



We Use Our Gifts Together

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AS WE GATHER

This Sunday we continue the Gifted For More sermon series under the theme: We Use Our Gifts Together. Too often we think about God's being up in His heaven, looking down on us. Today's Readings give us the correct perspective. Because we have been justified by grace through the death and resurrection of Jesus, we have been empowered with the Holy Spirit. The Gospel is not simply about us being rescued from our sins, but we have been renewed for a Gospel purpose working together to share the love of Christ until He comes. This last Sunday of the Church Year let us "make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise" (Psalm 95:2), for all God's gifts that are in Christ Jesus.

OPENING HYMN**COME THOU ALMIGHTY KING****LSB 905*****INVOCATION**

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTIONEzekiel 34:11; 1 Corinthians 15:27*

- P Let us confess our unworthiness and ask His grace and mercy.

Through Ezekiel, God said that He would "search for My sheep and will seek them out."

- C **We confess that we have wandered away as erring sheep, preferring the pleasures of this world rather than the rich pastures You have provided. Forgive us, O Lord.**

- P Paul wrote that "God has put all things in subjection under [Christ's] feet."

- C **We confess that we have not always been loyal subjects of our Lord, but have made decisions based on our own thoughts and desires. Forgive us, O Lord.**

- P Jesus foretold that He will judge people about how they treated others—the hungry, strangers, and prisoners.

- C **We confess that we have not always sought to use our gifts to share Your love and meet the needs of the people around us. We cannot change without Your grace, mercy, and strength. Forgive us, O Lord.**

- P Rejoice! The One who comes to judge is the same Jesus who is the one who gave His body and shed His blood for you on the cross. He is the first to rise from death, and by His grace we shall follow Him to His eternal kingdom. 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. Thanks be to God.**

KYRIELSB 152*

- P In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**

- P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
 C **Lord, 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 **Lord, have mercy.**
 P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
 C **Lord, have mercy.**
 P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
 C **Amen.**

*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 154

- A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.
 C **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:
 We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.
 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:
 You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
 You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
 For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
 You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*SALUTATION

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

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray.
 Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead.
 C **Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world;**
 P through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
 C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

¹¹“For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make

them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. . . .

²⁰"Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *read responsively*

Psalms 95:1–7a

A For He is our God,

C **and we are the people of His pasture,
and the sheep of His hand.**

A Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

C **let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

A Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;

C **let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!**

A For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

C **In His hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are His also.**

A The sea is His, for He made it,

C **and His hands formed the dry land.**

A Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

C **For He is our God,
and we are the people of His pasture,
and the sheep of His hand.**

EPISTLE

Acts 18:1–8

¹After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ²And he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome. And he went to see them, ³and because he was of the same trade he stayed with them and worked,

for they were tentmakers by trade. ⁴And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and tried to persuade Jews and Greeks.

⁵When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with the word, testifying to the Jews that the Christ was Jesus. ⁶And when they opposed and reviled him, he shook out his garments and said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on I will go to the Gentiles." ⁷And he left there and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. His house was next door to the synagogue. ⁸Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord, together with his entire household. And many of the Corinthians hearing Paul believed and were baptized.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*VERSE

Revelation 22:13

- P Alleluia. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last,
- C **the beginning and the end. Alleluia.**

*HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31–46

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.
- C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³¹[Jesus said:] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³²Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' ⁴⁰And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

⁴¹"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴²For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

- 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 THE DAY IS SURELY DRAWING NEAR LSB 508, vs. 1, 5, 6, 7
SERMON WE USE OUR GIFTS TOGETHER ACTS 18:1-8
OFFERING

*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for people here and around the world who are destitute, fearful of God's wrath, shunned by society, unjustly accused, or dealing with issues of health.

As You have promised, Lord our God, seek out, we pray, those who, devoid of basic necessities, face today without homes, with few possessions, and an uncertain future.

C **For the sake of our Good Shepherd, lead them to the food, shelter, and security they desperately need.**

P With the Gospel in the hearts and on the lips of Christ's Church, heavenly Father, enable our brothers and sisters to answer the spiritual thirst of people here and around the world.

