



Joy at the Crossroads

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**congregation stands*

AS WE GATHER

In today's Gospel, our Lord Jesus moved beyond His ministry initially among the Jews now to the Gentile woman of Canaan. The miracle greater than the healing of her daughter was her great faith in Jesus addressing Him, saying, "Lord, help me" (Matthew 15:25). Through the prophet Isaiah, the Lord said He would bring "foreigners" to His "house of prayer for all peoples" (Isaiah 56:6-7). Here He gives "many blessings even though we are undeserving" (Prayer of the Day). The early church learned how the Gentiles are grafted into Israel, making the Christian Church the fulfillment of the true Israel, God's people! The outreach of the Gospel of Christ continues through His church, calling all people "that He may have mercy on all" (Romans 11:32). Because of God's effective call, you can have steadfast confidence in His loving kindness and mercy.

OPENING HYMN**OPEN NOW THE GATES OF BEAUTY****LSB 901, vs. 1, 2, 4, 5*****INVOCATION**

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

C **Amen.**

HOLY BAPTISM

Luke Robert Erdman and Zane Dale Johnson

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.**

***OPENING SENTENCES**

Psalm 43:4; Isaiah 56:7; Matthew 15:22

P I will go to the altar of God,

C **to God my exceeding joy.**

P My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

C **Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David.**

*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P Today, though we are undeserving, we come to the Lord saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David." Let us seek the Lord here while He may be found to grant us healing, help, and forgiveness.
- C **Lord Jesus Christ, Son of David, Son of God, we are severely oppressed by sin in all our thoughts, words, and actions. We have sinned against You by our own fault. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, O Lord, and grant us forgiveness, help, and salvation. Amen.**
- P Almighty God, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and of all who believe in the name of His only begotten Son, is the God of mercy and for His sake forgives us all our sins. Therefore, 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. In that mercy He gives power to become the children of God and promises His Holy Spirit. All who believe and are baptized shall be saved.
- C **Amen.**

*KYRIE

- 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.**

*THIS IS THE FEAST - *Sung - LSB 171*

*SALUTATION

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

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 56:1, 6–8

¹Thus says the LORD:

"Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed. . . .

⁶"And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,

and to be his servants,
 everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,
 and holds fast my covenant—
⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain,
 and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
 their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
 will be accepted on my altar;
 for my house shall be called a house of prayer
 for all peoples.”
⁸The Lord God,
 who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,
 “I will gather yet others to him
 besides those already gathered.”

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

EPISTLE

Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. . . .
¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? . . .
²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21–28

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

²¹Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” ²⁴He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷She said, “Yes, Lord, yet

even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

SERMON HYMN

IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST

LSB 653

SERMON

JOY AT THE CROSSROADS

AT THE HEART OF THE SERIES OF STORIES: _____

THE WOMAN IS DISTRESSED: _____

JESUS STANDS AT THE CROSSROADS OF FAITH: _____

THE KIND OF FAITH JESUS HAS BEEN SEEKING: _____

THE WOMAN RECEIVES THE WORD OF JESUS: _____

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

After our petitions:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

OFFERING

***OFFERTORY**

LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL LORD

LSB 955

***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** - *Sung* - *LSB 178*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

***PAX DOMINI**

***AGNUS DEI** - *Sung* - *LSB 180*

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 **GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO THAT HE GAVE** **LSB 571, vs. 1–5**

HYMN **HOW SHALL THEY HEAR, WHO HAVE NOT HEARD** **LSB 831**

HYMN **ETERNAL SPIRIT OF THE LIVING CHRIST** **LSB 769**

***NUNC DIMITTIS** - *Sung* - *LSB 182*

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

***BENEDICTION**

HYMN TO DEPART **JESUS SHALL REIGN** **LSB 832, vs. 1, 3–5**

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Serving Our Lord

	August 16, 2026	August 23, 2026
Musician	Merlin Simon	Diane Streich
Cantor	Andrew Koch	Open
Altar Guild	Sharon Drews	Sharon Drews
Elder	Andy Olson and Jim Kohn	Kurt Vallin and Andy Olson
Reader	Jim Kohn	Kurt Vallin
Usher Team	Layne Streich and Ben Swenson	Gary Sheets and Jon Petesron
Acolyte(s)	Isaac Koch and Beth Koch	Sophia Orr and Henley Starksen
Projection	Swenson Family	Jean Peterson
Live Stream	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas



