



from the sermon series *Honest Repentance*
Law: "God Restores the Rubble"

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AS WE GATHER

The season of Lent lasts for forty days (excluding Sundays). During the Sundays in Lent we will consider what honest repentance looks like in our daily lives. Today's Old Testament reading from Genesis 1 encourages us to think of God's law not as a heavy burden, but as a set of boundaries that open up space for life in Christ Jesus to flourish. In our Sunday worship services during Lent, we will remember where we are going. We are headed toward the cross and empty tomb of Jesus. We are headed toward the celebration of Jesus' victory over sin, death, and the devil.

OPENING HYMN**A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD****LSB 656*****INVOCATION**

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

***OPENING SENTENCES**

- P It was in this triune name of God that we were baptized—
C **the name of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**
- P As we begin our Lenten journey, we remember our Baptism.
C **We remember we were washed and forgiven.**
- P We remember we were made members of God's family.
C **We remember we were united with Jesus.**

***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P Though we are baptized and united with Jesus, we often act as if we were separated from Jesus. There are times when we fall prey to Satan and his temptations. There are times when sin reigns within us. Still, our heavenly Father is merciful, and He invites us to draw near to Him in repentance, asking for forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

- P Heavenly Father,
C **we have ignored Your help in resisting Satan and His temptations. We have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. Yet our entire lives are lives of repentance. Have mercy on us. Forgive our sins, and lead us in righteousness, on account of Jesus. Amen.**
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son, Jesus Christ, to endure temptation, suffering, and death for us and our salvation. 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. We are forgiven. We are baptized into Christ.**

***KYRIE**—*tune LSB 204*

***SALUTATION**

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

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 1:1–10

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. ⁸And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

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

EPISTLE

James 1:12–18

¹²Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. ¹³Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

¹⁶Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***VERSE**

Ephesians 6:11

- P Put on the whole armor of God,
C **that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.**

*HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:9–15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

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

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

¹²The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON HYMN

GOD'S OWN CHILD, I GLADLY SAY IT

LSB 594, vs. 1–3, 5

SERMON

HONEST REPENTANCE: LAW

Genesis 1:1-10

*NICENE CREED

C **I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

After our petitions:

P For a mighty fortress is our God,
C **a sword and shield victorious.**

OFFERING

*Please complete a worship attendance card and place in the plate as it passes.
Donations accepted using our QR code. Those who support this church and its ministry
by giving electronically are invited to place the "I Give Online" cards located in each
pew in the offering plate as a way of participating in this act of worship.*



***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**—*tune LSB 208*

***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

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.**

*PAX DOMINI

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

*AGNUS DEI—*tune LSB 210*

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

O LORD, WE PRAISE THEE

LSB 617

HYMN

JESUS, GRANT THAT BALM AND HEALING

LSB 421

*NUNC DIMITTIS—*tune LSB 211*

*POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

*BENEDICTION

HYMN TO DEPART

O CHRIST, YOU WALKED THE ROAD

LSB 424 vs. 1, 3, 5

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Serving Our Lord

		Sunday, February 18, 2024	Sunday, February 25, 2024
Musician		Merlin Simon	8:00, Lynn K. 10:30 Marsha W.
Cantor		Dave Workman	Andy Koch
Altar Guild		Sharon Drews and Nim Traeger	Sharon Drews and Nim Traeger
Elder(s)	8am	Jim Kohn	Sam Erdman
	10:30am	Kurt Vallin	Open
Reader	8am	Andy Olson	Matthew Boll
	10:30am	Chris Martin	Matthew Berg
Usher Team	8am	Layne Streich	Gary Sheets
	10:30am	Ben Swenson	Jon Peterson
Greeter(s)	8am	Open	Open
	10:30am	Open	Open
Acolyte	8am	Sophia Orr, Camryn Ergang	Mason Kolb, Jacob Seeman
	10:30am	Audrey Martin	Sabontu Benya
Projection	8am	Marc Ergang	Matt Seeman
	10:30am	Chris Martin	Jean Peterson
Live Stream	8am	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas
Coffee Hour	9:15am	TLO LWML	Andrea Hinrichs



Save the date for our MUSICPALOOZA
March 2, 2024 | 1:00-2:30pm | TLO Gym

Arrive for an afternoon of music, entertainment and food. Performances by:
 The Strolling Bones | Chully | Cross and Crown

Don't miss out on this fun event!



