almighty, who loves you, forgives you in Jesus, and cares about you beyond human measure! "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!"

HYMN

REJOICE, MY HEART, BE GLAD AND SING

LSB 737, vs. 1–3

Please join in singing this hymn using the pew hymnal or projection slides.

*INVOCATION

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

C **Amen.**

*OPENING SENTENCES

Zephaniah 3:14a, 15b; 16b–17, 20

P Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart.

C **The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.**

P "Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak.

C **The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save;**

P He will rejoice over you with gladness; He will quiet you by His love;

C **He will exult over you with loud singing.**

P I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes," says the LORD.

C **We worship You, O Lord!**

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Three Advent candles are lit.

P Let us pray. O Lord, let the lighting of these candles signify that You are the light that shines in all the darkness of our lives. As we wait, watch, hope, and pray, guide us all to reflect Your light and let it shine; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 25:6-7

P Having emerged from the waters of Baptism as God's new creation in Christ, we confess our sins to God and one another.

A time of silence is observed.

P We confess to You, O Lord, that we are captive to sin in thought, word, and deed. We have wandered from You. Our wonderings have at times turned into doubts that drew us away from You.

C **Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

P Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

C **according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!**

*HYMN

REJOICE, MY HEART, BE GLAD AND SING

LSB 737, vs. 5, 7

5 He on - ly will with pa - tience chide, His
7 Up - on your lips, then, lay your hand, And

rod falls gent - ly down; And all your sins He
trust His guid - ing love; Then like a rock your

casts a - side In o - cean depths to drown.
peace shall stand Here and in heav'n a - bove.

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P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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 Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

*INTROIT

Psalm 146:5-8; antiphon: Philippians 4:4

P Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

C **Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,**

P who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;

C **who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.**

P The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

*KYRIE



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

*SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ,

C **we implore You to hear our prayers**

P and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation;

C **for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Zephaniah 3:14–20

¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!

¹⁵The LORD has taken away the judgments against you;
he has cleared away your enemies.

The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall never again fear evil.

¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
"Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak.

¹⁷The LORD your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing.

¹⁸I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival,

so that you will no longer suffer reproach.

¹⁹Behold, at that time I will deal
with all your oppressors.

And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.

²⁰At that time I will bring you in,
at the time when I gather you together;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes," says the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 85

- A You forgave the iniquity of Your people;
You covered all their sin.
- C **LORD, You were favorable to Your land;
You restored the fortunes of Jacob.**
- A You forgave the iniquity of Your people;
You covered all their sin.
- C **You withdrew all Your wrath;
You turned from Your hot anger.**
- A Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away Your indignation toward us!
- C **Will You be angry with us forever?
Will You prolong Your anger to all
generations?**
- A Will You not revive us again,
that Your people may rejoice in You?
- C **Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us Your salvation.**
- A Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for He will speak peace to His people, to His
saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

- C **Surely His salvation is near to those who
fear Him,
that glory may dwell in our land.**
- A Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.
- C **Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
and righteousness looks down from the sky.**
- A Yes, the LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
- C **Righteousness will go before Him
and make His footsteps a way.**
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to
the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will
be forever. Amen.**
- A You forgave the iniquity of Your people;
You covered all their sin.

EPISTLE

Philippians 4:4–7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*VERSE

Matthew 11:10b

- P Alleluia! Alleluia!
- C **Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- P Behold, I send My messenger before Your face,
- C **who will prepare Your way before You.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 7:18–28

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

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

¹⁸The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, ¹⁹calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" ²⁰And when the men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, 'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?'" ²¹In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. ²²And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. ²³And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

²⁴When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ²⁵What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings' courts. ²⁶What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

²⁷This is he of whom it is written,

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

²⁸I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

***APOSTLES' CREED**— *See projection slides or the inside back cover of the pew hymnal*

SERMON Are You the One? Or Should We Look for Another?

Luke 7:18-28

SERMON HYMN

REJOICE, REJOICE, BELIEVERS

LSB 515

Please join in singing this hymn using the pew hymnal or projection slides.

