



Clinging to Christ

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**congregation stands*

AS WE GATHER

The verbal command "Hold on!" is one that gets our immediate attention. We know instinctively that holding on will keep us safe or secure in some way as we journey through life. The pages of Scripture call us to "hold on" to some very special things. In the letter to the Hebrews, the writer enjoins us: "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering" (Hebrews 10:23). Paul directs his coworker, Timothy, (and all of us) to "Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called" (1 Timothy 6:12) and encourages him to be "holding faith and a good conscience" (1 Timothy 1:19). Our worship together gives us the opportunity to hold on not only to our Lord Jesus Christ but also to one another as we journey on together toward our heavenly home.

OPENING HYMN

"COME, FOLLOW ME, THE SAVIOR SPAKE"

LSB 688

*INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

*OPENING SENTENCES

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and 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.**

***KYRIE**—*sung, tune on LSB page 186*

***GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**—*sung, tune on LSB page 187*

***SALUTATION**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

***COLLECT OF THE DAY**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 23:16–29

¹⁶Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. ¹⁷They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you.'"

¹⁸For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD
to see and to hear his word,
or who has paid attention to his word and listened?

¹⁹Behold, the storm of the LORD!
Wrath has gone forth,
a whirling tempest;
it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

²⁰The anger of the LORD will not turn back
until he has executed and accomplished
the intents of his heart.
In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

²¹"I did not send the prophets,
yet they ran;
I did not speak to them,
yet they prophesied.

²²But if they had stood in my council,
then they would have proclaimed my words to my people,
and they would have turned them from their evil way,
and from the evil of their deeds.

²³"Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? ²⁴Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' ²⁶How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"

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

EPISTLE

Hebrews 11:17—12:3

¹⁷By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named."
¹⁹He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. ²⁰By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. ²¹By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. ²²By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

²³By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. ²⁴By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. ²⁷By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. ²⁸By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

²⁹By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

³²And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— ³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated— ³⁸of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

³⁹And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

³Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***ALLELUIA**—*sung, tune on LSB page 190*

***HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 12:49–56

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

⁴⁹[Jesus said:] “I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. ⁵²For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. ⁵³They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, ‘A shower is coming.’ And so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT

LSB 664

SERMON

Unity in Division

***OFFERTORY**—*sung, tune on LSB page 192*

OFFERING

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

After each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

***PREFACE**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C **It is meet and right so to do.**

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary ... magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

***SANCTUS** —*sung, tune on LSB page 195*

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

***THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

***PAX DOMINI**

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

***AGNUS DEI**—*sung, tune on LSB page 198*

DISTRIBUTION Distribution is continuous, 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	FEED THY CHILDREN, GOD MOST HOLY	LSB 774
HYMN	THEE WILL I LOVE MY STRENGTH MY TOWER	LSB 694
HYMN	I'M BUT A STRANGER HERE	LSB 748

***NUNC DIMITTIS**—*sung, tune on LSB page 199*

***THANKSGIVING**

- P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C **and His mercy endureth forever.**
P Let us pray.... through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**
P The Lord be with you.
C **And with thy spirit.**

***BENEDICAMUS**

- P Bless we the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

***BENEDICTION**

HYMN TO DEPART	LORD DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING	LSB 924
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Serving Our Lord

	August 17, 2025	August 24, 2025
Musician	Merlin Simon	Diane Streich
Cantor	Dave Workman	Andy Koch
Altar Guild	Sharon Drews	Sharon Drews
Elder	Andy Olson and Kurt Vallin	Sam Erdman
Reader	Kurt Vallin	Keith Prusak
Usher Team	Layne Streich and Ben Swenson	Gary Sheets and Jon Peterson
Greeter(s)	Helen Stoerzinger	Helen Stoerzinger
Acolyte(s)	Dana Vallin and Beth Koch	Josh Jebin and Isaac Koch
Projection	Ben Swenson	Matthew Boll
Live Stream	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas
Coffee hour	LWML	Jean Peterson



Welcome, Pastor Stern!