Lego Derby
March 16, 2024 | 9:00am - 1:00pm | TLO Gym

Kids in grades K-8 are invited to build and race a car! Lego bricks and chassis are provided in this family-friendly event. Lunch is provided. Register today on our website, trinityloneoak.org.

COMING UP AT TLO — February 18, 2024 — February 25, 2024**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

Sun	8:00*am	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages
	10:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
	12:30-5:00pm	Peniel Evangelical Church worship
	6:00pm	Hoops
Mon		No school; church office closed
	10:00am	Adult Bible class
	6:30pm	Trail Life Troop 2950
Tue	10:30am	TLO leads worship at Lexington Pointe Senior Living
	5:30pm	Board of Christian Outreach
Wed	6:30am	Men's Bible study
	8:15am	Chapel
	9:00am	TLO Quilters - you're invited!
	4:00pm	Midweek confirmation class
	5:15pm	Lenten supper served by TLO Teachers
	6:30pm	Lenten worship
Thur	6:30pm	Peniel activities
	6:30pm	BREW Young Professionals
Fri	9:00am	Women of the Word (WoW) Bible study
Sat	9:00am	Women's Bible study
	2:00-8:00pm	Peniel Evangelical Church activities
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT		
Sun	8:00*am	Worship
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages
	10:30am	Worship
	12:30-5:00pm	Peniel Evangelical Church worship
	6:00pm	Hoops
*worship online at www.trinityloneoak.org		

**B.R.E.W. Young Professionals (25-35)**

This Thursday, February 22 | 6:30-8:30pm | TLO Youth Room

Are you one of many young adults establishing yourself in your career and community? Come and meet with others in similar situations for thought-provoking conversation, support, and fellowship.

Go First! Ministry Conference



April 19 -20, 2024

Concordia Academy
2400 Dale Street
Roseville, MN

Plan now to spend time with your brothers and sisters in the body of Christ - learning and growing in your life of service.

Pastors, parish professionals, educators, and lay people are all invited to experience the *encouragement* and *inspiration* of this **FREE** two-day event.

Break-out sessions will be led by people involved with ministries that can be replicated in your congregation and community and are focused on one or more of the *Go First!* areas:

Life Together, Soul Care, Intentional Outreach, or Collaboration.

Please visit

www.mnsdistrict.org/go-first-initiative#go-first-ministry-conference for more information, including the agenda, speakers, the vendor list, volunteer opportunities, and registration.

The QR code to the right will take you directly to the registration page.



Please join us at the

Go First! Ministry Conference!

Questions? Please call 952-435-2550



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WEEKLY DEPOSITS: February 11, 2024

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering	\$	14,685.39
	(Our offering budget is \$8,525 per week)		
	Building Reserve Fund	\$	55.30
	(Our offering budget is \$665 for per week)		
	Sunday school	\$	10.50
	1883 School Annual Fund	\$	100.00
	Chapel	\$	69.64
	Tuition	\$	11,767.21
	Gala 2024	\$	250.00
	Thrivent Choice to Current and Mission	\$	209.00
	Thrivent Choice to 1883 School Annual Fund	\$	252.00
	Church and school fees	\$	1,765.55
	Subtotal General Fund Income	\$	29,164.59
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2	\$	250.90
	Acorn Scholarship Fund	\$	N/A
	Young Investors stamps through Lutheran Church Extension Fund	\$	287.00
	Subtotal Special Fund Income	\$	537.90



Tickets are on sale for the Gala, Saturday, March 9 at Royal Cliff in Eagan. Please join us for this fun annual event! Funds raised from the Tiger Gala are used to help keep tuition low for all families.