OFFERING—Place your gift in the plates as you exit or give online at www.trinityloneoak.org/giving

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

***LORD'S PRAYER**— *See projection slides or the inside back cover of the pew hymnal*

***BENEDICTION**

Philippians 4:5–7; Numbers 6:24–26

P The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

REJOICE, O PILGRIM THROG

LSB 813, vs. 1, 3, 5-7

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Serving our Lord

		December 12, 2021	December 19, 2021
Musician		Diane Streich	Marissa Bernau
Cantor	8am	Dave Workman	Andy Koch
Altar Guild		Nancy Strand	Nancy Strand
Elder	8am	Andy Olson	Jon Peterson
	10:30am	Kurt Vallin	Sam Erdman
Reader	8am	Andy Olson	Peter Olsen
	10:30am	Kurt Vallin	Tim Morris
Usher Team	8am	Sam Erdman	Brian Nack
	10:30am	Open	Terry Stoerzinger
Greeter(s)....	8am	Open	Carolyn Wesling
	10:30am	Open	Lynn Kroonblawd
Acolyte	8am	Jacob Seeman	Open
	10:30am	Camryn Ergang/Audrey Martin	Eric and Sean Hakanson
Projection	8am	Matt Seeman	Peter Olsen
	10:30am	Chris Martin	Caleb Morris
Live Stream	8am	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas



Vocalist and Instrumentalists wanted

For the Christmas services, we welcome musicians to come forward. We can help find music to suit your interests. Contact Diane Streich for more information.

COMING UP AT TLO — December 12, 2021 — December 18, 2021**THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

Sun	8:00*am	Worship in sanctuary
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages; Puffy Cream donuts in gym
	10:30am	Worship in sanctuary
	4:00pm	BB skills clinic for K-3 boys and girls
	4:40pm	BB skills clinic for grade 4-8 boys and girls
	6:00pm	Adult Hoops
Mon	10:00am	Adult Bible study
Wed	6:30am	Men's Bible Study
	2:00pm	Board of Stewardship
	5:15pm	Advent Meal—don't miss out!
	6:30*pm	Advent Worship with Sunday school program
Thur	7:00pm	K-8 Christmas Concert
Fri	9:00am	Women of the Word

FORTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Sun	8:00*am	Worship in sanctuary with Holy Communion
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages
	10:30am	Worship in sanctuary
	11:30pm	Salad Luncheon and optional cookie exchange; RSVP by Dec. 12
	3:00pm	Caroling - no singing talent needed and fun guaranteed!
	6:00pm	Adult Hoops

*worship online at www.trinityloneoak.org

**Puffy Cream Donuts and coffee TODAY!**

Enjoy a donut and coffee during the education hour today (and every “second Sunday” of the month!) Eagan's own Puffy Cream donuts available for a free-will donation to help with the National Youth Gathering trip to Houston next year. Thank you for supporting TLO Youth!

**The Giving Tree**

More tags have been added to the Giving Tree. Gift #26-52 should be **wrapped** and returned by next Sunday, December 19. Thanks for adding to Christmas joy by buying a gift for someone you don't know.

Full instructions are on the small tree in the narthex.



**Poinsettias for Christmas Worship
through December 14 | TLO Church office**

Help us beautify the Sanctuary for Christmas by purchasing a poinsettia. This win-win also supports our Youth trip to NYG in 2022. Order forms are in the church narthex and church office.



**Salad Luncheon and optional Christmas Cookie Exchange
Sunday, December 19 | 11:30am | TLO Conference Room**

Come and enjoy salad and conversation with your TLO friends. RSVP Lana Siewert-Olson (651-453-1563) by today, December 12. To participate in the cookie exchange, bring 6 dozen cookies to share.



**Christmas Caroling
Sunday, December 19 | 3:00pm | All ages | Meet in the TLO gym**

Bring Christmas joy to TLO members in homes and in Care Centers (covid-permitting). Meet at TLO to form caroling groups that make up to 4 stops. All ages welcome, and no singing talent needed! Join us!



**Christmas bags for TLO members
Take and deliver at your convenience**

Pick up a prepared bag(s) from the narthex and deliver it to the address on the bag. You will deliver Christmas goodies and smiles while receiving much more in return.



Christmas Worship

December 24 | 3:30pm | Christmas Eve Family Worship
December 24 | 7:00pm | Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion
December 25 | 9:00am | Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion



Worship Sunday, December 26 | 9:00am

Note there is only one worship service Sunday, December 26, 2021.



Portals of Prayer, My Devotions, 2022 calendars.

Stop by the narthex to take any items you can make use of. Share with a friend, too!

