



Destination — *Part five of six*

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AS WE GATHER

We live in challenging times. How do Christians live in a world where everything has an “expiration date,” everyone is forever remaking themselves, and being turned inward on the self is the point of life? Polish philosopher Zygmunt Bauman called our situation *liquid modernity*, suggesting that a person’s ability to maintain a “solid” sense of self is increasingly difficult when all of life is awash in change and uncertainty. To “ride the wave” of liquid modernity, God grants us forgiveness, life and salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ through hearing God’s Word and receiving the Sacraments.

OPENING HYMN

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

LSB 790, vs. 1–4

***INVOCATION**

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

C **Amen.**

P Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me—

C **Let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.”**

P For whoever would save his life will lose it—

C **But whoever loses his life for Jesus will find it.**

P Therefore, I consider my life worth nothing.

C **If only I may finish the race—**

P And complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me.

All: The task of testifying to the gospel of God’s amazing grace!

***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P Magnificent and merciful Father,

C **Hear my sorry story of sin and rebellion.**

P I have grown used to my spiritual emptiness and deadness.

C **I have grown content with my stubborn attitude and my hard heart.**

P I have settled for something less than being Christ’s passionate disciple.

C **I have sunk deeper and deeper into sin and selfishness**

P My spiritual zeal and zest have dried up like a desert.

C **I have succumbed to a mediocre life and a lackluster faith.**

All: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on me!

We silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, Christ’s love is greater.

P In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus bled for you, Jesus died for you, Jesus lives for you and Jesus is coming for you. Jesus loves you, and Jesus forgives all your sins. In Holy Baptism, you were crucified with Christ.

C **It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me!**

All: I now live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me!

***HYMN OF PRAISE PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY LSB 790, vs. 5**

5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him!

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you desire that all people would be reconciled to you. Hear our prayers for the people in our lives that do not know your saving grace. Grant that by the Holy Spirit we may proclaim the good news of your love and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 29:1, 4–7

¹These are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the surviving elders of the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

⁴Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. ⁶Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. ⁷But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

Acts 17:16–21

¹⁶Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection.

¹⁹And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." ²¹Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

TLO Men's Choir

*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 9:35-38

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

³⁵And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

- P This is the Gospel of our 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 **THY WORD IS A LAMP UNTO MY FEET** *not in pew hymnal*

ref Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.

1 When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
Still You're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end. Refrain

2 I will not forget Your love for me, and yet
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side;
And I will love You to the end. Refrain

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SERMON **DEVELOPING PASSIONATE DISCIPLES FOR CHRIST: DESTINATION**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY** *not in pew hymnal*

1 I love to tell the story
Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory,
Of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story,
Because I know it's true;
It satisfies my longings
As nothing else would do.

ref I love to tell the story;
'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story
Of Jesus and His love.

2 I love to tell the story,
For those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting
To hear it like the rest.
And when in scenes of glory
I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story
That I have loved so long.

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OFFERING

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.

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

After every petition:

P Lord, continue to empower us to proclaim the gospel,

C **And have compassion on harassed and helpless people.**

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

***BENEDICTION**

P Jesus says—

C **Go make disciples of all nations,**

P Baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Teaching them to obey everything that he has commanded us.**

P Christ is with you always—

All: To the very end of the age! Amen.

HYMN TO DEPART

ON GALILEE'S HIGH MOUNTAIN

LSB 835

"WHY DO I SERVE?" VIDEO

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Serving Our Lord

		May 14, 2023	May 21, 2023
Musician		Diane Streich	Diane Streich
Cantor		Andy Koch	Dave Workman
Altar Guild		Jane Shull and Joanie Wachter	Jane Shull and Joanie Wachter
Elder	8am	Sam Erdman	Andy Olson
	10:30am	Jon Peterson	Kurt Vallin
Reader	8am	Andy Olson	Andy Olson
	10:30am	Jon Peterson	Kurt Vallin
Usher Team	8am	Sam Erdman	Brian Nack
	10:30am	open	Terry Stoerzinger
Greeter(s)	8am	Karen Turnmire	Carolyn Wesling
	10:30am	Open	Open
Acolyte	8am	Camryn Ergang	Jacob Seeman
	10:30am	Eric Hakanson and Sean Hakanson	Open
Projection	8am	Marc Ergang	Matt Seeman
	10:30am	Ben Swenson	Open
Live stream	8:00am	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas



Ascension Service

Thursday, May 18 | 7:00pm | St. John's Rich Valley

You are invited to attend Ascension Day service hosted jointly by St. John's of Rich Valley and Trinity, Farmington. Pastor Einertson of Trinity Lutheran, Farmington, will be preaching.

