



## The Joyful Creation

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*\*congregation stands*

## **AS WE GATHER**

The Fifth Sunday of Easter bears the traditional name of Cantate, from the Introit's "Oh sing to the Lord a new song." Not only people but all creation is urged to break out in song. Throughout our worship today we will do just that, for the resurrection news cannot be left to quiet contemplation. Though it was difficult for Peter to convince the others, when they realized Gentiles had received the Spirit, they rejoiced. The vision of heaven in Revelation has no more pain or sorrow; what can be left but joyful singing?

At the end of Jesus' talk to the disciples, He promises "I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you" (John 16:22). When we are filled with such joy, singing is inevitable. Much of today's worship has us singing a few (or all) of the stanzas of familiar hymns. Let us join the joyful multitude in heaven and earth!

## **OPENING HYMN**

## **LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING**

**LSB 700** vs. 1, 2, 4

## **\*INVOCATION**

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

## **\*OPENING SENTENCES**

*Psalm 98:1–2, 4*

- P Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things!  
C **His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.**
- P The LORD has made known His salvation;  
C **He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.**
- P Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;  
C **break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

## **\*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P We have come together to praise and thank God for His overwhelming grace and mercy. Singing and rejoicing are natural for us, but we cannot come to God with our sins and failures. Let us therefore confess our sins and ask for mercy for the sake of Christ.  
C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P God has called you to life, He has given His Son to pay for your sins, and He has given you and all believers in Christ the faith to trust all His promises. 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.**

## \*KYRIE

P Lord, have mercy on us.  
C **Lord, have mercy on us.**

P Christ, have mercy on us.  
C **Christ, have mercy on us.**

P Lord, have mercy on us.  
C **Lord, have mercy on us.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE      NOW ALL THE VAULT OF HEAVEN RESOUNDS      LSB 465, vs. 4

## \*SALUTATION

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

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.  
O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will.  
C **Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found;**  
  
P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
C **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

*Acts 11:1–18*

<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, <sup>3</sup>"You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them." <sup>4</sup>But Peter began and explained it to them in order: <sup>5</sup>"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. <sup>6</sup>Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.' <sup>8</sup>But I said, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' <sup>9</sup>But the voice answered a second time from heaven, 'What God has made clean, do not call common.' <sup>10</sup>This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. <sup>11</sup>And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. <sup>12</sup>And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup>And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' <sup>15</sup>As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup>If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we

believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" <sup>18</sup>When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

*Revelation 21:1–7*

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup>He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup>And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup>And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. <sup>7</sup>The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**\*ALLELUIA AND VERSE**—*sung; tune on pew hymnal, page 173*

## **\*HOLY GOSPEL**

*John 16:12–22*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>12</sup>[Jesus said:] "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

<sup>16</sup>"A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." <sup>17</sup>So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" <sup>18</sup>So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." <sup>19</sup>Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'? <sup>20</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. <sup>21</sup>When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she

has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. <sup>22</sup>So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **SERMON HYMN                      AT THE LAMB'S HIGH FEAST WE SING                      LSB 633,vs. 1, 4–7**

### **SERMON    THE JOYFUL CREATION**

**\*NICENE CREED**—*words on inside back cover of the hymnal and projection slides*

**\*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *Psalm 98:1*

P Let us pray for ourselves, the church around the world, and all people in their various conditions.

For ourselves, that the faith within us be evident to the people around us, that they will want to find out more about our risen Savior.

C **In thanksgiving may they sing a new song with us!**

P For those who call out to God for relief from poverty, discrimination, and injustice, that God provide relief so that they live peaceful and fruitful lives.

C **In unbounded joy may they sing a new song with us!**

P For those who are ill and those who care for them, [*including . . .*], that God would restore them to health and provide the strength they need.

C **In their relief may they sing a new song with us!**

P For all who carry the Gospel in far-flung lands, that God open doors of opportunity for the spread of the Gospel.

C **In all corners of the earth may they sing a new song with us!**

P These and any other things God would have us ask of Him, that He grant them for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things! Amen.**

## **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.**

## **\*PROPER PREFACE**

**\*SANCTUS**—*sung; tune on pew hymnal, page 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**—*words on inside back cover of the hymnal and projection slides*

## **\*PAX DOMINI**

**\*AGNUS DEI**—*sung; tune on pew hymnal, page 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. Guests and members, please use the pew cards to register your attendance at Holy Communion.

<b>HYMN</b>	<b>LOVE IN CHRIST IS STRONG AND LIVING</b>	<b>LSB 706</b>
<b>HYMN</b>	<b>HOW WIDE THE LOVE OF CHRIST</b>	<b>LSB 535</b>
<b>HYMN</b>	<b>HERE, O MY LORD, I SEE THEE FACE TO FACE</b>	<b>LSB 631, vs. 1–5</b>

**\*THANK THE LORD**—*sung; tune on pew hymnal, page 181*

## **\*POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

P Let us pray. Heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood.