C **Grant them faith that they may join us in singing praise to You, the rock of our salvation.**

P Many of the people we see each day are lonely strangers, gracious Lord; but their hopes and fears are known to You.

- C **Increase our faith, Lord Jesus, that we may reach out to them with the news of Your resurrection and the Kingdom You so graciously offer to all. Guide the Church wherever people gather around Your Word for nourishment and strength.**
- P Shower Your blessings, O Holy Spirit, on all whose vocations work for the common good—those who till the soil and tend flocks; those who prepare and distribute food, clothing, and shelter; those who maintain peace at home and abroad; those who are first to respond in emergencies; and those who treat illnesses of all sorts.
- C **Guide them, Lord of all, to use the gifts You have given them, so that praise may resound to You, the Lord, our Maker.**
- P Where people are forgotten, unjustly imprisoned, or oppressed in any way, O God, surround them with caring people intent on meeting their physical and spiritual needs.
- C **Use us to serve You and love them according to Your gracious plans for us all.**

Additional prayers may be added.

- P Into Your hands we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

***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.**

***CONCLUDING COLLECT**

Almighty God, in Your kindness You cause the light of the Gospel to shine among us. Help us to use the gifts you have given to each of us together, as members of the body of Chris, that by the working of Your Holy Spirit, all who hear the Good News of your salvation may rejoice in the gift of Your unending love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

***BENEDICTION**

HYMN TO DEPART

THINE THE AMEN, THINE THE PRAISE

LSB 680

DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

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Serving Our Lord

		November 26, 2023	December 3, 2023
Musician		Diane Streich	Diane Streich
Cantor		Dave Workman	Andy Koch
Altar Guild		Sharon Drews and Nim Traeger	Nancy Strand & Sharon Drews
Elder	8am	Bill Breitinger	Rob Orr
	10:30am	Kurt Vallin	Jim Kohn
Reader	8am	Rob Orr	Andy Olson
	10:30am	Kurt Vallin	Tim Morris
Usher Team	8am	Gary Sheets	Andy Olson
	10:30am	Open	Jon Peterson
Greeter(s)	8am	Open	Open
	10:30am	Open	Open
Acolyte	8am	Sophia Orr	Sophia Orr, Camryn Ergang
	10:30am	Dana Vallin	Andrew Swenson, Sebastian Ness
Projection	8am	Open	Marc Ergang
	10:30am	Open	Ben Swenson
Live Stream	8am	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas
Coffee Hour	9:15am	Linnea Raveling	Roxanne and Gary Foley




“CA Sunday” December 3


TLO is blessed to have the music and ministry of Concordia Academy, Roseville, MN with us in worship next Sunday. TLO students attending CA are Elizabeth Zenda-Johnson (grade 12) and Amelia Martin (grade 9). Don’t miss this wonderful worship service next Sunday!

COMING UP AT TLO — November 26, 2023 — December 3, 2023

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

Sun	8:00*am	Worship	
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages	
	10:30am	Worship	
	12:30pm-4:00pm	Peniel Evangelical Church activities	
Mon	10:00am	Adult Bible study	
	12:30pm	12 Baskets / KFC donation for Dept of Indian Work	
Tue	7:00pm	Church Council	
	7:00pm	B.R.E.W.	
Wed	6:30am	Men's Bible study	
	4:00pm	Midweek confirmation	
Thur	3:30pm	Privileged to Pray	
Fri	9:00am	Women of the Word (WoW) Bible study	
Sat	9:00am	Decorate TLO for Christmas	
	1:00-7:00pm	Peniel Evangelical Church activities	

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sun	8:00*am	CA Sunday and Worship with Holy Communion	
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages	
	10:30am	CA Sunday and Worship with Holy Communion	
	12:30pm-4:00pm	Peniel Evangelical Church activities	
	6:00pm	Hoops	

*worship online at www.trinityloneoak.org



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House District 52B Special Election.

