



A Pastor's Job Description

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**congregation stands*

AS WE GATHER

As we celebrate Pastor Kroonblawd's 40 years of pastoral ministry, Pastor Berner believes this is an appropriate time to reflect on a simple but important question: ***What exactly is a pastor's job description?***

OPENING HYMN

LET US EVER WALK WITH JESUS

LSB 685, vs. 1, 4

*INVOCATION

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

C **Amen.**

*OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 72:18–19; 119:1; 116:5, 9

P Blessed are those whose way is blameless,

C **who walk in the law of the LORD!**

P Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

C **I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.**

P Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

C **Blessed be His glorious name forever;
may the whole earth be filled with His glory! Amen and Amen!**

*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins. The section on Confession in the Small Catechism informs and directs us with these words, which summarize it well.

C **"Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven."**

P Humble yourselves then before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

C **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. By nature, I am a sinful creature. By thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your Law. For the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.**

P God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

C **Amen.**

- P As you believe, so let it be. 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.**

***INTROIT**

Psalm 37:5–7; antiphon: v. 4

- P Delight yourself in the LORD,
and He will give you the desires of your heart.
- C **Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in Him, and He will act.**
- P He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,
and your justice as the noonday.
- C **Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him;
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil
devices!**
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

- P Delight yourself in the LORD,
and He will give you the desires of your heart.

***KYRIE**

- C **Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

THE LORD, MY GOD BE PRAISED

LSB 794 vs. 2

***SALUTATION**

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

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 15:15–21

- ¹⁵O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance take me not away;
know that for your sake I bear reproach.

¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.

¹⁷I did not sit in the company of revelers,
nor did I rejoice;
I sat alone, because your hand was upon me,
for you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail?

¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD:

"If you return, I will restore you,
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall be as my mouth.

They shall turn to you,
but you shall not turn to them.

²⁰And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
declares the LORD.

²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Romans 12:9–21

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the

sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

SEEK YE FIRST

Words and Music by Karen Lafferty,

Setting by Douglas E. Wagner

TLO Celebration Choir, Directed by Stephanie Vallin

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*VERSE

Matthew 16:25

P Alleluia. Whoever would save his life will lose it,

C **but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. Alleluia.**

*HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21–28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

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

²¹From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON HYMN

ALMIGHTY GOD YOUR WORD IS CAST

LSB 577

SERMON

A PASTOR'S JOB DESCRIPTION

*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.**

OFFERING

VOLUNTARY

"JOYFUL PRAISE"

By Susan E. Geschke

TLO Handbell Choir, Directed by Stephanie Vallin

HYMN OF RESPONSE GOD'S WORD IS OUR GREAT HERITAGE

LSB 582

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

After our petitions:

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.**

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED TO A RETIRING PASTOR

CHORAL BLESSING

THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU

By Rick Carlson

TLO Celebration Choir, Directed by Stephanie Vallin

*BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN TO DEPART

CHRIST THE ETERNAL LORD

LSB 829, vs. 1, 3, 4, 5

POSTLUDE

PRELUDE IN CLASSIC STYLE

by Gordon Young

Arranged for Piano and Organ by Lani Smith

Merlin Simon, piano and Diane Streich, organ

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SERVING OUR LORD TODAY

Officiant: *Rev. James Kroonblawd, Senior Pastor, Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran, Eagan, MN*

Old Testament Reader: *Rev. Cory Kroonblawd, Senior Pastor, St. Paul's Sac City, Iowa*

Epistle Reader: *Vicar Ryan Kroonblawd, Vicar, Our Savior Lutheran, Lansing, Michigan*

Guest Preacher: *Rev. Tim Berner, Executive Director, Concordia Academy, Roseville, MN*

