



## Merciful Mentoring

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**AS WE GATHER**

The word *mentor* can be both a noun describing a trusted counselor or a verb meaning to guide someone in new learning. The word originally was the name of a person from classical literature: Mentor was a friend of the Greek hero Odysseus who was entrusted with the education of his son Telemachus. You may have had special mentors throughout your life. We are reminded that Jesus our Lord is our best and most devoted mentor. A well-loved hymn by German writer Sigismund von Birken begins with these words: "Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure" (*LSB* 685:1). Jesus is our merciful mentor who gently leads us day by day along the path that leads to eternal life. We follow gladly in His footsteps!

**HYMN****LORD JESUS CHRIST, BE PRESENT NOW****LSB 902****\*INVOCATION**

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

**\*OPENING SENTENCES***Psalm 65:1-4*

P Praise is due to You, O God, in Zion,  
C **and to You shall vows be performed.**

P O You who hears prayer, to You shall all flesh come.  
C **When iniquities prevail against me, You atone for our transgressions.**

P Blessed is the one You choose and bring near, to dwell in Your courts!  
C **We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, the holiness of Your temple!**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P Beloved in the Lord, let us make confession to our merciful God, acknowledging that we are sinful from birth and need His gracious forgiveness.

**CONFESSONAL HYMN****TO THEE, OMNISCIENT LORD OF ALL****LSB 613, st. 1**

1 To Thee, omniscient Lord of all,  
In grief and shame I humbly call;  
I see my sins against Thee, Lord,  
The sins of thought and deed and word.  
They press me sore; I cry to Thee:  
O God, be merciful to me!

P Confessing that our thoughts and words and deeds are sinful and hurtful, let us turn to God, confident in the love that He has shown to us through His Son, Jesus our Lord, who died to pay the price of all our sins.

## CONFESSIONAL HYMN TO THEE, OMNISCIENT LORD OF ALL

LSB 613, st. 2

2 O Lord, my God, to Thee I pray:  
O cast me not in wrath away!  
Let Thy good Spirit ne'er depart,  
But let Him draw to Thee my heart  
That truly penitent I be:  
O God, be merciful to me!

P God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him. 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.

C **Amen.**

## CONFESSIONAL HYMN TO THEE, OMNISCIENT LORD OF ALL

LSB 613, st. 3

3 O Jesus, let Thy precious blood  
Be to my soul a cleansing flood.  
Turn not, O Lord, Thy guest away,  
But grant that justified I may  
Go to my house at peace with Thee:  
O God, be merciful to me!  
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P Be of good cheer and assured, for God has promised that your sins are indeed forgiven. May the Holy Spirit abide with you as you live at peace.

C **Amen.**

## KYRIE

LSB 204

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.

O God, from whom all good proceeds,

C **grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Ezekiel 33:7–9*

<sup>7</sup>“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”

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

## EPISTLE

*Romans 13:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. <sup>2</sup>Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. <sup>3</sup>For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, <sup>4</sup>for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. <sup>5</sup>Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. <sup>6</sup>For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. <sup>7</sup>Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

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

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### \*HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 18:1–20*

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

<sup>1</sup>At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” <sup>2</sup>And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them <sup>3</sup>and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>5</sup>“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, <sup>6</sup>but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

<sup>7</sup>“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! <sup>8</sup>And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. <sup>9</sup>And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

<sup>10</sup>“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>11</sup>For the Son of Man came to save the lost. <sup>12</sup>What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? <sup>13</sup>And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. <sup>14</sup>So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

<sup>15</sup>“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. <sup>16</sup>But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

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.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**SERMON HYMN**

**LET US EVER WALK WITH JESUS**

**LSB 685**

**SERMON**

Merciful Mentoring

**OFFERING**

**CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER** *(sung during offering)*

**LSB 725**

**INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND STAFF**

**\*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

After each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

**\*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.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

P 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**

**HARK, THE VOICE OF JESUS CRYING**

**LSB 826**

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## Serving Our Lord

		September 10, 2023	September 17, 2023
Musician		Diane Streich	Merlin Simon
Cantor		Dave Workman	Andy Koch
Altar Guild		Roxanne and Gary Foley	Roxanne and Gary Foley
Elder	8am	Jim Kohn	Bill Breitinger
	10:30am	Open	Kurt Vallin
Reader	8am	Andy Olson	Open
	10:30am	Keith Prusak	Kurt Vallin
Usher Team	8am	Layne Streich	Gary Sheets
	10:30am	Ben Swenson	Open
Greeter(s)	8am	Open	Open
	10:30am	Open	Open
Acolyte(s)	8am	Open	Open
	10:30am	Sebastian Ness and	Dana Vallin
Projectionist	8am	Open	Open
	10:30am	Ben Swenson	Open
Live Stream	8am	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas



### Sunday School

**Begins today, Sunday, Sept 10 | 9:15am**

Jesus loves us so much that He willingly suffered and died for the sins of the world. We know the message of God's love for us is true because the Bible tells us so, and we teach the Bible to ages 3 through adult on Sunday mornings. All our classes teach salvation is by grace alone through faith alone through Christ alone.

- We can trust all of God's Word.
- God's attributes are displayed throughout the Bible.
- The Bible presents true history, not just "stories" and not "myths."
- God's plan of redemption through Christ alone is woven throughout Scripture.
- By the power of the Holy Spirit working in us, we live in light of what the Bible teaches.
- We must be ready to give an answer for what we believe.

Make it a great year by engaging in Christian education for the whole family. Weekly adult course descriptions and Sunday school enrollment forms are in the narthex and online.



## Thanks be to God for Our Sunday School Staff 2023-2024

Preschool (3 & 4 year olds) meets in the Pre-K 1 classroom, upper level of the school  
Teacher: Michelle Wills

Kindergarten meets in the Pre-K 2 classroom on the upper level of the school  
Teacher: Daryl Buecksler

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades meet in the second grade classroom on the upper level of the school  
Teacher: Lana Siewert-Olson

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grades meet in the kindergarten classroom on the upper level of the school  
Teacher: Elizabeth Berg

5<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> Grades meet in the third grade classroom on the upper level of the school  
Teacher: Kurt Vallin

7<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grades meet in the office across from the kitchen  
Teacher: Open

High School meets in the Youth Room  
Teacher: Jon Peterson

TLO Sunday School Secretary:  
Cheri Breitingner

Substitute Teachers:  
Matthew Berg, Michelle Koch, Lynn Kroonblawd, Claire Ruckheim, Pinky Seeman, Matt Seeman, Stephanie Vallin



## Bible study line up

You are encouraged to seek out one or more opportunities to grow your faith. Choose from a study listed in the insert or at [www.trinityloneoak.org](http://www.trinityloneoak.org) or in the church office.



**COMING UP AT TLO — September 10, 2023 — September 17, 2023**

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Sun	8:00*am	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages
	10:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
	11:30am	Rally day picnic and games; don't miss the fun!
	12:30pm-4:00pm	Peniel Evangelical Church activities
Mon	10:00am	Adult Bible class
	12:30pm	12 Baskets / KFC donation for Dept of Indian Work
Tue	7:00pm	Trustee meeting
Wed	6:30am	Men's Bible study
	4:00pm	Midweek Confirmation class
Thur	6:30pm	Board of Christian Education
Fri	9:00am	Women of the Word (WoW) Bible study
Sat	9:00am	Lego Derby Car Race
	9:00am	Women's Bible study
	3:00-7:00pm	Peniel Evangelical Church activities

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Sun	8:00*am	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages
	10:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
	12:30pm-4:00pm	Peniel Evangelical Church activities

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



**Save The Date—140th Celebration**  
**Reformation Sunday, October 29 | TLO**

Make plans to join in celebrating the 140th anniversary of TLO School. Our celebration includes Preschool - Grade 8 singing in 10:30am worship, an Oktoberfest meal and a recap of God's blessings through the years. Tell an alum, or better yet, use the enclosed form to give us their address and we'll send them an invitation!



TLO Members, Jamie & Justine Kolb welcomed baby Rhea into their family on September 2! TLO Church & School will be supporting this now family of 6 (Rhea joins brothers Mason, Gavin & Weston) with meals through the end of September. Please sign up to bring a meal by contacting the church or school office.

