

## Is it Possible?

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**AS WE GATHER**

Today's Old Testament Reading is the account of Joseph forgiving his brothers, who had sold him into slavery years earlier. Is it possible for us to forgive as he did? Joseph learned to trust in God and how He would arrange things. God has arranged everything for us too! The resurrection of Jesus is beyond our understanding but not beyond our comprehension. So Paul tries to explain about heavenly beings. We don't know much about them, but we can forgive because our Lord went a lot farther than we are called to follow, into death, for God to forgive us. Today may the Word of Christ strengthen us in faith to follow His example in daily living to the glory of God the Father.

**OPENING HYMN**

**CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER**

**LSB 725**

**\*INVOCATION**

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

**\*OPENING SENTENCES**

*1 Corinthians 15:21–22, 42*

P As by a man came death,  
C **by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.**

P As in Adam all die,  
C **so also in Christ shall all be made alive.**

P What is sown is perishable;  
C **what is raised is imperishable.**

**\*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*Luke 6:27, 32, 37*

P Confident of our Lord's victory over death, leading all who follow Him by faith, let us confess our sins.

"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you." We confess our failure to love our enemies, O Lord.

C **We have responded to them as they have dealt with us. We have not done to them as we wish they would have done to us. Forgive us, Father.**

P "If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you?" We confess our giving preference to people who are like us.

C **We have loved those near and dear to us and have dealt with others without love and mercy. Forgive us, Lord Jesus.**

P "Judge not, and you will not be judged." We confess our judgment of people we think are not up to the standards we think we can meet.

- C **We have failed to pass on the forgiveness we have received from You, O Holy Spirit. Forgive us, Lord our God.**
- P “Forgive, and you will be forgiven.” Your sins have been forgiven by the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ! As a called and ordained servant of His, I therefore forgive you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

**\*KYRIE** *Sung — tune LSB 204*

**\*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** *Sung — tune LSB 204*

**\*SALUTATION**

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

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- P Let us pray.  
O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You,
- C **mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity;**
- 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.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Genesis 45:3–15*

<sup>3</sup> Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

<sup>4</sup>So Joseph said to his brothers, “Come near to me, please.” And they came near. And he said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup>So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. <sup>10</sup>You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup>There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.’ <sup>12</sup>And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. <sup>13</sup>You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” <sup>14</sup>Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. <sup>15</sup>And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

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

## PSALM

*Psalm 103:1-8*

- A <sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name!
- C <sup>2</sup>**Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits,**
- A <sup>3</sup>who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,
- C <sup>4</sup>**who redeems your life from the pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**
- A <sup>5</sup>who satisfies you with good  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- C <sup>6</sup>**The LORD works righteousness  
and justice for all who are oppressed.**
- A <sup>7</sup>He made known his ways to Moses,  
his acts to the people of Israel.
- C <sup>8</sup>**The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

## EPISTLE

*1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42*

<sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death. . . .

<sup>30</sup>Why am I in danger every hour? <sup>31</sup>I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! <sup>32</sup>What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." <sup>33</sup>Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." <sup>34</sup>Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

<sup>35</sup>But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" <sup>36</sup>You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup>And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. <sup>38</sup>But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. <sup>39</sup>For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. <sup>40</sup>There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. <sup>41</sup>There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

<sup>42</sup>So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

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

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### \*VERSE

*Luke 6:36*

- P Alleluia. Be merciful,
- C **even as your Father is merciful. Alleluia.**

### \*HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 6:27–38*

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

<sup>27</sup>[Jesus said:] "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. <sup>31</sup>And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

<sup>32</sup>"If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup>And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup>And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. <sup>35</sup>But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup>"Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup>give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

- P This is the Gospel of the 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.**



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### Serving our Lord

		Sunday, February 23, 2025	March 2, 2025
Musician		Diane Streich	Diane Streich
Cantor		Dave Workman	Andy Koch
Altar Guild		Sharon Drews and Nim Traeger	Roxanne and Gary Foley
Elder(s)	8am	Andy Olson	Rob Orr and Andy Olson
	10:30am	Kurt Vallin	Kurt Vallin and Bill Breitingner
Reader	8am	Andy Olson	Rob Orr
	10:30am	Kurt Vallin	Kurt Vallin
Usher Team	8am	Gary Sheets	Andy Olson
	10:30am	Jon Peterson	Ben Swenson
Greeter(s)	8am	Open	Open
	10:30am	Open	Open
Acolyte	8am	Isaac Koch and Mason Kolb	Sophia Orr
	10:30am	Dana Vallin and Sabontu Benya	Dana Vallin and Ethan Swenson
Projection	8am	Matthew Boll	Matt Seeman or Jacob Seeman
	10:30am	Tim Morris or Caleb Morris	Ben Swenson or Andrew Swenson
Live Stream	8am	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas
Coffee Hour	9:15am	Open	Roxanne Foley



