



from the sermon series *Honest Repentance*
Purification

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AS WE GATHER

The faith of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego led them into the fire. When they refused to bow down and worship the image of King Nebuchadnezzar, he commanded the furnace to be heated seven times as hot as usual and threw them in, thinking that it would incinerate them. But it did not harm them. It did not burn their clothes. It did not even leave the smell of smoke on them, even though it did kill the unfortunate servants who threw them in.

That is not how fire normally works in the Bible. *"Our God is a consuming fire"* (Heb 12:29), says the author of Hebrews. And throughout the Bible, fire is the instrument of God's wrath to completely consume the wicked. That is why daily contrition and repentance means that every part of us goes into the fire every day and is burned away, and God raises us again from ashes by His grace.

OPENING HYMN**COME TO CALVARY'S HOLY MOUNTAIN****LSB 435*****INVOCATION**

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

***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.**

***KYRIE**

- 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, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; 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

Daniel 3:13–30

¹³Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought. So they brought these men before the king. ¹⁴Nebuchadnezzar answered and said to them, "Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the golden image that I have set up? ¹⁵Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, to fall down and worship the image that I have made, well and good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?"

¹⁶Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. ¹⁷If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. ¹⁸But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."

¹⁹Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with fury, and the expression of his face was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. He ordered the furnace heated seven times more than it was usually heated. ²⁰And he ordered some of the mighty men of his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace. ²¹Then these men were bound in their cloaks, their tunics, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the burning fiery furnace. ²²Because the king's order was urgent and the furnace overheated, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. ²³And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell bound into the burning fiery furnace.

²⁴Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up in haste. He declared to his counselors, "Did we not cast three men bound into the fire?" They answered and said to the king, "True, O king." ²⁵He answered and said, "But I see four men unbound, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods."

²⁶Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the door of the burning fiery furnace; he declared, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out, and come here!" Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire. ²⁷And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king's counselors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men. The hair of their heads was not singed, their cloaks were not harmed, and no smell of fire had come upon them. ²⁸Nebuchadnezzar answered and said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants, who trusted in him, and set aside the king's command, and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God.

²⁹Therefore I make a decree: Any people, nation, or language that speaks anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be torn limb from limb, and their houses laid in ruins, for there is no other god who is able to rescue in this way.” ³⁰Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

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

PSALM 119:9-16

- A How can a young man keep his way pure?
By guarding it according to your word.
- C **With my whole heart I seek you;
let me not wander from your commandments!**
- A I have stored up your word in my heart,
that I might not sin against you.
- C **Blessèd are you, O LORD;
teach me your statutes!**
- A With my lips I declare
all the just decrees of your mouth.
- C **In the way of your testimonies I delight
as much as in all riches.**
- A I will meditate on your precepts
and fix my eyes on your ways.
- C **I will delight in your statutes;
I will not forget your word.**

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 5:1–10

¹Every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. ³Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. ⁴And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

⁶as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
after the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of

eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*VERSE

Mark 10:45

- P Even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,
- C **and to give His life as a ransom for many.**

*HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:32–45

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.
- C **Glorify to You, O Lord.**

³²And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, ³³saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. ³⁴And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise."

³⁵And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" ³⁹And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." ⁴¹And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. ⁴²And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON HYMN

GOD LOVES ME DEARLY

LSB 392

SERMON

HONEST REPENTANCE: PURIFICATION

DANIEL 3

***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.**

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

After our petitions:

P For what a priest we have in Jesus,
C **who became our sacrifice.**

OFFERING

***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.**

***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.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father...So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

***PAX DOMINI**

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

***AGNUS DEI**

LSB 210

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.

HYMN PRAISE THE ONE WHO BREAKS THE DARKNESS LSB 849

HYMN NOT ALL THE BLOOD OF BEASTS LSB 431

***POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

***BENEDICTION**

HYMN TO DEPART WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS LSB 770

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Call for grade 3 teacher

TLO School placed a call to Mr. Dan Schield to serve as grade 3 teacher beginning with the 2024-25 school year. Please keep Mr. Schield in prayer as he deliberates the call to TLO and the call where he currently serves in Colorado.

Serving Our Lord

		Sunday, March 17, 2024	Sunday, March 24, 2024
Musician		8:00, L. Kroonblawd; 10:30 M. Workman	Merlin Simon
Cantor		Andy Koch	Dave Workman
Altar Guild		Roxanne Foley	Roxanne Foley
Elder(s)	8am	Rob Orr	Bill Breitinger
	10:30am	Kurt Vallin	Open
Reader	8am	Rob Orr	Rob Orr
	10:30am	Kurt Vallin	Tim Morris
Usher Team	8am	Brian Nack	Layne Streich
	10:30am	Terry Stoerzinger	Open
Greeter(s)....	8am	Open	Open
	10:30am	Open	Open
Acolyte	8am	Sophia Orr, Lily Olander	Sophia Orr, Jacob Seeman
	10:30am	Ethan Swenson, Dana Vallin	Open
Projection	8am	Marc Ergang	Matt Seeman
	10:30am	Ben Swenson	Tim Morris
Live Stream	8am	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas
Coffee Hour	9:15am	Open	Open



Richard Walter William Cliff, Jr.
1932-2024

Rich Cliff passed away Monday, March 11 at the age of 92. Our loss is Rich's gain. He fought the good fight, he finished the course, he kept the faith. Now the Lord has laid upon him the crown of righteousness. All his tears are wiped away. He rests in peace and joy in his Savior's presence.