**WEEKLY DEPOSITS: September 3, 2023**

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering	\$	6,938.82
(Our offering budget is \$8,490 per week)			
	Building Reserve Fund	\$	498.15
(Our offering budget is \$665 for per week)			
	1883 School Annual Fund	\$	204.02
	Tuition	\$	19,728.76
	Chapel	\$	80.63
	Verizon Tower Rental	\$	1,900.16
	Church and school fees	\$	3,570.34
	<b>Subtotal General Fund Income</b>	\$	<b>32,920.88</b>
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2	\$	610.45
	Acorn Scholarship Fund	\$	25.00
	<b>Subtotal Special Fund Income</b>	\$	<b>635.45</b>



**Active Shooter Training Seminar**

**Thur., Sept. 21 | 5:30-8:30pm | TLO Sanctuary**

At Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran Church, the safety of our members is extremely important to us. With that in mind, we have partnered with Protect His House, a faith-based training organization dedicated to helping protect church congregations from violent attacks.

This seminar covers essential strategies and skills to survive an active shooter incident, including tactics to evade or stop the attacker, response options, threat assessment, and more. Our experienced instructors are passionate about providing high-quality instruction that can save lives.



**Register and get**

**FREE TICKETS!**

**Use promo code**

**"TICKET4FREE"**



## Sunday Morning Coffee Hour Remember in Prayer

Pam Burdick, recovering from pneumonia and other health concerns, at Shalom Rich and Dixie Cliff

Ed Jones, father of David Jones and Julie Casby, for peace and comfort as he struggles with dementia

Joseph Labhart (Flannery's grandson) ongoing health concerns

Marilou Larson, close cousin of Alice Dornseif, with liver and spleen issues

Joyce (Kirchner) Moynihan, diagnosed with cancer

Kathlene, friend of Nancy Strand, in hospice

Ryan Kroonblawd - 1st year seminarian - Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO

Brian Motz hospitalized in Rochester and in need of our prayers

Ian Olander, thanksgiving for good care and report. Keep updated at [caringbridge.org/visit/iano](http://caringbridge.org/visit/iano)

LeAnn Peterson, sister of Andrea Hinrichs, recovering from foot surgery and complications

Richie, friend of Donna Logan, toes amputated this week, that he would feel God's peace

Verna Ratzlaff who underwent Vertebroplasty procedure on Friday. Pray for success and full recovery.

Char Timm, prayers her back pain would subside

Erin Turnmire and Mason Jones in need of our prayers

Stuart Weierke

Laverne and Beverly Ziebell. Our prayers are needed as they navigate day-to-day living



## Weekly Memory Verse

You are great, O Lord God. For there is none like you, and there is no God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears. 2 Samuel 7:22

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## Birthdays this week

Sept 10 Kevin Maloney

Sept 11 Brad Rahn, Evon Vik

Sept 12 Setphan Cahn, Jennifer Hood, Jon Peteron

Sept 13 Liam Niehaus, Lillian Olander, Glenn Vierling

Sept 14 Finn Bruggemann, Jebin Joseph

Sept 15 Jenna Arnold

## Anniversaries this week

Sept 11 John and Diane Markgraf

Sept 12 Jeff and Diane Forthun





## 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.

**Today 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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## Rally Sunday Picnic and Games

**Today, Sept 10 | 11:30am**

Join us for the Rally Sunday Picnic to kick off our Sunday school year. Hot dogs, chips and more is on the menu. Don't have a potluck item to share? No problem! Stay for the meal and the games anyway!

## Rally Sunday Youth Activity Volunteers Needed

Weather permitting – planned Rally Day youth outside activities include giant and small bubbles, water balloon launching, floating helicopters, kite flying and maybe some surprise activities. Volunteers are needed to provide assistance and supervision. Gain experience and skill in these fun outside fun activities while helping others! Talk to Jon Peterson and he'll let you know how you can help!



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## Lego Derby Car Race

**September 16 | 9am-1pm | St. James Lutheran, WSP**

Kids in grades K-8 are invited to build and race a Lego car. Lego chassis and bricks provided. Fun for the whole family! Lunch provided after the event. Sponsored by Saint James Lutheran Church, W. St. Paul and Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran Church, Eagan (Trail Life Troop 2950). Pre-Register at 651.457.9232 or [www.Saintjameslutheran.com](http://www.Saintjameslutheran.com)