



"And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leapt in her womb." - Luke 1:41

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*congregation stands

WELCOME

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AS WE GATHER

Our world is filled with turmoil, strife, contention. Every time it seems that our nation or even our own lives are at peace, again something disrupts it. Peace is as elusive as a slippery eel. Today's Readings point us to the truth that the peace we seek cannot come from the powers of the world, nor can it come from anything in our own hearts or our spiritual potential. Real peace comes from what seems like the least promising place: a little town, through the young Virgin. Peace comes from Bethlehem, from where God comes to us. From God's Word. From the Bread of Life in Holy Communion. Real peace comes to us, often beyond our understanding, through the babe of Bethlehem, Jesus Christ, through whom God made peace with us by a cross.

OPENING HYMN

SEE AMID THE WINTER'S SNOW

LSB 373, vs. 1, 3



1 See a - mid the win - ter's snow, Born for us on earth be - low,
3 Sa - cred In - fant, all di - vine, What a ten - der love was Thine,



See, the gen - tle Lamb ap - pears, Prom - ised from e - ter - nal years.
Thus to come from high - est bliss Down to such a world as this!



Refrain
Hail, O ev - er - bless - ed morn! Hail, re - demp - tion's hap - py dawn!



Sing through all Je - ru - sa - lem: "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"

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*INVOCATION

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

*OPENING SENTENCES

Luke 1:49-51, 54, adapt.

P The mighty Lord has done great things and holy is His name.
C **We thank You, O Lord!**
P The Lord's mercy is for those who fear Him from generation to generation.
C **We adore You, O Lord!**

- P The Lord has shown the strength of His arm.
C **We praise You, O Lord!**
P The Lord has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy.
C **We worship You, O Lord!**

***LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

All four Advent candles are lit.

- P Let us pray: O Lord, let the lighting of these candles signify that You are the light that shines in all the darkness of our lives. As we wait, watch, hope, and pray, guide us all to reflect Your light and let it shine; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Psalm 25:6-7

- P Having emerged from the waters of Baptism as God's new creation in Christ, we confess our sins to God and one another.

A time of silence is observed.

- P We confess to You, O Lord, that we are captive to sin in thought, word, and deed. We have not always been instruments of Your peace. Our homes have at times been places of strife and turmoil by our own fault. Even in the church sometimes we have chosen to fight rather than to make peace.

- C **Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

- P Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

- C **according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!**

- 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

- C **Amen.**

***KYRIE (SPOKEN)**

- 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. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might,
C **that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy;**

P for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Micah 5:2–5a

² But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.
³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has given birth;
then the rest of his brothers shall return
to the people of Israel.
⁴ And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth.
⁵ And he shall be their peace.

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

PSALM

Psalm 80:1–7; antiphon: v. 7

A Restore us, O God of hosts;
C **let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

A Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
C **You who lead Joseph like a flock!**

A You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth. Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,
stir up Your might and come to save us!
C **Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

A O LORD God of hosts, how long will You be angry with Your people's prayers?
C **You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure.**

A You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,
C **and our enemies laugh among themselves.**

A Restore us, O God of hosts;
C **let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

- A Restore us, O God of hosts;
C **let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

EPISTLE

Hebrews 10:5–10

⁵When Christ came into the world, he said,
“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body have you prepared for me;
⁶in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.
⁷Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,
as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’”

⁸When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), ⁹then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 1:39–45

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

³⁹In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴²and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

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

SERMON

“A SERMON ABOUT NOTHING”

based on LUKE 1:39-56

SERMON HYMN

MY SOUL NOW MAGNIFIES THE LORD

LSB 934

Please join in singing this hymn using the pew hymnal or projection slides.

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

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

After each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear us, coming Lord.**

OFFERING Place your gift in the plates as you exit or give online at www.trinityloneoak.org/giving

***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 (SPOKEN)**

LSB 195

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

P Thank You, Lord of all creation, for Your constant, abiding, seeking love, given to us now in the Supper of our Lord. You created the heavens, the earth, all creatures, and human beings. You promised a Savior when Adam and Eve rebelled against You. You made Your covenant with Abraham and Sarah to bless the world through their offspring. You saved the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and guided them through the wilderness. You sent prophets to people who had again rebelled against You. In the fullness of time, You sent to us Jesus, Your Son, who proclaimed, taught, and demonstrated the coming Kingdom and who suffered, died, rose, and ascended. You provide for us the body and blood of Christ to forgive our sins, and You empower us to love the world as You have first loved us. In You we find the peace that surpasses human understanding.

