



Are You Ready?

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**congregation stands*

AS WE GATHER

The problem with good works is not *that* we should do them but *why*. Our works reflect what it is we believe and hold dear. Works are the fruit of repentance and faith and do not add to what Christ has done in His mighty work of redemption. The call to bear the good fruit of repentance is not to work harder to be saved but to manifest in our everyday lives that we are saved, that we belong to the Lord, and that He has accomplished all things for our salvation. John faced a generation impressed with their works and empty of faith in God's mercy. We should know that doing works is not a choice. Hearts of faith will produce the good fruits of repentance. This is the calling of Christians and the mark of the work of the Spirit in our lives.

OPENING HYMN**COMFORT, COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE****LSB 347*****INVOCATION**

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

EXHORTATION*LSB 167**

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Psalm 72:2, 4, alt.; Philippians 1:6

- P May God judge His people with righteousness and justice.
C **May He defend the poor, deliver the needy, and crush the oppressor.**

Silence for self-examination.

- P Holy and gracious God,
C **I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.**
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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 Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**
P He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.
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.**

***SALUTATION**

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

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 11:1–10

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
²And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
³And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,
⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.
⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.
⁷The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.
⁹They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;

for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Romans 15:4–13

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,
and sing to your name."

¹⁰And again it is said,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

¹¹And again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples extol him."

¹²And again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse will come,
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;
in him will the Gentiles hope."

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*VERSE

Luke 3:4b, 6

P Alleluia.

C **Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God.**

P Alleluia.

***HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 3:1–12

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

¹In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." ³For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,
"The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.'"

⁴Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.
⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.
¹¹"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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

SERMON HYMN ON JORDAN'S BANK THE BAPTISTS' CRY LSB 344

SERMON ARE YOU READY? Matthew 3:1-12

ARE YOU READY? _____

"In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea. The kingdom of heaven is at hand."
Matthew 3:2

And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." *Romans 15:12*

EXCUSES: _____

YOU ARE MADE READY: _____

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RUE REPENTANCE: _____

GOD COMES TO YOU: _____

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from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.*

²*And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him,*

*the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord*
-Isaiah 11:1-2

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

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

After our petitions:

P let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

OFFERING

ORGAN/PIANO DUET

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

Tune by Johann Cruger. Arranged by Lani Smith
Lynn Kroonblawd, pianist, Diane Streich, organist

***OFFERTORY** — *Sung; tune on LSB 176*

***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; tune on LSB 178*

***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 the hymnal or projection screens*

***PAX DOMINI**

***AGNUS DEI** — *Sung; tune on 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

WHEN ALL THE WORLD WAS CURSED

LSB 346

HYMN

HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANNOINTED

LSB 398

***NUNC DIMITTIS** — *Sung; tune on LSB 182*

***POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

- P Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
C **for His steadfast love endures forever.**
P Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You ... and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

***BENEDICAMUS**

***BENEDICTION**

HYMN TO DEPART

SING PRAISE TO THE GOD OF ISRAEL

LSB 936

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Concordia Academy Christmas Concert

Join Concordia Academy's Chamber Orchestra, Concert Band, Choirs, His People, and art students at CA's 2025 Christmas Concert, "O Come!" Performances are Saturday, December 13, at 7:00 pm and Sunday, December 14, at 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$12 or \$10 for adults and \$10 or \$8 for students and senior citizens. Go to www.concordiaacademy.com/christmas to order tickets online and select your seats.