Retirement Service: *Rev. Ralph Rokke, Pastor Emeritus*

Organist: *Diane Streich*

Pianist: *Merlin Simon*

Cantor: *Andrew Koch*

Choral and Handbell Director: *Stephanie Vallin*

Elders: *Kurt Vallin and Andy Olson*

Ushers: *Andy Olson*

Altar Guild: *Sharon Drews and Nim Traeger*

Greeters: *Pam Burdick, Stacey LaMere, Layne Streich, Helen Stoerzinger, Gwen Veldhuis*

Acolytes: *Isaac Koch and Beth Koch*

Projectionist: *Jean Peterson*

Livestream: *Jim Nicklas*

COMING UP AT TLO — August 30, 2026 — September 7, 2026		
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST		
Sun	9:00*am	Worship with farewell and Godspeed to Rev. James Kroonblawd
	after worship	Celebration of Pastor Kroonblawd's retirement
	12:30pm	Peniel Evangelical Church
Tue	10:30am	TLO leads worship at Lexington Pointe Senior Living
	4:00pm	Privileged to Pray
	7:00pm	Board of Trustees
Wed	6:30am	Men's Bible study
	3:45pm	TLO Forest Clean Up
	6:00pm	Board of Elder Meeting
Thur	6:00pm	Peniel
Fri		No school; church office open
	1:00pm	Peniel events
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST		
Sun	9:00*am	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15am	Adult Bible class
	12:30pm	Peniel Evangelical Church
Mon		Labor Day; no school; church office closed
*worship online at www.trinityloneoak.org		



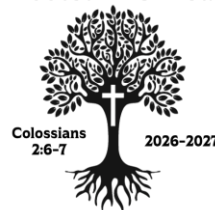
Vacancy Pastor Update

TLO's Board of Elders would like to inform the congregation that Pastor Robert Burmeister will serve as vacancy pastor at TLO; his official start date is to be determined. In the meantime, Pastor Burmeister will serve as a guest pastor until final details are in place. We feel very blessed that Pastor Burmeister has agreed to serve in this role at TLO.

TLO School's 2026-2027 Theme – Rooted in Christ!

Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran School opened its 143rd school year August 26. With Christ at the center of our lives, He is at the center of the tree. A tree with many roots is a strong picture of how deep faith helps students grow strong, stand together, support each other, and spread the Word of Jesus all around. We are excited to see our faith grow this year and strengthen our Roots in Christ. We welcome your prayers and appreciate your partnership as we teach Christ to our students.

Rooted in Christ!



WHO? Students in Grades 8-12

WHAT? TLO Youth Group Fall Kick-off - gather for an evening that includes music, games, Bible study and small group discussion.

WHEN & WHERE? Sunday, September 13, 6:30-8:00pm at TLO

WHY? Come Hang Out. Ask Questions. Explore Faith...Invite a Friend!



Prayer Ministry at TLO

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](tel: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 to learn more.
- **Women of the Word (WoW)** seasons their Bible study sessions with a generous amount of prayer. Beginning September 11, 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 and Laura Fuehrer lead this group; moms are invited to join us!
- **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*



Amnion--Ultrasound Models Needed

September 14-17 and September 22-25 | 9am-3:30pm

Amnion is looking for pregnant women (those 20 weeks and under gestation) to receive an ultrasound for our nurse ultrasound training. To schedule text Emma: 612-747-2267 or emma@amnioncares.com. Models receive ultrasound photos and a gift card. Families welcome! Thank you!

WEEKLY DEPOSITS: August 23, 2026

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering - supporting staff and operations	\$	6,210.76
(Our offering budget is \$10,690 per week)			
	Building Reserve Fund - supporting monthly mortgage payments	\$	500.00
(Our offering budget is \$675 for per week)			
	Tuition	\$	15,467.69
	1883 School Annual Fund - supporting TLO School	\$	105.00
	Church and school fees	\$	359.55
	Subtotal General Fund Income	\$	22,643.00
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2 - Yesterday, Today, Forever 2 initiative	\$	225.00
	Acorn Scholarship Fund	\$	25.00
	General support of Rev. Tom Park in Taiwan	\$	75.00
	Sunday school support of Rev. Tom Park in Taiwan	\$	4.25
	Youth - Refresh the Room	\$	260.00
	Subtotal Special Fund Income	\$	589.25

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who gave to Refresh the Room! Your generosity is helping us create a welcoming, meaningful space where our youth can gather, build relationships, ask questions, grow in faith, and discover what it means to follow Jesus. Your generosity and partnership helped us reach our fundraising goal, and we are so grateful! Thank you for helping us refresh the room and invest in our youth!