C **We thank You. We praise You. We adore You. Amen.**

***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.**

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

***PAX DOMINI**

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

***AGNUS DEI (SPOKEN)**

LSB 198

- C **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION Please use the pew cards to register your attendance at Holy Communion, placing cards in the offering plate as you exit.

HYMN **WHEN ALL THE WORLD WAS CURSED** **LSB 346, vs. 1, 3, 4**

Please join in singing this hymn using the pew hymnal or projection slides.

THE DISMISSAL

***POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

***BENEDICTION**

Luke 1:54–55; Numbers 6:24–26

- P The Lord has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy, as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
C **Amen.**

HYMN TO DEPART

MY SOUL REJOICES

LSB 933

Please join in singing this hymn using the pew hymnal or projection slides.

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Thank you to Mrs. Stephanie Vallin and Miss Marissa Bernau for sharing their musical talents today. We say with the Psalmist: "Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!" Ps. 150:1b, 6a

Serving our Lord

		December 19, 2021	December 26, 9:00am
Musician		Marissa Bernau	Diane Streich
Cantor		Andy Koch	Andy Koch
Altar Guild		Nancy Strand	Nancy Strand
Elder	8am	Jon Peterson	Andy Olson-9:00am
	10:30am	Sam Erdman	
Reader	8am	Peter Olsen	Andy Olson-9:00am
	10:30am	Tim Morris	
Usher Team	8am	Brian Nack	Layne Streich/Lance Halverson-9:00am
	10:30am	Terry Stoerzinger	
Greeter(s)	8am	Carolyn Wesling	Open-9:00am
	10:30am	Lynn Kroonblawd	
Acolyte	8am	Open	Seth and Eli Halverson-9:00am
	10:30am	Eric and Sean Hakanson	
Projection	8am	Peter Olsen	Lance Halverson-9:00am
	10:30am	Caleb Morris	
Live Stream	8am	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas



Thank you!

Thank you to Mrs. Pinky Seeman, Sunday school superintendent, for her wonderful work to put together tonight's program. Thank you, too, to our dedicated Sunday school staff: Elizabeth Berg, Matthew Berg, Cheri Breitingner, Daryl Buecksler, Lynn Kroonblawd, Chris Martin, Tim Morris, Matt Seeman, Lana Siewert-Olson and Michelle Wills.



Treats for Sunday school students

Sunday school students are invited to pick up a jar of treats in the narthex after our worship. Merry Christmas!

COMING UP AT TLO — December 19, 2021 — December 26, 2021**FORTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

Sun	8:00*am	Worship in sanctuary with Holy Communion
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages
	10:30am	Worship in sanctuary with Holy Communion and Sunday school program
	11:30am	Pizza lunch as NYG fundraiser--please support our Youth!
	11:30am	Salad luncheon
	3:00pm	Caroling - no singing talent needed and fun guaranteed!
	6:00pm	Adult Hoops

TLO School on Christmas break December 20 through December 31

Mon	10:00am	Adult Bible study
	4:00pm	Optional basketball practice for boys, grades 4-6
	5:30pm	Trail Life Troop 2950 potluck and meeting
Tue	10:30am	TLO leads worship at Lexington Pointe Senior Living
Wed	6:30am	Men's Bible Study
Thur		Church office closed until December 27
Fri	3:30pm	Christmas Eve Family worship
	7:00*pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight worship with Holy Communion
Sat	9:00am	Christmas Day worship with Holy Communion

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Sun	9:00*am	Worship in sanctuary with Holy Communion
	10:00am	Education Hour for all ages

*worship online at www.trinityloneoak.org

**Pizza lunch today!**

Enjoy a pizza lunch while you visit with old friends or make new ones! Proceeds from the free-will offering donation to help with the National Youth Gathering trip to Houston next year. Thank you for supporting TLO Youth!

**Salad Luncheon and optional Christmas Cookie Exchange**

Today! Sunday, December 19 | 11:30am | TLO Conference Room

Come and enjoy salad and conversation with your TLO friends.