A funeral will be held Monday, March 18 at 11:00am at Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran. Watch it livestreamed at <https://youtube.com/live/RLOIs-8OAZw>

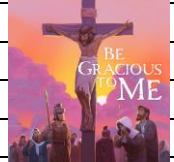
Visitation is one hour prior to the funeral and Sunday, March 17 from 2:00-5:00pm at Klecatsky Funeral Home in Eagan. Obituary is at www.Klecatskys.com.

Please keep Dixie and all of Rich's family in your prayers as we say with the Psalmist: *"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."* - Psalm 116:15

COMING UP AT TLO — March 17, 2024 — March 24, 2024

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-	Peniel Evangelical Church worship
Mon	11:00am	Funeral of Richard Cliff
	6:30pm	Trail Life Troop 2950
Tue	10:30am	TLO leads worship at Lexington Pointe Senior Living
	6:00pm	Board of Christian Outreach
	7:00pm	Council Meeting
Wed	6:30am	Men's Bible study
	8:15am	Chapel
	9:00am	TLO Quilters - you're invited!
	1:30pm	Grade 5-8 Spring Musical - you're invited!
	4:00pm	Midweek confirmation class
	5:15pm	Lenten supper served by Board of Christian Education
	6:30pm	Lenten worship
Thur	6:30pm	Grade 5-8 Spring Musical - you're invited!
	7:00pm	BREW
Fri	9:00am	WoW Bible study
Sat	2:00-	Peniel Evangelical Church activities
PALM SUNDAY		
Sun	8:00*am	Worship
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages
	9:15am	Moms in Prayer
	10:30am	Worship
	12:30-	Peniel Evangelical Church worship
	6:00pm	Hoops
*worship online at www.trinityloneoak.org		



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!

WEEKLY DEPOSITS: March 10, 2024

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering	\$	5,041.50
	(Our offering budget is \$8,525 per week)		
	Building Reserve Fund	\$	25.15
	(Our offering budget is \$665 for per week)		
	Thrivent Choice to Current and Mission	\$	85.00
	Thrivent Choice to 1883 School Annual Fund	\$	1,199.00
	Sunday school	\$	0.66
	1883 School Annual Fund	\$	100.00
	Chapel	\$	38.20
	Tuition	\$	9,698.81
	Parking Lot fund	\$	1,200.00
	Gala 2024	\$	8,090.00
	Church and school fees	\$	11,311.55
	Subtotal General Fund Income	\$	36,789.87
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2	\$	235.45
	Acorn Scholarship Fund	\$	100.00
	Young Investors stamps through Lutheran Church Extension Fund	\$	248.00
	Subtotal Special Fund Income	\$	583.45



Thank you to everyone who participated in Amnion’s Bottles For Life campaign during January/February! TLO raised over **\$1800** to support the ministry of Amnion Pregnancy Center in Burnsville!! Due to your generosity, many more women & men will be served who are faced with an unplanned pregnancy and they will be given the opportunity to receive the message of hope that can only be found in Jesus Christ. Watch for another opportunity to support Amnion through the Walk For Life on Saturday, June 1!

Also, Amnion is hiring. Find out more at helpofferhope.org



Thank you very much for your support towards TLO gala. It was a wonderful night filled with fellowship and fun all to support the students. Your prayers and donations helped us to reach our goal! All glory is given to God in thanks and praise. If you were unable to attend or would still like to give there is still time to make a donation, and the gala sight is still open to bid on a few remaining items. Thank you again for an amazing night!



Remember in Prayer

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

Dixie Cliff

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

Jim Kohn's sister-in-law, Gloria, starting chemotherapy and radiation therapy for bile duct cancer

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 receiving treatment for prostate cancer.

Stuart Weierke at the Minneapolis VA Home

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

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



Thank you for all the prayers, cards and support from our brothers and sisters in Christ while Gary was sick. It was very uplifting and comforting. We thank Pastor for his visits that were very meaningful and encouraging. We praise God for the healing in Gary's life – Gary and Roxanne Foley.



Weekly Memory Verse

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. Isaiah 53:5



Birthdays this week

March 18 Lukas Forthun

March 20 Kyle Breitinger

March 21 Matthew McNair, Alex Schwalbe, Barbara Vail

March 22 Amy Zenda-Johnson

March 23 Donna Logan

Anniversaries this week

March 23 Kevin and Pat Maloney



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; the alcohol is reduced to .05%.

Join us for Holy Week and Easter Worship



Maundy Thursday—Thursday, March 28

5:00pm Seder Meal; please reserve by March 24 in the church narthex
6:30pm Worship with Holy Communion



Good Friday—Friday, March 29

6:30pm* Worship



Easter—Sunday, March 31

8:00am* and 10:30am Worship with Holy Communion

9:15am Food and Fellowship; no Sunday school, no Adult Bible Class

*livestream at www.trinityloneoak.org



Holy Week and Easter Invitations in the narthex

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.



Easter flower orders due today

Place your flower order today to add to TLO’s Easter Garden. Choose from lilies, tulips, mums, hydrangeas, azaleas, and pansy bowls. Order forms with complete details are in your bulletin and in the narthex. The plants are yours to take home after the 10:30am Easter service.