TLO youth



Birthdays this week

Aug 30 Connie Kohn, Pastor Kroonblawd, Arlene Perron
Aug 31 Rick Pieper
Sept 1 Aubre Niehaus
Sept 2 Brad Johnson, Rhea Kolb

Anniversaries this week

Sept 4 Kevin and Jeni Grimm

Remember in Prayer



Mission Field:

- Rev. Tom Park, Theological Educator in Taiwan is OUR missionary and requests prayers saying: “I am halfway through teaching the semester’s Greek class, in mandarin! I want to thank our God for the progress. Please pray for me to finish strong and help my student to enjoy learning God’s Word.

Those with Health Concerns:

- Austin, officer & friend of Bueckslers, for full healing
- Eddie Burdick, recovering from a stroke
- Bri Buecksler, recovering from surgery, with long recovery ahead
- Alice Dornseif, in transition care with much back pain
- John, grandfather of 2 TLO students, undergoing cancer treatment. The family requests continued prayers in this serious situation
- Tyler Keech, brother of 2 TLO students, hospitalized with live threatening cancer
- Betty Keller, mom of Kim Anderson, frail and in need of prayers
- Marilou Larson, close cousin of Alice Dornseif, whose liver transplant is complete; she asks for our continued prayers as she recovers
- Scott and his wife, Heidi, sister of Nancy Strand, as Scott has broken his hip
- Becky Tomek requests our prayers for healing on her leg
- Eddie Twait, Alice’s brother, fell and is in transitional care
- Karen Turnmire who broke two vertebrae in a fall; pray for healing and relief of pain
- Laverne Ziebell, father of Karen Turnmire, who as of this writing is in hospice and will meet Jesus soon.
- For TLO members and friends in need of our continued prayers:
Dixie Cliff + Larry Flannery + Gary Foley + Glenda Holz
Justin Kube + Joseph Labhart + Donine Leatherby + Renata Rahn
Jeff Schaaf + Karen Stohlberg + Char Timm

General and ongoing Prayers:

- For our President, Congress, Governor and all civil leaders in their pursuit of peace and unity; and for all judges and magistrates in their pursuit of justice with mercy.
- Vicar Ryan & Emily Kroonblawd - Ryan serves at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Lansing, MI until July 2027 & Emily is working at “The Brew” coffee shop as a barista. They appreciate knowing TLO congregation continues to support them not only financially, but with prayer as Ryan prepares for full-time pastoral ministry.

For those that mourn:

- Don Holz, age 93, baptized and confirmed at TLO and father of Lorrie Buecksler, passed away Thursday, August 13. Funeral service will be held at Trinity Lone Oak on Saturday, September 19 at 11:00am, with visitation 1 hour prior. A luncheon will be served after the service. Please keep Don's wife, Glenda, and all who loved Don in your prayers.



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.



Fall Worship Schedule Begins September 13

Beginning September 13, TLO will hold worship at 8am and 10:30am. Holy Communion is offered the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays.

Sunday School Begins September 13 | 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. Enroll today with forms in the church office or on our website.



Fall Picnic and Games September 13 | 11:30am

Join us for a Fall Picnic and Games on September 13! Hot dogs, chips and lemonade provided; bring salad, fresh fruit, or dessert to share. LOTS of family games will be set up for parents and kids to have fun together. All free. Come and enjoy!