



Born Anew
From Above

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**congregation stands*

AS WE GATHER

“Born again” has become a catch phrase in our age. It is not merely that Jesus says one must be born again but born from above. This new birth happens not from human will or desire but solely from the love and act of God working by the Spirit. Baptismal water is the womb through which we are born again and born from above to the life that death cannot overcome and is eternal. As we make our way through Lent, we are constantly reminded of the truth of Luther’s explanation: we cannot by our own reason or strength believe in Christ, our Lord, or come to Him. The Spirit calls us to the font, gathers the baptized around His Word and Table, delivers us from the darkness of unbelief, and makes holy those who belong to the Lord. Thanks be to God!

OPENING HYMN

THE GOD OF ABRAHAM PRAISE

LSB 798, vs. 1–4, 8

***INVOCATION**

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

C **Amen.**

***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Psalm 121:1–2, 8

P From where does my help come?

C **My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

P The LORD will preserve your going out and your coming in,

C **from this time forth and forevermore.**

Silence for meditation and reflection.

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 punishment now and forever. 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. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.**

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 Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

*KYRIE

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

*SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 12:1–9

¹The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalms 121:1-8

A ¹I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where does my help come?

²My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

- C ³**He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.**
⁴**Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**
- A ⁵The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.
⁶The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
- C ⁷**The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.**
⁸**The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.**

EPISTLE

Romans 4:1–8, 13–17

¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

⁷"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,
and whose sins are covered;

⁸blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin." . . .

¹³For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*VERSE

John 3:16

C **For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.**

***HOLY GOSPEL**

John 3:1-17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

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

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." ³Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON HYMN

LORD, THEE I LOVE WITH ALL MY HEART

LSB 708

SERMON

Born Anew from Above

John 3:1-17

WE NEEDED TO BE REBORN FROM ABOVE: _____

WE WERE REBORN FROM ABOVE: _____

"I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth." Psalm 121:2

WE ARE REBORN FROM ABOVE: _____

AS OUR LOVING SAVIOR: _____

***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 let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

OFFERING

***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** – *sung; tune on LSB 178*

***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**

***PAX DOMINI**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

***AGNUS DEI**– *sung; tune on LSB 180*

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
HYMN**

**SALVATION UNTO US HAS COME
JERUSALEM MY HAPPY HOME**

**LSB 555, vs. 1, 6–9
LSB 673**

***NUNC DIMITTIS**— *sung; tune on LSB 182*

***POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

***BENEDICAMUS**

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

***BENEDICTION**

HYMN TO DEPART

GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT REDEEMER

LSB 918

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Serving Our Lord

		March 1, 2026	March 8, 2026
Musician		Diane Streich	Diane Streich
Cantor		Andy Koch	Dave Workman
Altar Guild		Linnea and Al Raveling	Linnea and Al Raveling
Elder(s)	8am	Bill Breitinger and Sam Erdman	Andy Olson
	10:30am	Ben Swenson and Kurt Vallin	Kurt Vallin
Reader	8am	Rob Orr	Open
	10:30am	Kurt Vallin	Kurt Vallin
Usher Team	8am	Andy Olson	Sam Erdman
	10:30am	Open	Ben Swenson
Acolyte	8am	Sophia Orr and Lillian Olander	Ian Olander and Mason Kolb
	10:30am	Ethan Swenson and Dana Vallin	Dana Vallin and Henley Starksen
Projection	8am	Jean Peterson	Jean Peterson
	10:30am	Swenson family	Open
Live Stream	8am	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas
Coffee Hour	9:15am	Open	Open

COMING UP AT TLO — March 1, 2026 — March 8, 2026		
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT		
Sun	8:00*am	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages; 2 adult studies to choose from
	10:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
	12:30pm	Peniel Evangelical Church
	6:00pm	Hoops - adult basketball
Mon	10:00am	Adult Bible study
	4:00pm	Privileged to Pray
	6:30pm	Trail Life Troop 2950
Tue	10:30am	TLO leads worship at Lexington Pointe Senior Living
	7:00pm	Elder meeting
	7:00pm	Trustee meeting
Wed	6:30am	Men's Bible study
	5:15pm	Lenten supper served by TLO Council
	6:30pm	Lenten worship
Thur	6:00pm	Peniel event
Fri	No School; Church office open	
Sat	2:00pm	Peniel events
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT – Daylight Savings Time Begins		
Sun	8:00*am	Worship
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages; 2 adult studies to choose from
	10:30am	Worship
	12:30pm	Peniel Evangelical Church
	6:00pm	Hoops - adult basketball
*worship online at www.trinityloneoak.org		

Spring forward
 Don't forget to set
 clocks ahead
 one hour
 at 2 a.m.
 Sunday.

AP



You are Invited

The Perron family warmly invites you to Leonard's 90th birthday party.