The Special Experiences at the TLO Tiger Gala are always a hit, offering a diverse array of activities such as ladies' nights, BBQs, wine tastings, and basketball skills for kids. These events, hosted by our school and church families, are available for gala attendees to sign up for on the night of the event, with 100% of the funds raised going back to the gala.

Hosts have the freedom to organize parties or events at any time of the year, whether indoor or outdoor, day or night. If you're looking to host an event but need assistance brainstorming ideas, don't hesitate to reach out to Jesse Swenson at jesselswenson@yahoo.com. If you're interested in hosting a Special Experience, whether you have a specific idea in mind or need help crafting one, Jesse can offer some great suggestions.



Remember in Prayer

Lorrie Buecksler, thanksgiving that knee surgery went so well

Avianna (age 2), niece of Chelsea Cardenas, battling cancer

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, continue prayers for resolution of autoimmune liver issues

Liam, 9 month old friend of Bueckslers, surgery to remove tumors. Prayers for this little fellow...

Joyce (Kirchner) Moynihan, diagnosed with cancer

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

Sharon Phelps, mom of Cindy Rahn

Mary Shaw in hospice at Walker Methodist Vista Prairie

Former TLO staff member Curt Stoltenow was recently diagnosed with prostate cancer.

He will be receiving radiation treatments. Your prayers are appreciated.

Stuart Weierke at the Minneapolis VA Home

Shelly Zeitlin and her family need our prayers as she is going through lymphoma cancer treatments.

Shelly is a longtime friend of Rob and Jane Shull.

Laverne and Beverly Ziebell. Karen requests continued prayers for her parents



Weekly Memory Verse

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Heb 4:15



Ravelings request a prayer of thanks for all who have prayed for Al's brother, Bill, who came out of surgery on Feb. 13 very well. Thank you, too, for the beautiful, comforting quilt from the Quilting Club.



Birthdays this week

Feb 18 Scott Ratzlaff, Ben Vallin

Feb 19 Paul Anderson, Nicole Rudoll

Feb 20 Lori Barnes

Feb 21 Jackie Holey, Gavin Kellen, Gretchen Schwanz

Feb 23 Graig Lumives

Feb 24 Beth Koch

Anniversaries this week

Feb 19 Larry and Linda Flannery

Feb 22 Stuart and Mary Jane Weierke



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!

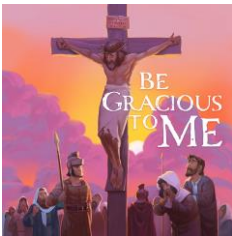
For those with small children, a nursery is available, located in the narthex, if you need a place to care for your child. Children’s bulletins are in the narthex, or ask an usher.

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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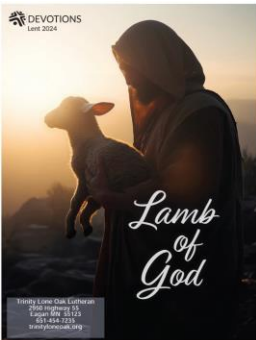


Wednesdays through March 20

5:15-6:15pm | Supper—please come for food and fellowship!
6:30pm | Worship with Holy Communion

Your Baptism has brought you so close to Jesus that you share death, life, and all things with Him. Therefore, when David said of Jesus in Psalm 41:1, “Blessed is the one who considers the poor,” he was also speaking of you.

Your blessed Lord Jesus considers you—a *poor, miserable sinner*—and He will surely deliver you in the day of trouble so that you, too, will be “called blessed in the land” (Psalm 41:2).



Devotions for Lent –

**pick up a copy in the narthex
or call the church office to have yours mailed.**

In *Lamb of God*, we have God’s Son come to earth as the eternal Word, Jesus Christ. Throughout John’s Gospel, Jesus is made known to us as both God and Man, full of grace and truth. He has come into the world to seek us out—you and me—to rescue us from the power of evil, and to make us His beloved children forever