



Fourth Sunday in Lent

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AS WE GATHER

Some of the central people in the Gospel narratives we get to know by name; others we do not. Although the man born blind is a major person in John 9, we never learn what his name might be. We meet his parents and his neighbors and we meet the Pharisees to whom he tells the story of the miraculous restoration of his sight. Although we do not learn his name, Jesus said of the man born blind that the works of God were displayed in him. As the One brightening our lives with the light of salvation, Jesus brings a new vision to our lives—an eternal vision of life with God that never ends. God knows our names. He directs the cross currents of our daily lives. In His light we see light—and that is what matters!

OPENING HYMN**JESUS, I WILL PONDER NOW****LSB 440, vs. 1–4*****INVOCATION**

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

OPENING SENTENCESPsalm 119:33–35, 40–41*

P Teach me, O LORD, the way of Your statutes; and I will keep it to the end.
C **Give me understanding, that I may keep Your law and observe it with my whole heart.**

P Lead me in the path of Your commandments, for I delight in it.
C **Behold, I long for Your precepts; in Your righteousness give me life!**

Let Your steadfast love come to me, O LORD, Your salvation according to Your promise.

***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P Let us make confession of our sins to God, our gracious, heavenly Father.
C **Eternal God, we confess that we all have sinned and need forgiveness. By nature, we are sinful from the very beginnings of our lives. Through our thoughts, words, and deeds, we continually sin against You. We have lived for ourselves in many ways, breaking Your commands that direct us not to lie, steal, or transgress Your holy will. We have walked in the darkness of bad choices and have left unfulfilled opportunities to do good and be blessings to others. O God, in Your mercy forgive our sin and free us from selfishness and indifference, that we may joyfully follow Your will and gladly obey Your commandments. Graciously forgive our sins and direct us in ways of compassion and love.**

P God promises to hear those who turn to Him with repentant hearts. Upon this your confession, 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 Son and of the Holy Spirit. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in peace.
C **Amen.**

***HYMN**

JESUS, I WILL PONDER NOW

LSB 440, vs. 5–6

***SALUTATION**

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

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 42:14–21

¹⁴For a long time I have held my peace;
I have kept still and restrained myself;
now I will cry out like a woman in labor;
I will gasp and pant.
¹⁵I will lay waste mountains and hills,
and dry up all their vegetation;
I will turn the rivers into islands,
and dry up the pools.
¹⁶And I will lead the blind
in a way that they do not know,
in paths that they have not known
I will guide them.
I will turn the darkness before them into
light, the rough places into level ground.
These are the things I do,
and I do not forsake them.
¹⁷They are turned back

and utterly put to shame,
who trust in carved idols,
who say to metal images,
“You are our gods.”
¹⁸Hear, you deaf,
and look, you blind, that you may see!
¹⁹Who is blind but my servant,
or deaf as my messenger whom I send?
Who is blind as my dedicated one,
or blind as the servant of the LORD?
²⁰He sees many things, but does not
observe them;
his ears are open, but he does not hear.
²¹The LORD was pleased, for his
righteousness’ sake,
to magnify his law and make it glorious.

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

PSALMODY — *read responsively*

Psalms 142

- A I cry to You, O LORD; I say, “You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.”
C **With my voice I cry out to the LORD; with my voice I plead for mercy to the LORD.**
- A I pour out my complaint before Him; I tell my trouble before Him.
C **When my spirit faints within me, You know my way! In the path where I walk they have hidden a trap for me.**
- A Look to the right and see: there is none who takes notice of me; no refuge remains to me; no one cares for my soul.
C **I cry to You, O LORD; I say, “You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.”**
- A Attend to my cry, for I am brought very low! Deliver me from my persecutors, for they are too strong for me!
C **Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your name! The righteous will surround me, for You will deal bountifully with me.**

EPISTLE

Ephesians 5:8–14

⁸For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

JESUS REFUGE OF THE WEARY

MEN'S CHOIR

*HOLY GOSPEL

John 9:1–41

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

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

¹As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ²And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud ⁷and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” ⁹Some said, “It is he.” Others said, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” ¹⁰So they said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” ¹¹He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed and received my sight.” ¹²They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”

¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” ²⁰His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. ²¹But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” ²²(His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the

Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.)²³Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner."²⁵He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."²⁶They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"²⁷He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?"²⁸And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses."²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from."³⁰The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes."³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him.³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind.³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."³⁴They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"³⁶He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?"³⁷Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you."³⁸He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.³⁹Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind."⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?"⁴¹Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

***NICENE CREED**—*see projection or inside back cover of the hymnal*

HYMN **CHRIST, THE LIFE OF ALL THE LIVING** **LSB 420, vs. 1, 4, 6, 7**

SERMON **CROSS PURPOSES: "CROSS" CURRENT**

HYMN **THE FATHER'S PURPOSE ON THE CROSS** *Tune LSB 524*

1 The Father's purpose on the cross
Our Savior has fulfilled;
The love revealed, the promise kept
In everything God willed.

