



Grace Beyond Us

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**congregation stands*

AS WE GATHER

We can't figure God out. Mary and Joseph must have been completely confused about Jesus' desire to stay in the temple, but it was obvious to Him. There was a long list of blessings God was able to give to Solomon; fortunately, the king chose the right one. The Epistle tells us what God wants and what He has done for us, regardless of if we have understood His plan. He has chosen us, given us the Holy Spirit, and included us in a gracious inheritance. And it all revolves around our Savior—His birth, suffering, death, and resurrection. Jesus did all that was necessary for grace to be poured out on us, thanks be to God. It is all certainly beyond our understanding.

OPENING HYMN

TO YOUR TEMPLE LORD I COME

LSB 981, vs. 1–3, 7

1 To Your temple, Lord, I come,
For it is my worship home.
This earth has no better place,
Here I see my Savior's face.

3 While Your glorious praise is sung,
Touch my lips, unloose my tongue
That my joyful soul may bless
Christ the Lord, my righteousness.

2 I through Him am reconciled,
I through Him become Your child.
Abba, Father, give me grace
In Your courts Your love to trace.

7 From Your house when I return,
May my heart within me burn,
And at evening let me say,
"I have walked with God today."

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*INVOCATION

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

C **Amen.**

*PSALM

Psalm 119:97–104

P Oh how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day.

C **Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is ever with me.**

P I have more understanding than all my teachers,

C **for Your testimonies are my meditation.**

P I understand more than the aged,

C **for I keep Your precepts.**

P I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep Your word.

C **I do not turn aside from Your just decrees, for You have taught me.**

P How sweet are Your words to my taste,

C **sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

- P Through Your precepts I get understanding;
C **therefore I hate every false way.**

***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment.

For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

- 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.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

REJOICE, REJOICE THIS HAPPY MORN

LSB 391

***KYRIE**

- P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**

- P For the peace from the Word becoming flesh, dwelling among us, and revealing this glory to us, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**

- P For the peace of the whole world, uniting to laud our God with an uplifting song of praise, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**

- P For this holy house, rejoicing to realize that God's understanding is beyond measure, 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

- P Let us pray.
Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word.
- C **Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives;**
- P through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Kings 3:4–15

⁴ The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?"

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

¹⁵And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

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

GRADUAL

Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a

- A To us a child is born, to us a son is given;
C **and the government shall be upon His shoulder.**
- A And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
C **Mighty God,**
- A Everlasting Father,
C **Prince of Peace.**

ASing to the LORD a new song,
C **for He has done marvelous things!**

EPISTLE

Ephesians 1:3–14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*VERSE

Luke 2:40

P Alleluia.
C **The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon Him.**
P Alleluia.

*HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:40–52

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.
C **Glorify to You, O Lord.**

⁴⁰The child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

⁴¹Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." ⁴⁹And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying

that he spoke to them. ⁵¹And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON HYMN

WITHIN THE FATHER'S HOUSE

LSB 410

SERMON

GRACE BEYOND US

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

*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After our petitions:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

OFFERING

Please complete a worship attendance card and place in the plate as it passes. 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** — *Sung; tune on 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** — *See inside back cover of the hymnal or projection screens*

***PAX DOMINI**

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

***AGNUS DEI** — *Sung; tune on 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	AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD	LSB 397
HYMN	LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES	LSB 341, vs. 1, 2, 5

***NUNC DIMITTIS** — *Sung; tune on LSB 211*

***POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

- P Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift,
C **and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another;**
- P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **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	GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN	LSB 388
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Serving Our Lord

		Sunday, January 4, 2026	Sunday, January 11, 2026
Musician		Diane Streich	Diane Streich
Cantor		Dave Workman	Andy Koch
Altar Guild		Connie Kohn	Connie Kohn
Elder(s)	8am	Sam Erdman and Andy Olson	Bill Breitinger
	10:30am	Matthew Berg and Ben Swenson	Kurt Vallin
Reader	8am	Andy Olson	Rob Orr
	10:30am	Matthew Berg	Kurt Vallin
Usher Team	8am	Brian Nack	Layne Streich
	10:30am	Terry Stoerzinger	Ben Swenson
Greeter(s)	8am	Pam Burdick	Open
	10:30am	Open	Open
Acolyte	8am	Isaac Koch and Beth Koch	Mason Kolb and Sophia Orr
	10:30am	Joshua Jebin and Sabontu Benya	Dana Vallin and Henley Starksen
Projection	8am	Jean Peterson	Don Lee
	10:30am	Sebastian Ness	Sebastian Ness
Live Stream	8am	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas
Coffee Hour	9:15am	Open	Open



Church Un-Decorating

This Thursday, January 8 | 6:00pm

Come help un-decorate the church next week. A chili supper and good camaraderie are guaranteed! No RSVP necessary; just come with a cheerful heart!



New Bible Study Begins January 9

Women of the Word (WOW) Bible Study

most Fridays | 9:00am | TLO Conference Room

“LifeLight: Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians”

St. Paul calls Christ-followers to action! In Paul's letter to God's people at Thessalonica, he encourages their faith and strengthens their hope. Jesus Christ is coming back soon! How should we live in these last days before He returns? Any women are welcome to join us for prayer, Bible study, and fellowship.