Governor Walz has issued a Writ of Special Election to fill a vacancy in House District 52B. The vacancy was caused by the resignation of Representative Ruth Richardson. House District 52B represents Mendota and parts of Mendota Heights and Eagan in Dakota County. Special Election: December 5, 2023. For further information visit <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/election-administration-campaigns/elections-calendar/house-district-52b-special-election/>

WEEKLY DEPOSITS: November 19, 2023

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering	\$	5,783.52
	(Our offering budget is \$8,525 per week)		
	Building Reserve Fund	\$	1,223.67
	(Our offering budget is \$665 for per week)		
	1883 School Annual Fund	\$	329.02
	1883 School Annual Fund in memory of Becky Fry	\$	70.00
	Sunday school	\$	7.86
	Chapel	\$	98.51
	Tuition	\$	793.33
	Church and school fees	\$	2,683.08
	Subtotal General Fund Income	\$	10,988.99
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2	\$	235.45
	140th Anniversary Gifts	\$	75.32
	Young Investors stamps through Lutheran Church Extension Fund	\$	363.00
	Subtotal Special Fund Income	\$	673.77

Fiscal Year To Date as of November 19, 2023

Current and Mission:			
	YTD Budgeted Giving (\$8,525.00 per week for 21 weeks)	\$	179,025.00
	YTD Actual Giving	\$	168,723.79
	YTD Difference	\$	-10,301.21
Building Reserve Fund			
	YTD Budgeted Giving (\$665.00 per week for 21 weeks)	\$	13,965.00
	YTD Actual Giving	\$	13,384.67
	YTD Difference	\$	-580.33



B.R.E.W.

Tue, Nov. 28 | 7pm | North 20 Brewing, Rosemount

Looking to connect with other Christian young professionals in the area? Young adults 25-35 are invited to our gathering including good drinks & discussion. Please get in touch with Christian Larson at (620) 339-1888 or young.professionals.brew@gmail.com to get more information, get connected, and get grounded in Christ. In BREW we're all about Building Relationships and Exploring the Word.



Remember in Prayer

Avianna (age 2), niece of Chelsea Cardenas, battling cancer

Rich and Dixie Cliff

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

Brian Motz, moved home. Please continue to pray for continued healing.

Joyce (Kirchner) Moynihan, diagnosed with cancer

Ryan Kroonblawd - 1st year seminarian - Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO

LeAnn Peterson, sister of Andrea Hinrichs, recovering from foot surgery and complications

Sharon Phelps, mom of Cindy Rahn, recovering after a fall November 12

Verna Ratzlaff recovering at home

Tessie, grand-niece of Leann Becker, born Nov. 4, home from the NICU as of this writing. Tessie's sibling died of SIDS December 2022. Pray for Tessie's parents, Sara and Kyle

Stuart Weierke at the Minneapolis VA Home

Sam Workman--Dave's dad needs prayer for strength and healing. He is currently at the VA Hospital.

Shelly Zeitlin and her family need our prayers as she is going through lymphoma cancer treatments.

Shelly is a longtime friend of Rob and Jane Shull.

Laverne and Beverly Ziebell. Our prayers are needed as they navigate day-to-day living



Weekly Memory Verse

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

— Romans 8:38–39



Birthdays this week

Nov 28

Mitch Bryngelson, Matthew Markgraf

Nov 29

Nancy Strand

Anniversaries this week

Nov 26

Roger and Lois Schaaf (68 years!)

Nov 28

Peter and Faith Jonas



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.



Church Decorating

Saturday, December 2 | 9:00am | TLO Sanctuary

We are looking for volunteers to help decorate the Sanctuary and narthex for the Christmas season. Come for fellowship and fun while we decorate the Lord’s House. No need to RSVP; just come with a cheerful heart!

Advent and Christmas Worship

Come adore The Light of Grace through song, service and worship. Full worship schedule and activities trinityloneoak.org.



Advent Meal* & Advent Worship

Dec. 6, 13, 20 | 5:15 & 6:30**pm



School Christmas Matinee | Dec. 13 @ 1:30pm

School Christmas Concert | Dec. 14 @ 6:30pm

Pizza and Caroling* | Dec. 17 @ 11:30am



Christmas Family Worship | Dec. 24 @ 3:30pm

Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion | Dec. 24 @ 7:00**pm

Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion | Dec. 25 @ 9:00**am



Note Sunday worship schedule:

Dec. 24–9:00am & Dec 31–9:00am

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