8 The sinless Lamb of God receives
From men the word of death,
And the on cross, for sinners slain,
Will yield his final breath

9 We praise the Lamb, once sacrificed,
And now in wine and bread
His blood and body we receive
As by him we are fed.

Text: Carol Geisler

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OFFERING

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*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

*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

*SANCTUS

LSB 208

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

*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.**

***LORD'S PRAYER** —*see projection or inside back cover of the hymnal*

*PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

*AGNUS DEI

LSB 210

C **1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

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.

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THE LAMB
JESUS, THY BOUNDLESS LOVE TO ME
GLORY BE TO JESUS

LSB 547
LSB 683, *Tune LSB 766*
LSB 433

***NUNC DIMITTIS**

LSB 211

C 1 O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.

2 All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.

***POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

***BENEDICTION**

HYMN TO DEPART I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT LSB 411

"WHY DO I SERVE?" VIDEO

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Serving Our Lord

		March 19, 2023	March 26, 2023
Musician		Diane Streich	Diane Streich
Altar Guild		Roxanne Foley	Roxanne Foley
Cantor	8am	Andy Koch	Dave Workman
Elder	8am	Jon Peterson	Andy Olson
	10:30am	Sam Erdman	Open
Reader	8am	Tim Morris	Andy Olson
	10:30am	Keith Prusak	Keith Prusak
Usher Team	8am	Layne Streich	Gary Sheets
	10:30am	Ben Swenson	Open
Greeter(s)	8am	Carolyn Wesling	Open
	10:30am	Open	Open
Acolyte	8am	Open	Open
	10:30am	Andrew Swenson and Eric Hakanson	Sebastian Ness
Projection	8am	Tim or Caleb Morris	Open
	10:30am	Ben Swenson	Chris Martin
Live Stream	8am	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas

COMING UP AT TLO — March 19, 2023 — March 26, 2023		
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT		
Sun	8:00*am	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages
	10:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
	12:30pm	Peniel Evangelical Church worship
	6:00pm	Hoops
Mon	10:00am	Adult Bible study
	6:30PM	Trail Life Troop 2950
Tue	10:30am	TLO leads worship at Lexington Pointe Senior Living
	6:30pm	Board of Christian Outreach
Wed	6:30am	Men's Bible study
	1:30pm	K-3 musical--Go, Go, Jonah
	4:00pm	Confirmation
	5:15pm	Lent Meal served by TLO Board of Elders
	6:30pm	Lenten worship
	7:15pm	Men's choir rehearsal
Thur	11:00am	Board of Stewardship
	6:30pm	K-3 musical--Go, Go, Jonah
Fri	9:00am	WoW Bible Study
Sat	3:00-8:00pm	Peniel Evangelical Church activities
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT		
Sun	8:00*am	Worship
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages
	10:30am	Worship
	12:30pm	Peniel Evangelical Church worship
	6:00pm	Hoops
*worship online at www.trinityloneoak.org		



Holy Week and Easter Invitations in the narthex

Research about how visitors come to church show these stats:

(Source: The Inviting Church, p. 44)

- 2% by Advertisement
- 6% by the Pastoral Invitation
- 6% by organized evangelism campaign
- 86% by friends or relatives

Who can **YOU** invite to Holy Week and Easter activities? Pick up an invitation in the narthex to help start the conversation about worshipping our Savior who died and rose for us.



Seder Meal Invitation

Thursday, April 6 | 5:00pm | TLO Gym

TLO members are invited to a Seder meal, a combined Passover meal and worship service. More information and sign up in the narthex.



This Week's Life Quote:

“When we ignore the baby in the womb and focus instead on what is now being labeled as the rights of the mother and women’s health care, we are turning our backs on God. Never has God authorized killing and called it a right. Never has God condoned promoting abortion and called it health care. His love for life is written throughout Scripture. What are we doing when we ignore His sacred Word?” — *Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life*



Clean Up Day at TLO

Saturday, April 22 | 8am-12noon

You don't have to be there for the entire 4 hours; come when you can and leave when you must.

Indoor Work

- Vacuum and dust sanctuary
- Clean and oil the tops of pews
- Deep clean around altar area
- Vacuum and dust balcony area
- Vacuum and dust narthex, stairway, & elevator
- Vacuum and dust conference room
- Clean narthex entrances
- Return snow shovels to shed (?)
- Remove boxelder bugs from 2x4 lights

Outdoor work *(weather permitting)*

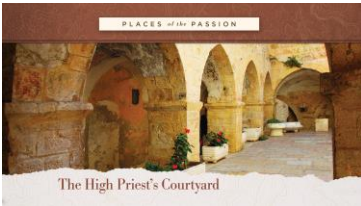
- Level wood chips under playground equipment
- Clean out debris from plantings
- Trim trees along cemetery / highway

Please mark your calendar and plan to help out if you can.