Serving Our Lord

		December 7, 2025	December 14, 2025
Musician		Diane Streich	Diane Streich
Cantor		Dave Workman	Andy Koch
Altar Guild		Sharon Drews and Nancy Strand	Sharon Drews and Nancy Strand
Elder	8am	Bill Breitingner and Andy Olson	Andy Olson
	10:30am	Matthew Berg and Sam Erdman	Kurt Vallin
Reader	8am	Andy Olson	Andy Olson
	10:30am	Matthew Berg	Kurt Vallin
Usher Team	8am	Gary Sheets	Andy Olson
	10:30am	Open	Jon Peterson
Acolyte	8am	Sophia Orr and Henley Starksen	Mason Kolb and Ian Olander
	10:30am	Joshua Jebin and Sabontu Benya	Ethan Swenson and Dana Vallin
Projection	8am	Jean Peterson	Matthew Boll
	10:30am	Tim Morris	Jean Peterson
Live Stream	8am	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas
Coffee Hour	9:15am	Isaac Koch	Open



Salad Luncheon and optional cookie exchange December 14 | 11:30am | Conference Room

Ladies, come and enjoy salad and conversation with your TLO friends. RSVP to Leann Becker, 612-327-5335 or Cindy Rahn, 651-503-1590 and if you'd like to participate in the cookie exchange, please bring 10 dozen cookies to share.



Your RaiseRight To-Do List

- Order RaiseRight cards by December 14 for Christmas gift-giving.
- Pool dollars for RaiseRight certificates for TLO staff by December 15.
- Order RaiseRight cards anytime to use in your personal shopping, gasoline fills, and party planning.

All RaiseRight purchases result in money for TLO.

COMING UP AT TLO — December 7, 2025 — December 14, 2025		
SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT		
Sun	8:00*am	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15am	Family Education Hour
	10:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
	12:30pm	Peniel Evangelical Church
	6:00pm	Hoops - adult basketball
Mon	10:00am	Adult study - Exodus - join us!
Tue	6:30pm	Moms in Prayer
	7:00pm	Church Council
Wed	6:30am	Men's Bible Study
	5:15pm	Advent Meal served by Church Council
	6:30pm	Advent Worship
Thur	6:00pm	Peniel event
	6:30pm	Board of Christian Education
Fri	9:00am	WoW (Women of the Word) Bible study
Sat	2:00pm	Peniel events
THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT		
Sun	8:00*am	Worship
	9:15am	Family Education Hour - two adult studies to choose from
	10:30am	Worship
	11:30am	Salad luncheon and optional cookie exchange
	12:30pm	Peniel Evangelical Church
	6:00pm	Hoops - adult basketball
*worship online at www.trinityloneoak.org		



That the World May Know resumes December 14

TTWMK will not be held this Sunday, December 7. That the World May Know study will resume Sunday, December 14. Adults, please join Pastor Kroonblawd's study in the gym as we focus on the Advent theme: Our Dear Christ Enters In.



Birthdays this week

Dec 9 Carrie Foley, Matthew Traeger

Dec 12 Garrett Lowry, Steven Niehaus

WEEKLY DEPOSITS: November 30, 2025

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering - supporting staff and operations	\$	8,325.00
	(Our offering budget is \$10,475 per week)		
	Building Reserve Fund - supporting monthly mortgage payments	\$	625.00
	(Our offering budget is \$675 for per week)		
	Tuition	\$	12,248.31
	1883 School Annual Fund - supporting TLO School	\$	5.00
	Annual Appeal to 1883 School Annual Fund	\$	1,900.00
	Church and school fees	\$	2,981.40
	Subtotal General Fund Income	\$	26,084.71
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2 - Yesterday, Today, Forever 2 initiative	\$	125.30
	Acorn Scholarship Fund	\$	10,330.00
	General support of Rev. Tom Park in Taiwan	\$	25.00
	Chapel offering - Gospel Adventures: Mongolia	\$	10.82
	Subtotal Special Fund Income	\$	10,491.12



It is well with the man who deals generously and lets; who conducts his affairs with justice. **Psalm 112:5**



Endowment News

The TLO Lutheran Church Endowment Fund was established to encourage, receive and administer gifts received as endowments. The income from the Unrestricted Fund is used for special projects here at TLO. The Endowment Board has approximately \$3,521 available from the Unrestricted Fund for non-budgeted, non-recurring expenses. If your board or committee can use all or part of this amount, complete the "TLO Congregational Endowment Non-Budgeted Expenditures Request" form and return it to the TLO Endowment Board (box in the church office) by December 14, 2025 The Endowment Board will then decide which request(s) to honor. Forms can be found in the Church Office.