Thank you to Pastor John Stern for preaching this morning. Pastor Stern grew up in St. Paul and has served as a pastor in South Dakota and Minnesota since 1971, retiring in 2005. He and his wife, Sue, live in Apple Valley and have 3 children and 5 grandchildren. We are blessed to have him with us today!



Bible classes - Two to choose from!

Today's Bible study in the gymnasium will be John's Gospel "The Sevens Are Up". Taught by Pastor Stern, it's sure to be engaging.

In the Conference Room, Jim Kohn leads "The Ties That Bind," an audio series from Focus on the Family (Adventures in Odyssey) that explores God's design for family--an essential part of God's creation. It is not an afterthought by God or merely a cultural idea. Since we live in a fallen world, family life will have issues to deal with. Join us as we listen to family dramas and discuss how to deal with the issues presented from a Biblical perspective. Adults and children are welcome.



Children's message

Thank you to Mrs. Stacey LaMere for presenting the Children's message today. Mrs. LaMere was installed as TLO's Principal last Sunday, August 10. If you haven't met Stacey yet, please introduce yourself! And please be in prayer for Principal LaMere and the entire TLO School staff as they make preparations for the first day of school on August 26!

COMING UP AT TLO — August 17, 2025 — August 24, 2025		
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST		
Sun	9:00*am	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15am	Bible class - two to choose from
	12:30am	Peniel Evangelical Church
Mon	5:00pm	Preschool orientation
	6:30pm	Trail Life Troop 2950
Tue	5:00pm	Preschool orientation
	6:30pm	Moms In Prayer
Wed	6:30am	Men's Bible Study
Thur	evening	Jump Start back-to-school activities
	6:00pm	Peniel event
Sat	2:00pm	Peniel events
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST		
Sun	9:00*am	Worship
	10:15am	Bible class - two to choose from
	12:30am	Peniel Evangelical Church
	5:45pm	TLO Playdate and Ultimate Frisbee Pickup - you're invited!
*worship online at www.trinityloneoak.org		



RaiseRight is for EVERYONE! RaiseRight is beneficial to TLO

RaiseRight cards are the same gift cards sold in stores. Primarily intended for personal use, the profit earned by purchasing these discounted cards is applied right to your child's tuition account or the TLO fund of your choice. You shop at retailers every week, so why not earn tuition dollars or funds for TLO with every purchase? Use RaiseRight for gas, groceries, clothing, restaurants and more. See Leann Becker or Jean Peterson to get your profits rolling along.



A Life Thought in the Church Year for August 17

Proclaiming and practicing the Word of the Lord doesn't always make people glad (Luke 12:51-52). Discomfort and persecution come with speaking truth and showing love (Hebrews 11:36-38). But Almighty God's insistence on the sanctity of every human life, though occasionally unpopular, always brings precisely the community, fellowship, and belonging that we all need (Hebrews 12:1-2). — *Brought to you by Lutherans for Life*



Coming September 5 – Truth Rising from Focus on the Family

Truth Rising isn't just a documentary— it's a call to action at a critical time in our culture. As faith, identity, and morality are being redefined, this documentary exposes the civilizational moment we are living in. Through powerful stories and expert insights, it reveals how ordinary people can make an extraordinary impact—by boldly choosing courage over fear. As the world redefines truth, *Truth Rising* offers clarity, courage, and a Christ-centered path forward. Learn more at truthrising.com



Trail Life Open House

Monday, September 15, 6:30-7:45pm | TLO Gym

Save the date! Trail Life Troop MN-2950 invites boys 5 years and older and parents to the Troop MN-2950 Open House. Boys will get to experience a troop meeting and parents will be able to meet to ask questions of troop leadership. Come and explore Trail Life USA and experience what Trail Life is all about. For more information visit: trinityloneoak.org/traillifeusa