Terry Stoerzinger, Trustee Chair

WEEKLY DEPOSITS: March 12, 2023

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering	\$	5,029.55
(Our offering budget is \$8,175 per week)			
	Building Reserve Fund	\$	55.15
(Our offering budget is \$665 for per week)			
	Tuition	\$	17,909.09
	Sunday school	\$	5.15
	1883 Annual Fund	\$	303.94
	Thrivent Choice to 1883 Annual Fund	\$	547.00
	Thrivent Choice to Current and Mission	\$	74.00
	Chapel	\$	966.94
	Gala	\$	6,440.00
	Church and school fees	\$	1,091.30
	Subtotal General Fund Income	\$	32,422.12
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2	\$	380.45
	Young Inverstor's Club via Lutheran Church Extension Fund	\$	340.00
	Subtotal Special Fund Income	\$	720.45



Midweek activities

Supper*: 5:15-6:15pm served March 22 by Board of Elders
 Worship: 6:30pm and streamed at trinityloneoak.org

The place of the Passion this week is the Courtyard, outside of where Jesus is put on trial before the high priest and where Peter denies Jesus. We are called to confess that we often tend to distance ourselves from Christ, when we should be drawing closer to him. The meaning, history and spiritual inspiration associated with the Courtyard help us to grow to understand more deeply the hard road our Lord took that the way to heaven might be open to us. Join us for a meal before worship.

*Lenten meals sponsored in large part by grants from Thrivent Financial



Remember in Prayer

Rich and Dixie Cliff

Kristie, Gary Foley's daughter, battling health issues

Ginny & Steve, Hannah's coworker, as Ginny is diagnosed w/ stage 4 non hodgkin's lymphoma

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

Joyce (Kirchner) Moynihan, recently diagnosed with cancer

Shirley Koderick, knee surgery scheduled March 21

Chris Martin, thanksgiving for successful ACL surgery March 14; prayers for complete healing

Brian Motz, hospitalized and in need of our prayers

Ian Olander, TLO grade 3 student, keep updated at caringbridge.org/visit/iano

Rosella, Pam Burdick's mom, diagnosed with treatable cancer

Donna Simmons, former TLO Secretary, has luekemia, no longer can drive, and requests our prayers

Char Timm, for medical appointments this week, and living with pain in the meantime

Laverne and Beverly Ziebell, thanksgiving to God for His mighty hand in their lives. Beverly has



John Prusak, Keith's father, passed into heaven on Wednesday, March 15 after a valiant struggle with Parkinson's and dementia. For believers, death is not the end, but rather victory through Jesus as the Bible says: "When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

"Death is swallowed up in victory."

"O death, where is your victory?"

O death, where is your sting?"

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 15:54



Weekly Memory Verse

"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace." *Ephesians 1:7*



Birthdays this week

March 19 Brent Bielec, Lillian Hedtke

March 20 Kyle Breitinger

March 21 Matthew McNair, Alex Schwalbe, Barbara Vail

March 22 Amy Zenda-Johnson

Anniversaries this week

March 23 Kevin and Pat Maloney

March 24 William and Nancy Kolesar

March 25 Alfred and Linnea Raveling



Welcome Guests

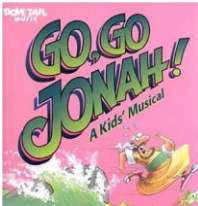
We are glad you are here today! Here are a few things we thought you would like to know to help you feel at home with us today. If you are visiting please introduce yourself to our pastor, a greeter or an usher. We love to make new friends!

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%.



TLO Grade K-3 Musical

Afternoon Matinee		Wednesday, March 22		1:30pm
Evening performance		Thursday, March 23		6:30pm

Based on the Book of Jonah, this delightful, best-selling, missions-minded musical is great for students of all ages! Through the experiences of Jonah, audiences learn the importance of obeying God and the consequences of failing to do so. The musical also teaches that God is always there and that we are to love one another as He loves us. Join us for one (or both!) of our performances! Sponsored in part by a generous grant from Thrivent Financial



VBS at TLO

Dates: June 19-23
Times: 9:00am to 11:30am
Place: TLO

Mark your calendar for the return of daytime Vacation Bible School at TLO! At Rainforest Explorers, learn how Jesus is our ultimate guide in the rainforest and throughout our lives. We might feel lost, but He'll show us the way. Donations of supplies and grants from Thrivent Financial help keep our program free for all participants. We will need 35+ volunteers so consider helping out with this great program. To register a student(s) or volunteer, go to trinityloneoak.org or contact the church office.