C **Keep us firm in the true faith that we may join the rest of Your good creation in singing Your praises at the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end;**

P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## **\*BENEDICTION**

**HYMN TO DEPART**      **CHURCH OF GOD, ELECT AND GLORIOUS**      **LSB 646, vs. 1, 2, 4**

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### Serving Our Lord

		May 18, 2025	May 25, 2025; 9:00am
Musician		Merlin Simon	Diane Streich
Cantor		Andy Koch	Dave Workman
Altar Guild		Jane Shull	Jane Shull
Elder	8am	Rob Orr, Sam Erdman	Open
	10:30am	Matthew Berg, Ben Swenson	
Reader	8am	Matthew Boll	Open
	10:30am	Matthew Berg	
Usher Team	8am	Sam Erdman	Andy Olson and Terry Stoerzinger
	10:30am	Open	
Acolyte	8am	Lily Olander and Ian Olander	Open
	10:30am	Open	
Greeter	8am	Open	Helen Stoerzinger
	10:30am	Helen Stoerzinger	
Projection	8am	Matthew Boll	Open
	10:30am	Andrew Swenson	
Live stream	8:00am	Don Lee	Jim Nicklas



### Sunday School Celebration and Celebrating Our Senior High Youth

TODAY May 18 | 9:15am | TLO Gym

Join us for refreshments as we thank our dedicated Sunday school teachers and close out the Sunday school year. We'll also find out what our High School and college grads will be up to after graduation. Cake and refreshments will be served. Join us! Join in the fun!



### Quilts on Display

TLO Quilters stitch diligently to serve the Lord. Our prayer is that these quilts bring God's comfort, life, and peace to the recipients.

Our high school graduates will choose a quilt to take with them on their journey to remind them they are not alone; that our Lord and His church loves and supports them always.

TLO Quilters have donated quilts to individuals inside and outside of our congregation; M.O.M.'s organization, Ronald McDonald House, men's' and women's' homeless shelters, Sharing and Caring Hands, and the Dorothy Day Center. If you know someone who could use one of these quilts, contact one of the Quilters or the church office

COMING UP AT TLO — May 18, 2025 — May 26, 2025		
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER		
Sun	8:00*am	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15am	Sunday school and graduate recognition
	10:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
	11:45am	Quarterly Voters' Meeting
	12:30am	Peniel Evangelical Church
Mon	10:00am	Adult Bible study - Proverbs — Join us!
	1:30pm	Grade K-4 Spring Concert matinee
	6:30pm	Trail Life Troop 2950
Tue	10:30am	TLO leads worship at Lexington Pointe Senior Living
	6:30pm	Grade K-4 Spring Concert
Wed	6:30am	Men's Bible Study
	3:30pm	VBS planning meeting
Thur	6:00pm	Peniel events
	6:30pm	VBS planning meeting
Fri	9:00am	WoW Bible study - off site
Sat	10:00am	VBS planning meeting
	2:00pm	Peniel events
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER		
Sun	9:00*am	Worship
	12:30am	Peniel Evangelical Church
Mon	No school; church office closed	
*worship online at <a href="http://www.trinityloneoak.org">www.trinityloneoak.org</a>		



**Epic Australian Adventure**  
**VBS at TLO**  
**June 16-20, 2025      9:00 - 11:30am**



We're going on an epic adventure through Australia, and you're invited! Jesus, who tells us "I am the way, and the truth, and the life" (John 14:6) will be our guide as students rotate through Bible challenge, Bible narratives, crafts, games, and snacks all centered in Jesus!

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](http://trinityloneoak.org). Volunteer training meetings will be held the week of May 18 so sign up today!





**Walk for Life 2025**  
**May 31, 2025**  
**Eden Baptist Church, Burnsville MN**



Please join the TLO Walk for Life Team! Pastor Jim & Lynn are the TLO Walk Team Captains and you can register to walk with them at ***helpofferhope.org***. If you would prefer to donate, you can support any of the TLO Walk for Life Team members -- just look for their name when you click on the "Donate" button. Amnion Women's Center is hoping to raise \$80,000 to support those faced with an unplanned pregnancy. Your participation as a walker or donor saves lives! ***"Let this be written for a future generation, that a people not yet created may praise the Lord"*** (Psalm 102:18)



TLO congregation will be collecting diapers for **Amnion Women's Center** in Burnsville through **Thurs., May 29** as part of the **World's Largest Diaper Drive**. Amnion hopes to collect **6000 diapers** to stay well-stocked throughout the rest of the year. Especially needed are **Sizes 4, 5, & 6**. Packages/boxes of diapers can be placed in the Portable Crib located in the church narthex. Thank you for showing your support for the babies that Amnion serves!



### **Altar Guild Seeking Members**

TLO's Altar Guild creates and maintains a worship space filled with love and respect for our Lord. We could use a few more members to serve twice-yearly in rotation. If you are interested in serving, please contact Sharon Drews at 651-428-3470.