Sunday, March 22 | 12noon - 2:00pm | TLO Gym

Lunch provided; no gifts
 RSVP to Katie: 651-336-9274

See the invitation on the narthex bulletin board for most information

WEEKLY DEPOSITS: February 22, 2026

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering - supporting staff and operations	\$	4,256.00
	(Our offering budget is \$10,475 per week)		
	Building Reserve Fund - supporting monthly mortgage payments	\$	950.00
	(Our offering budget is \$675 for per week)		
	Tuition	\$	3,575.81
	1883 School Annual Fund - supporting TLO School	\$	205.00
	Gala 2026	\$	1,490.00
	Church and school fees	\$	859.30
	Subtotal General Fund Income	\$	11,336.11
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2 - Yesterday, Today, Forever 2 initiative	\$	175.30
	Acorn Scholarship Fund	\$	25.00
	General support of Rev. Tom Park in Taiwan	\$	25.00
	TLO School chapel supporting Gospel Adventures - Mongolia	\$	480.12
	Life Convocation free will offering for Sept. 2026 event	\$	200.00
	Young Investors stamps through Lutheran Church Extension Fund	\$	330.00
	Subtotal Special Fund Income	\$	1,235.42



Stewardship Prayer

Merciful Father, though You gave us stewardship of Your good creation, we love the gifts more than the giver. Save us from trusting in our possessions more than in Your Son. Teach us to use what You have provided to help those in need and to relieve the poor, the unemployed and the oppressed.



Birthdays this week

- Mar 1 Regina Blevins
- Mar 3 Mason Kolb
- Mar 4 Sean Hakanson
- Mar 5 Sarah Rahn, Carolyn Wesling

Anniversaries this week

- Mar 4 Erbey and Ana Estrada

Remember in Prayer



Mission Field:

- Rev. Tom Park, Theological Educator in Taiwan is OUR missionary and requests prayers for “our theology students and faculty—that they may teach and learn with wisdom, passion, and faith”

Thanksgiving

- Lisa Groenendyk, Marsha's sister in law, is recovering well at home. Praise God!
- LeRoy Motz is recovering at home. Please praise God with Gladys and LeRoy.
- Mary Ann Nagengast, scheduled to return to work March 2

Those with Health Concerns:

- Bernie and Sharon, uncle and aunt of Mike Drews, fragile and needing medical care and a move to Minnesota
- Baby Brady, friend of TLO, born with health problems this winter
- Brianna Buecksler, recovering from surgery; updates at mealtrain.com/trains/vd73dz
- Alice Dornseif, battling terrible back pain
- John, grandfather of 2 TLO students, prayers for his upcoming surgery, ability to make informed decisions and progress with his cancer treatment
- Tyler Keech, brother of 2 TLO students, diagnosed with a massive osteosarcoma. he will undergo high dose, grid therapy proton beam radiation treatment
- Marilou Larson, close cousin of Alice Dornseif, needing a “live liver” transplant
- Brian Nack, hospitalized this week
- Becky Tomek, hospitalized this week
- For TLO members and friends in need of our continued prayers:
Eddie Burdick + Dixie Cliff + Larry Flannery + Gary Foley + David Frick
Don Holz + Glenda Holz + Justin Kube + Joseph Labhart + Donine Leatherby
LeRoy Motz + Renata Rahn + Jeff Schaaf + Karen Stohlberg + Char Timm
Karen Turnmire + Laverne Ziebell

For those who mourn

- Al and Linnea Raveling whose niece, Janet, passed away Feb. 22 after 15 years of waiting for a heart transplant. Thankfully, Al and Linnea were able to visit with Janet recently.
- Karen Turnmire at the death of her close cousin, Rodney Ziebell, who died Feb. 22.

General and ongoing Prayers:

- As TLO prepares to call a pastor: Lord, You know the man who will be TLO’s next pastor. Prepare his heart and mind in advance of TLO placing a call to him.
- For our Nation: O Lord, You have established earthly authorities to punish evil and praise those who do good. Grant our rulers humble hearts to resist the allure of power and to worship You alone.
- Ryan Kroonblawd - Seminarian - 1st semester classes have ended at the seminary in Germany. Keep Ryan & Emily in prayer as they continue to wait for Residency Permits, safe travels during the academic break, and preparations for 2nd semester of theological studies beginning mid-April.



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 team. 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%.



Prayer ministry at Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran Church and School

YOU are invited to actively join in the prayer ministry of TLO. Come enjoy the blessing of gathering with like-minded friends for powerful times of prayer. Contact the group leader or the church office (651-454-7235) to get connected.

- **Privileged to Pray**, first weekday of the month at 4:00pm at Lexington Pointe Sr. Living. Open to singles and couples, we welcome men and women of all ages. Bring your Bible and a heart ready for prayer. Contact Jean Peterson.
- **Women of the Word (WoW)** seasons their Bible study sessions with a generous amount of prayer. The group meets Friday when school is in session at 9:00am, conference room. Led by Helen Stoerzinger and Diane Streich.
- **Moms in Prayer** meets the 4th Sunday and 2nd Tuesday of the month to pray for our own children, TLO students and staff, and prayer requests on behalf of TLO School ministry. Jean Peterson or Laura Fuehrer lead this group.
- **Prayer chain.** Prayer requests are emailed out for immediate, active, and intentional prayer. Would you be willing to join the dozen+ individuals who bring important and urgent requests to our Lord? Contact Jean Peterson with your email address.
- **Bulletin listing.** Take the bulletin home with you and pray through the prayer list in your personal prayer time.

"When people start praying together in one accord, to our Father in heaven, in the name of Jesus, and practice praying together, things begin to change. Our lives change, our families change, our school, church and communities change. Changes take place not when we study about prayer, not when we talk about it, not even when we memorize beautiful Scripture verses on prayer. *It is when we actually pray that things begin to happen.*" Evelyn Christenson – *What Happens When Women Pray*