WEEKLY DEPOSITS: December 12, 2021

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering	\$	8,638.00
(Our offering budget is \$7,980 per week)			
	Building Reserve Fund	\$	1,341.00
(Our offering budget is \$665 for per week)			
	1883 School Annual Fund	\$	1,650.00
	Thrivent Choice to 1883 School Annual Fund	\$	431.00
	Thrivent Choice to Current and Mission	\$	174.00
	Sunday school	\$	0.99
	Chapel to Heifer International	\$	292.70
	Tuition	\$	15,267.72
	School music fund	\$	178.00
	School Carpet Fund	\$	14,725.00
	Youth donut fundraiser	\$	175.96
	Church and school fees	\$	3,092.75
	Subtotal General Fund Income	\$	45,967.12
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2	\$	3,450.00
	Acorn Scholarship Fund	\$	100.00
	YI Stamps, an investment of Lutheran Church Extension Fund	\$	339.00
	Subtotal Special Fund Income	\$	3,889.00



Portals of Prayer, My Devotions, 2022 calendars.

Stop by the narthex to take any items you can make use of. Share with a friend, too!



Christmas Caroling

Today! Sunday, December 19 | 3:00pm | All ages | Meet in the TLO gym

Bring Christmas joy to TLO members in homes and in Care Centers (covid-permitting). Meet at TLO to form caroling groups that make up to 4 stops. All ages welcome, and no singing talent needed! Join us!



Remember in Prayer

Ben Heintz, Lorrie's cousin, hospitalized at Mayo with covid, and Ben's wife and small children Corrine, Jenna's mom, prayers during chemo treatment appreciated
Holly Adams, TLO Preschool Lead Teacher, at the death of her beloved grandmother Jackie Holey recovering from surgery
Jebin Joseph, recovering from surgery; family requests ongoing prayer through follow up care
Joseph Labhart (Flannery's grandson) ongoing health concerns
Richard Hermanson, father of Mary Ann Nagengast, TLO preschool teacher, in transition care
Ian Olander, TLO grade 2 student, updates on caringbridge.org/visit/iano
Charlie Olson, Andy's dad, undergoing cancer treatment
Erin Turnmire working through medical concerns
Edsel Vierling, age 3, prayers as she recovers
Jason Vierling, recovering from leg amputation
Glenn and Dianne Vierling, in need of continued prayer for recovery after covid
Laverne Ziebell, prayers requested as he works through ongoing health problems



Birthdays this week

Dec 19 Teri Garrity
Dec 20 Galata Benya, Debra Reinke
Dec 21 Elizabeth Berg
Dec 24 Ben Swenson
Dec 25 Baby Jesus!



Bible Seminar at TLO

January 22, 2022 | 9am - 3pm

Pastor Lessing leads our annual Bible seminar using his new book: *Jeremiah: Overcoming Life's Sorrows*. Lunch is included. Register with the church office or at trinityloneoak.org.



GODCONNECTS Series

Saturdays, January 15, 29 and February 5 | 9:00am-12noon

GodConnects is a video series explaining the Christian faith in a way that makes it easy to invite a friend, family member, or church visitor. This series is ideal for those with questions about sin, judgment, redemption, Jesus, the believer's life, and more. Who has God put in *your* life that needs to hear His message? Invite them to register, or contact the church office and we'll reach out to them.

Welcome Guests

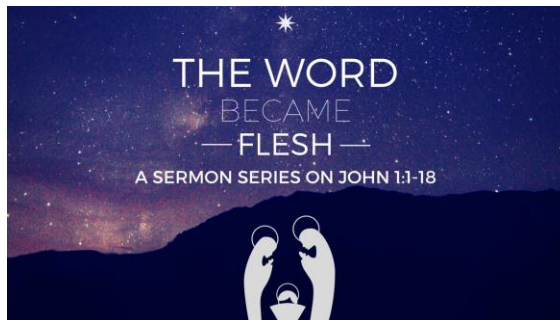
We are glad you are here today! Here are a few things we thought you would like to know to help you feel at home with us today. If you are visiting please introduce yourself to one of our pastors, a greeter or an usher. We love to make new friends!

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 one of our pastors 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%.



Christmas Worship

Take a postcard invitation from the narthex and use it to invite a friend or neighbor to worship with you. Introducing them to Jesus is the most loving gift you can give them this Season.

December 24 | 3:30pm | Christmas Eve Family Worship
December 24 | 7:00pm | Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion
December 25 | 9:00am | Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion



Worship Sunday, December 26 | 9:00am

Note there is only one worship service Sunday, December 26, 2021.