WEEKLY DEPOSITS: December 5, 2021

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering	\$	10,181.00
	(Our offering budget is \$7,980 per week)		
	Building Reserve Fund	\$	1,426.00
	(Our offering budget is \$665 for per week)		
	1883 School Annual Fund	\$	3,075.00
	Sunday school	\$	1.51
	Endowment	\$	25.00
	Tuition	\$	6,554.70
	Dec. 1 Advent Meal proceeds to Current and Mission	\$	293.00
	Verizon Tower Rental	\$	1,791.08
	Church and school fees	\$	3,192.95
	Subtotal General Fund Income	\$	26,540.24
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2	\$	2,130.00
	YI Stamps, an investment of Lutheran Church Extension Fund	\$	267.00
	Subtotal Special Fund Income	\$	2,397.00



Beacon Buddies 1st-4th Grade Basketball

Concordia Academy's new Beacon Buddies program offers basketball for all 1st-4th grade boys and girls on Saturday mornings starting in January. Boys and girls can expect a fun, supportive environment as they learn the game and skills of basketball and develop their abilities. To get more information or register for this six-week program, go to www.concordiaacademy.com/beaconbuddies.



SCRP—place your order today!

There's still time to get gift cards for Christmas giving! And when you do, a percentage of your purchase supports TLO Church and School. See Leann Becker in the narthex or contact the church office to learn more.



Concordia Academy Christmas Concert TODAY!

Join the Concordia Academy band, orchestra, choirs, and art students at CA's 2021 Christmas Concert, "Proclaim!" today, Sunday, December 12, at 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students and senior citizens.



Remember in Prayer

Corrine, Jenna's mom, prayers during chemo treatment appreciated

Jackie Holey recovering from surgery

Jebin Joseph, recovering from surgery; family requests ongoing prayer through follow up care

Joseph Labhart (Flannery's grandson) ongoing health concerns

Richard Hermanson, father of Mary Ann Nagengast, TLO preschool teacher, in transition care

Ian Olander, TLO grade 2 student, updates on caringbridge.org/visit/iano

Charlie Olson, Andy's dad, undergoing cancer treatment

Billy D. Swain, ongoing health concerns.

Erin Turnmire working through medical concerns

Edsel Vierling, age 3, returned to hospital this week

Jason Vierling, recovering from leg amputation

Glenn and Dianne Vierling, in need of continued prayer for recovery after covid

Laverne Ziebell, prayers requested as he works through ongoing health problems



Birthdays this week

Dec 12 Garrett Lowry, Steven Niehaus

Dec 13 Ashley Hedtke

Dec 15 Bill Maloney, Luna Wong

Dec 16 Aaron Peterson

Dec 17 Michelle Nadeau, Wendy Rueger

Dec 18 Kurt Vallin, Amelia Volkert



Bible Seminar at TLO

January 22, 2022 | 9am - 3pm

Pastor Lessing leads our annual Bible seminar using his new book: *Jeremiah: Overcoming Life's Sorrows*. Lunch is included. Register with the church office or at trinityloneoak.org.



GODCONNECTS Series

Saturdays, January 15, 29 and February 5 | 9:00am-12noon

GodConnects is a video series explaining the Christian faith in a way that makes it easy to invite a friend, family member, or church visitor. This series is ideal for those with questions about sin, judgment, redemption, Jesus, the believer's life, and more. Who has God put in *your* life that needs to hear His message? Invite them to register, or contact the church office and we'll reach out to them.

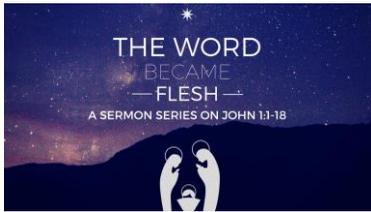
Welcome Guests

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 one of our pastors, 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.



Advent Meal* and Sunday school program

Dec. 15 | 5:15 & 6:30**pm

TLO's Sunday school students will share the joy of C-H-R-I-S-T-M-A-S this Wednesday night. Come hear their message and rejoice in God our Savior.

TLO Youth are serving a pizza supper prior to worship, with all proceeds benefiting their trip to the National Youth Gathering in Houston July 2022. Make it a great night of food, fellowship and worship.

* Event Sponsored in part by Thrivent Financial

**Livestreamed at www.trinityloneoak.org



Please help make this project a success!

Service Project for Eagan Police

We are asking you to share a Christmas card(s) for someone on the Eagan Police Department staff. Bring a Christmas card(s) from home or grab one from the narthex and add a short message of gratitude for their service. All cards are due back to the TLO narthex by Dec 15. We need 100 cards, so if you can do more than one, that would be great. Stop by the narthex display to learn more.