COMING UP AT TLO — January 4, 2026 — January 11, 2026		
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS		
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
Thur	9:00am	Rotating Circuit Pastors' meeting at TLO
	6:00pm	Church UN-decorating
	6:00pm	Peniel event
Fri	9:00am	Women of the Word (WoW) Bible study
Sat	9:00am	GodConnects - 1 of 3
	1:00pm	Peniel events
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS		
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		



Birthdays this week

Jan 5 Ayantu Benya
 Jan 6 Gladys Motz, Tyler Nadeau, Matt Weierke
 Jan 8 Greg Zinnel
 Jan 9 Steve Barnes, Xander Estrada
 Jan 10 Donine Leatherby

Anniversaries this week

Jan 8 Tim and Julie Morris

WEEKLY DEPOSITS: December 28, 2025

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering - supporting staff and operations	\$	35,603.40
	(Our offering budget is \$10,475 per week)		
	Building Reserve Fund - supporting monthly mortgage payments	\$	1,067.00
	(Our offering budget is \$675 for per week)		
	Tuition	\$	6,254.26
	1883 School Annual Fund - supporting TLO School	\$	30.00
	Annual Appeal to 1883 School Annual Fund	\$	670.00
	Gala 2025	\$	1,750.00
	Church and school fees	\$	5,988.67
	Subtotal General Fund Income	\$	51,363.33
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2 - Yesterday, Today, Forever 2 initiative	\$	150.30
	Acorn Scholarship Fund	\$	25.00
	General support of Rev. Tom Park in Taiwan	\$	75.00
	Subtotal Special Fund Income	\$	250.30

Fiscal Year To Date as of December 28, 2025

Current and Mission:			
	YTD Budgeted Giving (\$10,475.00 per week for 26 weeks)	\$	272,350.00
	YTD Actual Giving	\$	273,635.68
	YTD Difference	\$	1,285.68
Building Reserve Fund			
	YTD Budgeted Giving (\$675.00 per week for 26 weeks)	\$	17,550.00
	YTD Actual Giving	\$	16,738.00
	YTD Difference	\$	-812.00



Stewardship verse:

Whoever gives to the poor will not want,
But he who hides his eyes will get many a curse. **Proverbs 28:27**



GODCONNECTS Faith Formation Class

Saturdays, January 10, 17, 24 | 9:00am-12noon

TLO offers classes that explain God's work of salvation in a concise manner. This series is ideal for those with questions about sin, judgment, redemption, Jesus, the believer's life, and more. Maybe you know someone that you can invite to take this course with you. Sign up on our website or contact the church office for more information.

Remember in Prayer



Mission Field:

- Rev. Tom Park, our LCMS missionary in Taiwan, will celebrate his birthday January 12. Please pray for him as God leads you and feel free to send him birthday greetings at tom.park@lcms.org

Those with Health Concerns:

- Brianna Buecksler, recovering from surgery; www.mealtrain.com/trains/vd73dz
- Eddie Burdick
- Dixie Cliff
- Larry Flannery, pray for strength and continued healing.
- Gary Foley, facing medical issues, prayers for strength, wisdom, and guidance
- David Frick, continued prayers to regain strength
- John, grandfather of 2 TLO students, prayers for his upcoming surgery, ability to make informed decisions and progress with his cancer treatment
- Lisa Groenendyk, Marsha Workman's sister in law, is in an acute rehab center recovering from bacterial meningitis. Open heart surgery is scheduled for January 26 if she is well enough for surgery.
- Don Holz, father of Lorrie Buecksler, strength and healing from (second) surgery
- Tyler Keech, brother of 2 TLO students, diagnosed with a massive osteosarcoma
- Justin Kube, nephew of Ken and Marla, recovering after a serious fall
- Joseph Labhart (Flannery's grandson) ongoing health concerns
- Marilou Larson, close cousin of Alice Dornseif, needing a "live liver" transplant
- Mary Ann Nagengast facing medical issues
- Renata Rahn, strength for each day
- Lois Sell, transferred to Augustana Health Care Center, Hastings.
- Gia Watters, grand-niece of Alice, who suffered a severe concussion
- For TLO members and friends in care facilities or homebound
 - Glenda Holz + Donine Leatherby + Jeff Schaaf + Karen Stohlberg
 - Char Timm + Laverne Ziebell

General and ongoing Prayers:

- For our nation: That we may enjoy the gift of good government, wise and faithful leaders, and peace among the nations
- Ryan Kroonblawd - Seminarian - Classes began on Oct. 21 at Lutherische Theologische Hochschule in Oberursel, Germany. Pray for Ryan to fully comprehend the lectures and assignments he will be receiving in German through 2 semesters of studies. His wife, Emily, will be working on campus in various capacities.

Our Weekly Memory Verse:

- The steps of a man are established by the Lord, when he delights in his way; though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong, for the Lord upholds his hand. **Psalms 37:23-24**



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%.



Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran School

Open House

January 15th, 2026 4:00pm – 6:00pm

2950 Hwy 55, Eagan MN 55121



Open to all prospective families and community members.
Find out what makes TLO a great Lutheran School for students in PreK-8th Grade.

TLO School Hosts Open House **Thursday, January 15 | 4:00-6:00pm**

Please join us for an Open House to learn more about the exciting and amazing benefits that Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran School has to offer. Invite a friend to attend with you. Hope to see you there!



SPAGHETTI DINNER

Sunday, January 25 | 11:30 am

Please join us for a spaghetti dinner following 2nd service Sunday, January 25th.

All proceeds to benefit the TLO school students.



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