Join us for a

TLO Playdate and Ultimate Frisbee Pickup

Sunday August 24th 5:45-7pm

TLO Field and Playground



WEEKLY DEPOSITS: August 10, 2025

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering - supporting staff and operations	\$	11,667.10
	(Our offering budget is \$10,475 per week)		
	Building Reserve Fund - supporting monthly mortgage payments	\$	1,125.00
	(Our offering budget is \$675 for per week)		
	Current and Mission in memory of Elfriede "Elfi" Schaaf	\$	270.00
	1883 School Annual Fund in memory of Elfriede "Elfi" Schaaf	\$	15.00
	Thrivent Choice to Current and Mission	\$	58.00
	Thrivent Choice to 1883 School Annual Fund	\$	265.00
	Tuition	\$	1,932.00
	1883 School Annual Fund - supporting TLO School	\$	5.00
	Verizon Tower Rental	\$	2,015.87
	Church and school fees	\$	2,384.10
	Subtotal General Fund Income	\$	19,737.07
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2 - Yesterday, Today, Forever 2 initiative	\$	175.00
	TLO Library Fund in memory of Elfriede "Elfi" Schaaf	\$	500.00
	Acorn Scholarship Fund	\$	25.00
	General support of Rev. Tom Park in Taiwan	\$	25.00
	Sunday school support of Rev. Tom Park in Taiwan	\$	1.50
	Subtotal Special Fund Income	\$	726.50



Help needed

During the school year TLO School offers before school care and after school care, and we are looking for some help, especially in the afternoon. If you know of anyone 16 years or older that loves kids and would want to work a few hours in the afternoon (3:30-5:00/5:30) please have them contact TLO School at 651-454-1139.



Birthdays this week

Aug 19 Kevin Steggall
 Aug 21 Gary Sheets
 Aug 22 David Workman
 Aug 23 Diane Forthun, Sylvia Quade, Karen Reed

Anniversaries this week

Aug 20 Nancy and Jeff Kolb
 Aug 21 Mike and Stephanie Leinonen

Remember in Prayer



Trinity Lone Oak School:

- For families making final decisions on where to enroll children for 2025-26

Mission Field:

- Rev. Tom Park, Theological Educator in Taiwan is OUR missionary and requests prayers for his mother as she deals with her chronic health issues.

Thanksgivings

- Terri, grandmother of TLO students, in rehab and doing better

Those with Health Concerns:

- Eddie Burdick
- Pam Burdick who underwent surgery on Friday
- Dixie Cliff
- Larry Flannery, returned to the VA hospital. Pray for stabilization and healing
- David Frick, recovering from rotator cuff surgery that was more extensive than expected
- Johnathan, nephew of Preschool Teacher MaryAnn Nagengast, undergoing treatment
- 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
- Norman Nack, brother of Brian Nack and Nancy Nord, in rehab at Apple Valley Village
- Jayne Nystrom, relative of Alice Dornseif, experiencing swelling and pressure in her eyes
- Cathy Walstad, Lexington Pointe worshiper, recovering at home and very weak
- For TLO members and friends in care facilities or homebound

Donine Leatherby + Jeff Schaaf + Sharon Phelps + Char Timm

General and ongoing Prayers:

- For our nation: Almighty God, You shepherd the nations according to Your Word. Grant our rulers wisdom and faith to serve for the good of their people and to promote peace and quietness for the flourishing of every godly endeavor.
- Ryan & Emily Kroonblawd - moving to Oberursel, Germany on Sept. 1 - Ryan will be adding an extra year of studies at Lutherische Theologische Hochschule, a partner seminary with Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

Our Weekly Memory Verse:

“And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.” The second is this: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” There is no other commandment greater than these.

Mark 12:30–31





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%.

FALL SCHEDULE

Begins Sunday, September 7:

- 8:00*am Worship**
- 9:15am Education hour
- 10:30am Worship

*streamed at www.trinityloneoak.org

**Holy Communion on 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays



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