### **TLO School Spring Concert**

**Grade K-4 | Mon. May 19 at 1:30 pm | Tue. May 20 at 6:30 pm**

Please join us for our last concert of the year, and don't forget to invite a friend or neighbor to come too!



### **Renovation Party**

TLO Organist, Merlin Simon, is pleased with the recent renovation to his home and is hosting an Open House today. Please come! Details are below:

*Sunday, May 18th; 2:00 - 6:00. Snacks only. Address is 15545 Cornell Trail, Rosemount. The purpose is to share a multitude of household updates. Bring folding chairs if you can. **Absolutely no gifts or gift cards.***

## WEEKLY DEPOSITS: May 11, 2025

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering - supporting staff and operations	\$	7,975.33
	(Our offering budget is \$9,330 per week)		
	Building Reserve Fund - supporting monthly mortgage payments	\$	1,470.00
	(Our offering budget is \$675 for per week)		
	Tuition	\$	12,534.89
	1883 School Annual Fund - supporting TLO School	\$	5.00
	Thrivent Choice to 1883 School Annual Fund	\$	5.00
	Church and school fees	\$	1,412.95
	<b>Subtotal General Fund Income</b>	\$	<b>23,403.17</b>
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2 - Yesterday, Today, Forever 2 initiative	\$	155.30
	Acorn Scholarship Fund	\$	100.00
	Chapel offerings - supporting Heiffer Int'l	\$	111.26
	Sunday school support of Rev. Tom Park in Taiwan	\$	9.10
	Vacation Bible School	\$	50.00
	Young Investors stamps through Lutheran Church Extension Fund	\$	219.00
	<b>Subtotal Special Fund Income</b>	\$	<b>644.66</b>



### Like pizza? Want to help our students?

If you like pizza and you want to bless our grade 6 & 7 students, then stop by the table in narthex between services to purchase a Heggie's pizza(s)! TLO students are traveling to Washington DC Spring 2026 with American Christian Tours to view and learn about our Nation's Capital from a Christian perspective.



### Birthdays this week

May 18 Ariana Prusak  
May 19 Andrea Hinricks  
May 21 Liz Buysse  
May 22 Karen Linse  
May 23 Elfie Schaaf, Layne Streich, Steph Vallin, Sasha Vazquez  
May 24 Mary Erdman

### Anniversaries this week

May 22 Will and Nim Traeger

## Remember in Prayer



### Trinity Lone Oak School:

- Pray for God's provision and guidance in the Call process for a principal as three candidates will be brought forward at today's Voters' Meeting

### Mission Field:

- Rev. Tom Park, Theological Educator in Taiwan is OUR missionary and requests prayers for his mandarin learning.

### Those with Health Concerns:

- Eddie Burdick
- Dixie Cliff
- David Frick, recovering from rotator cuff surgery that was more extensive than expected
- Johnathan, nephew of TLO Preschool Teacher MaryAnn Nagengast, recovering from brain surgery at Mayo this week.
- Gloria, Jim Kohn's sister-in-law, continued prayers as she goes through chemo
- Silas Kohn, undergoing treatment for LCH until August 2025
- Joseph Labhart (Flannery's grandson) ongoing health concerns
- Marilou Larson, close cousin of Alice Dornseif, dealing with extra stress in her life
- Char Timm, receiving palliative care at Heritage Senior Living
- Cathy Walsted, worshiper at Lexington Pointe, still in afib, and hospitalized in serious condition at Abbott.
- Pastor Don Wilke, a challenging recovery at home and possible surgery for hearing

### Ongoing Prayers:

- For our nation: By Your power, O Lord, You order the nations of the earth and hold our leaders accountable for justice, for the promotion of virtue, and for peace. Bless us with good and honest leaders who will hear and heed Your voice that we may live peaceful and quiet lives.
- For TLO members and friends in care facilities or homebound  
Donine Leatherby + Jeff Schaaf + Sharon Phelps, mom of Cindy Rahn
- Ryan Kroonblawd - 2nd Year Seminarian - Concordia Seminary - St. Louis, MO



### Our weekly memory verse:

So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. **John 16:27**



## 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.

**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%.



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## Summer Schedule Begins May 25, 2025

TLO's summer schedule begins May 25 with worship at 9:00am. Beginning June 8, adult Bible class will be held at 10:15am Holy Communion will be offered on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays. Traveling? Catch the livestream/recording on [www.trinityloneoak.org/worship-resources](http://www.trinityloneoak.org/worship-resources)

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## Retirement Celebration for Kathy Jones Sunday, June 1, 2025 9:00am worship Cake reception to follow in the gymnasium

After 40 years of serving Our Lord and His Church, TLO Principal Kathy Jones is retiring at the end of the 2024-25 school year. You are warmly welcomed to attend a retirement celebration for Mrs. Jones.