COMING UP AT TLO — May 14, 2023 — May 21, 2023

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sun	8:00*am	Worship
	9:15am	Education for all ages
	10:30am	Worship
	12:30pm	Peniel Evangelical Church worship
Mon	10:00am	Adult Bible study
	6:30pm	Trail Life Troop 2950
Tue	10:30am	TLO leads worship at Lexington Pointe
	6:30pm	Board of Christian Outreach
Wed	6:30am	Men's Bible study
	1:30pm	Grade 4-8 Spring Concert
	4:00pm	Midweek Confirmation
	7:00pm	Men's Choir Rehearsal
Thur	6:30pm	Grade 4-8 Spring Concert
Fri	9:00am	Women of the Word (WoW) Bible study
	3:00-8:00pm	Peniel Evangelical Church activities

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sun	8:00*am	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15am	Sunday school celebration and Senior High Youth recognition
	10:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
	11:45am	Quarterly Voters' Meeting
	12:30pm	Peniel Evangelical Church worship
	6:00pm	Hoops

*worship online at www.trinityloneoak.org



Sunday School Celebration

May 21 | 9:15am | TLO Gym

Join us for refreshments as we thank our dedicated Sunday school teachers and close out the Sunday school year!



Celebrating Our Senior High Youth

May 21 | 9:15am | TLO Gym

Come find out what our High School grads will be up to after graduation! Cake and refreshments will be served. Join in the fun!



**Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran Church
Voters' Meeting Agenda**



May 21, 2023 – 11:30 a.m. – TLO Gym—Light lunch served

Call to Order

Open Meeting with Prayer

- Review Voters' Meeting Minutes from Feb. 26 and Special Voters' Meeting April 10
- Board and Officer Reports

Written reports will be available on Sunday, May 21, 2023, in the gym. Please review the reports and ask questions at the meeting.

Pastor's Report

Board of Christian Outreach

Board of Social Ministry

Finance Secretary

Principal's Report

Board of Elders

Board of Stewardship

Treasurer

Board of Christian Education

Board of Endowment

Board of Trustees

President

Old Business

- YTF2 Update and Celebration Sunday

New Business

- Release Heather Bielec from call
- Update regarding Pastoral help
- Elections and Nominations — Officers and Boards

(NOTE: Installation of elected Officers and Board positions is Sunday, June 11, 2023, 9:00am)

Vice President - Open

Financial Secretary - Nancy Strand

Recording Secretary – Open

Board of Elders – Kurt Vallin, Sam Erdman, Bill Breitinger (additional positions open)

Board of Christian Education – Jill Simonetti (3 positions open)

*Board of Trustees – Terry Stoerzinger, Dave Workman, Kyle Breitinger, Gary Sheets
(2 additional positions open)*

Board of Christian Outreach – Chair – Helen Stoerzinger

Board of Worship – Chair – Open

Board of Endowment – 2 positions open

New Members Signing of Constitution

Motion to Adjourn

Close with Prayer

Mark your calendar for these future Voters' Meetings!

- September 24 - 11:45
- November 12 - Time to be determined



Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran School Spring Concerts- Save the Date!

It's hard to believe school is coming to an end; it feels like we were just enjoying snowy days! TLO will have two Spring Concerts. Please mark your calendar and join us for both concerts! Don't forget to invite a friend, grandparent, or neighbor to come and see these performances!

Grade 4-8 Spring Concert | May 17 at 1:30 pm | May 18 at 6:30 pm

Students in grades 4-8 will share their talents with choral music, beginning and advanced band, handbells, and recorders.