### Help Us Spread the Word— Lutheran Schools Are A Great Place to Grow!

If you know someone who might be interested in learning more about TLO, now's the time to invite them to attend our Open House or call 651-454-1139 to set up a tour. We love to share our school with others! Enrollment is open for the 2025-2026 school year.

**COMING UP AT TLO — February 23, 2025 — March 2, 2025**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

Sun	8:00*am	Worship
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages
	9:15am	Moms in Prayer - music room
	10:30am	Worship
	12:30am	Peniel Evengelical Church
	6:00pm	Men's Basketball
Mon	10:00am	Adult Bible Class - studying Proverbs - you're invited!
Wed	6:30am	Men's Bible Study
	9:00am	TLO Quilters - you're welcome to join in!
	4:00pm	Midweek confirmation class
	7:00pm	The Truth Project
Thur	6:00pm	Peniel events
Fri	No school - church office closed	
Sat	9:00am	Women's Bible study
	11:00am	Trust Talk
	12:30pm	Lunch with Micah Parker
	1:00pm	Peniel events

**TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY**

Sun	8:00*am	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages
	10:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
	11:40am	Special Voters' Meeting
	12:30am	Peniel Evengelical Church
	6:00pm	Men's Basketball

\*worship online at [www.trinityloneoak.org](http://www.trinityloneoak.org)



WHAT: Isaiah Seminar taught by Pastor Reed Lessing

WHEN: Saturday, March 22 | 9a–3p

WHERE: Concordia University, St. Paul

SEMINAR AND LUNCH ARE FREE

REGISTER at [CSP.EDU](http://CSP.EDU)



**Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran Church**  
**Special Voters' Meeting Agenda**  
**March 2, 2025 | 11:40am | TLO Gym**  
No lunch served



The Board of Christian Education Call Committee has identified Mr. Stacy Sato as a qualified candidate for TLO School Principal. Mr. Sato is Synodically trained and rostered. Mr. Sato has significant years of experience as a principal and teacher. Additional details about this candidate will be available at the Voters' Meeting

**Agenda:**

- Meeting called to order
- Open with prayer
- Brief review of the Call process
- Call committee representative shares information about the candidate
- Distribute candidate information
- Discussion
- Vote
- Collect candidate information
- Decide on moving expense allowance if Call is accepted
- Meeting adjournment
- Closing prayer



**Peniel requests help**

Peniel Evangelical Church requests 2 or 3 volunteers from TLO to assist with teaching Sunday School two afternoons each month. If you would be interested in serving as teachers for children ages 5-12 or high school age, with leaders of the Peniel Ev Church 1- 2 pm, two Sundays each month, please speak with Pastor Kroonblawd.



**Trust Guys Ministries coming to TLO!**  
**Saturday, March 1**

Guest Speaker Micah Parker (Trust Guy Ministries) 11:00am-12:30pm speaking event (sanctuary) with lunch following from 12:30-2:00pm in the TLO gym. TRUST t-shirts will be available to purchase. This is a free event but tickets will need to be obtained so we can plan for food accordingly. Tickets are available between church services today or by calling the school office at 651-454-1139. All TLO members are encouraged to attend! Invite a friend!