Calendars, directories and offering envelopes

Stop by the table in the narthex to pick up your items for 2026: calendars, church phone book, and offering envelopes are waiting for you! By the way, if you want a box of envelopes and don't see one for you, contact the church office and we'll get you set up for 2026.

Remember in Prayer



Mission Field:

- Rev. Tom Park, Theological Educator in Taiwan is OUR missionary and requests prayers for his own health and well being.

Those with Health Concerns:

- Eddie Burdick
- Dixie Cliff
- Larry Flannery, pray for strength and continued healing.
- Gary Foley, facing medical issues, prayers for strength, wisdom, and guidance
- David Frick, recovering from rotator cuff surgery that was more extensive than expected
- John, grandfather of 2 TLO students, diagnosed with cancer while visiting MN
- Dennis Grover, brother-in-law of Alice, hospitalized this week
- Don Holz, father of Lorrie Buecksler, recovering from hip surgery
- Glenda Holz, mother of Lorrie Buecksler, ongoing health concerns and for strength
- Tyler Keech, brother of 2 TLO students, diagnosed with a massive osteosarcoma
- Justin Kube, nephew of Ken and Marla, recovering after a serious fall
- Joseph Labhart (Flannery's grandson) ongoing health concerns
- Marilou Larson, close cousin of Alice Dornseif, needing a "live liver" transplant
- Mary Ann Nagengast with husband Colin and sons, Brandon and Jordan, working through the pain of losing her nephew, Johnathan
- Renata Rahn, strength for each day
- Karen Stohlberg, sister of Lorrie Buecksler, recovering after hospitalization
- Gia Watters, grand-niece of Alice, who suffered a severe concussion
- For TLO members and friends in care facilities or homebound
Donine Leatherby + Jeff Schaaf + Char Timm + Laverne Ziebell

For those who morne:

- The family of Sharon Phelps whose visitation is at TLO Friday, December 12, 10am-12noon followed by committal at Union Cemetery, St. Paul

General and ongoing Prayers:

- For our nation: We ought always be thankful for Your rich and abundant blessings to us and to our country. Deliver us from threats of violence, and teach us the way of peace.
- Ryan Kroonblawd - Seminarian - Classes began on Oct. 21 at Lutherische Theologische Hochschule in Oberursel, Germany. Pray for Ryan to fully comprehend the lectures and assignments he will be receiving in German through 2 semesters of studies. His wife, Emily, will be working on campus in various capacities.



Our Weekly Memory Verse:

I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel. **Genesis 3:15**



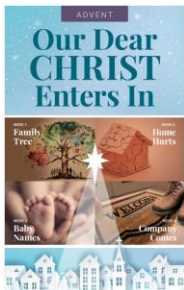
Welcome Guests We are glad you are here today! Here are a few things we thought you would like to know to help you feel at home with us today. If you are visiting please introduce yourself to our team. We love to make new friends!

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%.



Our Dear Christ Enters In — A special series for Advent

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. —Psalm 24:7

Come hear God's Word this Wednesday, December 10 at 6:30pm when we discover how Christ addresses our "Home Hurts". Share your faith and fellowship over a meal before worship (serving from 5:15-6:15pm.)

Also, pick up a copy in the narthex of Our Dear Christ Enters In devotions for Advent. These daily readings will help grow your faith in this busy Advent season.



Giving tree – through December 21

Trinity First Lutheran School, Minneapolis and Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran School, Eagan are part of our Giving Tree. Trinity First is a mission school, and our support for the mind, body and soul of the students of this inner-city school and their families is where the need is, so please prayerfully consider helping Trinity First Lutheran School. Also included are suggestions from the teachers of our school so we will also have a few items for Trinity Lone Oak classrooms. Take a tag from the tree in the narthex, wrap the gift, include the tag, and place the gift under the tree by Sunday, December 21. Thank you!