Grade K-3 Spring Concert | May 22 at 1:30 pm | May 23 at 6:30 pm

Students in grades K-3 will share their talents with choral music, handbells, and Boomwhackers!



Join Pastor Jim, Lynn & Ryan for Amnion Pregnancy Center's **Walk for Life on Saturday, June 3, 9:30am, at Eden Baptist Church** in Burnsville. Gather your family & friends for a morning of walking, fellowship, fun and inspiration. Amnion's goal is to raise **\$75,000** to continue offering hope & help to those facing an unplanned pregnancy. See you at the starting line! Please register at: helpofferhope.org/events/walk/

- Raffle: Win a \$250 Visa gift card. Earn a ticket for every \$100 raised.
- Prizes will be awarded to top walkers and top team.
- Free t-shirt for every walker! (Must be registered by May 15 to guarantee a shirt.) Sizes based on availability.
- Free lunch for every walker!
 - Chicken sandwich and cookie courtesy of Chick-fil-A in Burnsville
 - Bag of chips
 - Water
- No pets please for the safety of all walkers.
- Inflatables for kids of all ages!
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Hope to see you there!

WEEKLY DEPOSITS: May 7, 2023

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering	\$	7,463.55
	(Our offering budget is \$8,175 per week)		
	Building Reserve Fund	\$	685.15
	(Our offering budget is \$665 for per week)		
	Tuition	\$	8,813.58
	Sunday school	\$	3.60
	1883 School Annual Fund	\$	250.00
	Church and school fees	\$	3,642.66
	Subtotal General Fund Income	\$	20,858.54
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2	\$	455.45
	Acorn Scholarship Fund	\$	227.00
	Acorn Scholarship Fund in memory of Gordon Morris	\$	50.00
	Young Investor's Club via Lutheran Church Extension Fund	\$	344.00
	Subtotal Special Fund Income	\$	1,076.45

VBS at TLO
June 19-24
9:00am - 11:30am



What do you need when you go on a journey? Five Bible accounts link students with special tools to show how Jesus leads the way in our lives. Register your child/grandchild(ren) at trinityloneoak.org or in the church office.

And NOW is the time to raise your hand and say "YES!" I can help! Volunteering even one or two of the five days is helpful, as we need 40 volunteers to make this program a success. Contact Jean Peterson to volunteer or sign up online at trinityloneoak.org.



Remember in Prayer

Praise God that Rosella Brown, mother of Pam Burdick, is cancer-free!

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

Joyce (Kirchner) Moynihan, diagnosed with cancer

Ian Olander, thanksgiving for good care and report. Keep updated at caringbridge.org/visit/iano

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

Erin Turnmire and Mason Jones as Erin has medical needs

Stuart Weierke, recovering after a fall; at Southview Acres for rehab

Laverne and Beverly Ziebell, thanksgiving to God for His mighty hand in their lives. Beverly is struggling with dementia, is immobilized and in a nursing home after a fall.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Daryl and Lorrie Buecksler at the birth of their newest granddaughter, Payton Rose Struckman born May 6. Dustin and Hannah (nee' Buecksler) Struckman and children, Reagan and Beau, are delighted with the addition. May God bless Payton as she grows. "Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are children born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them." Ps. 127:4-5a



Weekly Memory Verse

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Romans 12:12



Birthdays this week

May 17 Nim Traeger, Nicolle Wills

May 18 Ariana Prusak

May 19 Andrea Hinrichs, Ryan Larson

May 20 Daryl Siedschlag

Anniversaries this week

May 15 Rob and Jane Shull

May 17 Gary and Roxanne Foley

May 18 Jason and Shannon Kellen

May 20 Bryan and Ashley Hedtke



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.



Gifts for the ladies

Especially on Mother’s Day weekend, all of us thank God for the many ways He has used the hands, the love, and the prayers of the award-winning women He puts in our lives — mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, Sunday school teachers, mentors, and many other women who bring us to faith in our Savior and encourage us in that faith! TLO celebrates these precious women and invites you to take a gift from the narthex!



Summer Schedule Begins May 28, 2023

TLO's summer schedule begins May 28 with worship at 9:00am and adult Bible class immediately following.

Holy Communion will be offered each Sunday.