## WEEKLY DEPOSITS: February 16, 2025

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering - supporting staff and operations	\$	3,586.75
(Our offering budget is \$9,330 per week)			
	Building Reserve Fund - supporting monthly mortgage payments	\$	215.00
(Our offering budget is \$675 for per week)			
	Tuition	\$	10,612.43
	Current and Mission in memory of LeRoy Niedfelt	\$	40.00
	Thrivent Choice to Current and Mission	\$	162.00
	Thrivent Choice to 1883 School Annual Fund	\$	160.00
	1883 School Annual Fund - supporting TLO School	\$	105.00
	1883 School Annual Fund in memory of Greg Seeman	\$	25.00
	Gala 2025	\$	635.00
	Church and school fees	\$	940.40
	<b>Subtotal General Fund Income</b>	\$	<b>16,481.58</b>
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2 - Yesterday, Today, Forever 2 initiative	\$	235.30
	Acorn Scholarship Fund - supporting TLO School student tuition	\$	N/A
	Chapel offerings - supporting Dakota Woodlands, Eagan	\$	18.76
	Sunday school support of Rev. Tom Park in Taiwan	\$	1.40
	General support of Rev. Tom Park in Taiwan	\$	N/A
	Washingto DC trip - 2026	\$	85.00
	Young Investors stamps through Lutheran Church Extension Fund	\$	259.00
	<b>Subtotal Special Fund Income</b>	\$	<b>599.46</b>



### Birthdays this week

Feb 23	Graig-Jay Lumives
Feb 24	Beth Koch
Feb 26	Tim Peterson, Marta Schmitt, Dylan Steggall
Feb 27	Gabriella Ledesma Covarrubias, Diane Markgraf
Feb 28	Gretchen Schaaf
Mar 1	Regina Blevins

## Remember in Prayer



### Mission Field:

Rev. Tom Park, Theological Educator in Taiwan is OUR missionary! TLO pledged to financially support him and to pray for him. This week pray for his mother's health (she is doing okay but aging) so that this will not be a distraction to his ministry.

### Those with Health Concerns:

- Carol Amos, sister of Karen Turnmire, having hip surgery February 25
- Chuck Balzer, grandfather of Adeline Boland (gr 2) recovering from pneumonia
- Bonnie Bartz, TLO preschool aide, recovering from a broken hip
- Joanne Clark, recovering from extensive surgery
- Eddie and Pam Burdick
- Pam Carpenter, diagnosed with brain tumor; awaiting surgery
- Dixie Cliff
- Teresa Dornseif, sister-in-law of Alice, relief from pain and therapy after surgery
- David Frick, recovering from rotator cuff surgery
- 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, for the Lord's guidance and strength
- Gordy Moss, grandfather of Marie Lumives. Please pray for his healing after a fall
- David Nystrom - godson of Alice – continued prayers as he relies on his Lord for strength
- Sharon Phelps, mom of Cindy Rahn
- Jeff Schaaf, moved to Benedictine Assisted Living
- Char Timm, receiving palliative care at Heritage Senior Living
- Pastor Don Wilke, former TLO pastor, recovering after a serious fall

### For Those Who Mourn

- For the family of Andy Olson whose mother, Virginia Olson, passed away February 20

### Ongoing Prayers

- For those who govern in every place, that we may enjoy the blessing of good government and good leaders and so reflect this gift by faithful stewardship of Your gifts and good citizenship wherever we live.
- For TLO members and friends in care facilities or homebound  
Donine Leatherby
- Ryan Kroonblawd - 2nd Year Seminarian - Concordia Seminary - St. Louis, MO



### Our weekly memory verse:

Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you. **Duet. 31:6**



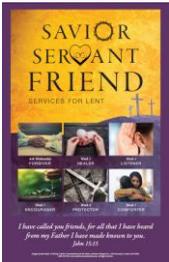
## Welcome Guests

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.



## Ash Wednesday and Midweek Lent Series

Our Wednesday Lent Midweek worship services will provide us with a perfect chance to explore the extraordinary attributes of our Savior, Servant, and Friend, Jesus. It is a time to marvel at the many blessings we received when he laid down his life for us on the cross and then rose victorious from the grave. Each service in this series will dwell upon a different aspect of Jesus, our greatest Friend, and what each characteristic means to us as his followers and friends.

### March 5 • Forgiver

Ash Wednesday worship with Holy Communion 6:30 pm | 5:15pm supper by TLO Teachers

### March 12 • Healer

Worship 6:30 pm | 5:15pm supper served by Washington DC 2026 Trip

### March 19 • Listener

Worship 6:30 pm | 5:15pm supper served by (open\*)

### March 26 • Encourager

Worship 6:30 pm | 5:15pm supper served by (open\*)

### April 2 • Protector

Worship 6:30 pm | 5:15pm supper served by WoW Bible study

### April 9 • Comforter

Worship 6:30 pm | 5:15pm supper served by (open\*)

*\*Volunteer to serve supper by contacting the church office  
Meals sponsored in part by Thrivent Financial*