Baptisms this morning

May God be praised for two children being brought to the waters of baptism this morning. Please keep these children in prayer as they grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Luke Robert Erdman, son of Andrew and Rachel Erdman. Luke's sponsors are Breanna Erdman and Jacob Erdman.

Zane Dale Johnson, son of Jacob Johnson and Samantha Pruitt-Johnson. Witnessing the baptism are Zane's grandparents are Ivan and Trish Pruitt.



Service of Receiving

Today, August 16, 2026 1:00pm

Peniel Evangelical Lutheran Church is becoming a member of the LC-MS today. Peniel has been worshipping in TLO's building for 5 years and has always been interested to become a member of the LC-MS and the MN South District of the LC-MS. Today they will be received into the LC-MS by signing the constitution. Please continue to keep this congregation in prayer as they reach out largely to the Ethiopian community.

COMING UP AT TLO — August 16, 2026 — August 23, 2026		
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST		
Sun	9:00*am	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15am	Adult Bible Class
	12:30pm	Peniel Evangelical Church
Mon	10:00am	Adult Bible Class
	6:30pm	Trail Life Troop 2950
Tue	10:30am	TLO leads worship at Lexington Pointe Senior Living
Wed	6:30am	Men's Bible study
	5:30pm	Board of Christian Outreach
Thur	6:00pm	Peniel
Sat	2:00pm	Peniel events
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*worship online at www.trinityloneoak.org		



Are you looking for a Christ Center Preschool? Consider Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran Preschool. Our preschool program is licensed by the state, is an accredited center, and includes Jesus in everything we do. Each of our classrooms can have up to 16 kids a day for your child to start growing in their social skills, reading skills, and writing skills. We have openings in both of our classrooms. Schedule a tour today by reaching out to Andy Olson at 952-454-1139 or email andy.olson@tloschool.org.

If you are not looking for a center-based program that is Christ Centered but would like to send your child to a family-based child care that is Christ Centered look at Natalie Marose -My Friends Christian Child Care located in Bloomington. Natalie has been in the Early Childhood Field since 1987 and has a love for children and the Lord. You can email her at: myfriendsccc@gmail.com



Retirement Celebration Details for Pastor James Kroonblawd

Sunday, August 30, 2026

9:00 a.m. Worship

Guest Preacher, Rev. Dr. Timothy Berner, Concordia Academy

Catered meal to follow

Note: Sunday, Aug. 23 will be Pastor Kroonblawd's final sermon and final Communion service before retiring.



Calling all singers! Please join us! We are forming a choir to sing for Pastor Kroonblawd's retirement service on Sunday, August 30, at 9:00 am. We plan to rehearse in the sanctuary after worship today, August 16 and next Sunday, August 23. Each rehearsal will last about a half hour. Questions? Contact Stephanie Vallin or Diane Streich. We are looking forward to joining with you in song to praise God for Pastor's faithful service at TLO.



To RSVP for the catered meal, sign up in the narthex, use the QR code or contact the church office by today, August 16 and let us know how many will be attending. If you have dietary needs, contact the church office.



As part of this celebration, we are creating a memory scrapbook filled with stories, photos, letters, and special memories. If you would like to contribute, please submit your items to the church office.



There will be a collection point at the August 30 reception for cards/gifts for Pastor and Lynn.



Overflow parking is available in the Midwest Medical building directly to the south of TLO; a sidewalk on the west end of the lot connects to a walking path parallel to Highway 55. If you are able, please use this lot, saving spaces in the TLO lots for guests less familiar with our campus. View a map in the narthex.



Helpers are needed in several areas to make Pastor's retirement celebration a success. Contact the church office to find out where you can lend a hand. Thank you! Remember: "Serving together while serving our Lord is always a great time."

WEEKLY DEPOSITS: August 9, 2026

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering - supporting staff and operations	\$	8,200.30
	(Our offering budget is \$10,690 per week)		
	Building Reserve Fund - supporting monthly mortgage payments	\$	356.00
	(Our offering budget is \$675 for per week)		
	Tuition	\$	1,119.16
	1883 School Annual Fund - supporting TLO School	\$	5.00
	Verizon Tower Rental	\$	2,076.35
	Church and school fees	\$	712.30
	Subtotal General Fund Income	\$	12,469.11
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2 - Yesterday, Today, Forever 2 initiative	\$	125.00
	Acorn Scholarship Fund	\$	25.00
	General support of Rev. Tom Park in Taiwan	\$	25.00
	Subtotal Special Fund Income	\$	175.00



Birthdays this week

Aug 16 Rilee Arnold, Kayla Nguyen, Carol Rose
Aug 18 Brook Weierke
Aug 19 Kevin Steggall
Aug 21 Gary Sheets
Aug 22 David Workman

Anniversaries this week

Aug 20 Jeff and Nancy Kolb
Aug 21 Mike and Stephanie Leinonen



Fall Worship Schedule and Sunday school Begins September 13

Beginning September 13, TLO will hold worship at 8am and 10:30am. Family Education Hour is at 9:15am for ages 3 and up. To learn more or to enroll in Sunday school, hop on trinityloneoak.org or see Mrs. Peterson in the church office.

Remember in Prayer



Mission Field:

- Rev. Tom Park, Theological Educator in Taiwan is OUR missionary and requests prayers for his mother to find a new place to live and for the move to go smoothly.

Thanksgiving

- Mark Stueve's surgery this week was successful and he is recovering. Praise God!

Those with Health Concerns:

- Austin, officer & friend of Bueckslers, for full healing
- Eddie Burdick, recovering from a stroke
- Pam Burdick, hospitalized this week
- Bri Buecksler, recovering from surgery, with long recovery ahead
- Alice Dornseif, in transition care with much back pain
- John, grandfather of 2 TLO students, undergoing cancer treatment. The family requests continued prayers in this serious situation
- Tyler Keech, brother of 2 TLO students, hospitalized with live threatening cancer
- Marilou Larson, close cousin of Alice Dornseif, whose liver transplant is complete; she asks for our continued prayers as she recovers
- Scott and his wife, Heidi, sister of Nancy Strand, as Scott has broken his hip
- Eddie Twait, Alice's brother, fell and is in transitional care
- Karen Turnmire who broke two vertebrae in a fall; pray for healing and relief of pain
- For TLO members and friends in need of our continued prayers:
Dixie Cliff + Larry Flannery + Gary Foley + Glenda Holz +
Justin Kube + Joseph Labhart + Donine Leatherby + Renata Rahn +
Jeff Schaaf + Karen Stohlberg + Char Timm + Laverne Ziebell

General and ongoing Prayers:

- For our nation: guide our nation and all the nations of the world by giving us pious and faithful leaders who will provide good government.
- Ryan & Emily Kroonblawd - Ryan's vicarage began on August 1 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church and Emily is seeking employment.

For those that mourn:

- Don Holz, age 93, baptized and confirmed at TLO and father of Lorrie Buecksler, passed away Thursday, August 13. Funeral service will be held in September. Please keep Don's wife, Glenda, and all who loved Don in your prayers.



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 team. 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.

At this service 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%.

Refresh the Room

We're raising funds to update our youth room and create a space that better supports the ministry God is doing in the lives of our youth. Check out the poster in the Narthex for more information. Every donation—large or small—is an investment in a place where faith can grow and young lives can be shaped for Christ!



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