



It's a Journey

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**congregation stands*

AS WE GATHER

On the surface, the parable of the laborers in the vineyard seems wrong. Shouldn't the worker receive the wages he or she deserves for his or her time and labor? It offends our sense of fair play that one who worked less should receive the same as one who worked more. If you only focus on the perspective of the laborer, that might seem true, but if you focus on the generosity of the vineyard owner, you get a very different perspective. God's mercy is not the reward for our labor but a pure gift of grace given to those who deserve none of His kindness. When you begin to look at this parable from that perspective, God's abundant generosity becomes clear. The Lord does what none of us would do—forgives all our sins, no matter how great, and bestows upon us the mercy and salvation we did nothing to earn and could never deserve. How can anyone begrudge Him such generosity?

OPENING HYMN**SEEK WHERE YOU MAY FIND A WAY****LSB 557*****INVOCATION**

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

***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P Almighty God,
C **Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, and judge of all people, we confess to You that we have sinned. We have turned away from one another in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You desire. We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins. Because of the obedience of our Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, forgiving us all that is past and granting us the Holy Spirit to guide us into the future.**
- P God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent. The Lord keep you in His grace and favor and bring you to everlasting life. 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 He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
C **Amen.**

***KYRIE - Sung - LSB 186**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55:6–9

⁶“Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
⁷let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.
⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

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

EPISTLE

Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel,
¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . .
¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.
²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Mrs. Stephanie Vallin

*HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1–16

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

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

¹[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?' ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN

HOW WIDE THE LOVE OF CHRIST

LSB 535

SERMON

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Matthew 20:1-16

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

***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 Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

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* - *LSB 195*

***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 - Sung - LSB 198**

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	I WALK IN DANGER ALL THE WAY	LSB 716
HYMN	HERE, O MY LORD, I SEE THEE FACE TO FACE	LSB 631

***POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING HYMN	LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS	LSB 738
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Serving our Lord

		September 20, 2026	September 27, 2026
Musician		Merlin Simon	Diane Streich
Cantor		Open	Open
Altar Guild		Linnea and Al Raveling	Linnea and Al Raveling
Children's		Stephanie Vallin	Matthew Boll
Elder	8am	Bill Breitingner and Jim Kohn	Daryl Buecksler
	10:30am	Ben Swenson and Kevin Olander	Kevin Olander
Reader	8am	Jim Kohn	Matthew Boll
	10:30am	Keith Prusak	School Staff
Usher Team	8am	Layne Streich	Gary Sheets
	10:30am	Terry Stoerzinger	Ben Swenson
Acolyte(s)	8am	Mason Kolb	Open
	10:30am	Ian Olander	Open
Projectionist	8am	Don Lee	Matthew Boll
	10:30am	Open	Open
Live Stream	8am	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas
Coffee Hour	9:15am	LWML	Open



Welcome, Guest Pastor Tom Ries

Rev. Dr. Thomas Ries is a 1980 graduate of Concordia Seminary St. Louis. During his forty-year ministry, he pastored several congregations in Minnesota, was president of the LCMS Foundation in St. Louis, and served in various capacities at Concordia University St. Paul, where he retired as president. Tom and his wife Susie have been married forty-six years and have three daughters and ten grandchildren.



Welcome, Mrs. Kelli Schield

Mrs. Kelli Schield is welcomed warmly into our congregation this morning. TLO's grade 3 teacher, Mr. Dan Schield and Kelli were married this summer. A cake/fruit reception is held in Kelli's honor today at 9:15am. Please introduce yourself to Kelli at your nearest convenience.



Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran Church
Voters' Meeting Agenda
September 27, 2026 | 11:45am | TLO Gym
Light lunch served



Call to Order

Open Meeting with Prayer

Review and Approve Voters' Meeting Minutes from May 17, 2026, June 7, 2026 and June 28, 2026.

Board and Officer Reports

Written reports will be available on Sunday, September 27th in the gym.

Please review the reports and ask questions at the meeting.

Pastor's Report	Principal's Report	Board of Christian Education
Board of Elders	Board of Endowment	Board of Christian Outreach
Board of Trustees	Board of Stewardship	Board of Youth Ministry
Finance Secretary	Treasurer	Board of Social Ministry
		President

Old Business

- No old business

New Business

- Information Update: HVAC for lower-level classrooms
- TLO Cash Flow Shortage

Board and Officer Nominations and Elections

- Board of Christian Education – Andrew Brinkman and Kevin Steggall

New Members signing of Constitution

Motion to adjourn

Close with prayer

Mark your calendar for future Voters' Meeting!

- November 8 at 11:45am

COMING UP AT TLO — September 20, 2026 — September 27, 2026		
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST		
Sun	8:00*am	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15am	Sunday school and New Member Reception & Adult Bible class
	10:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
	12:30pm	Peniel Evangelical Church
Mon	6:30pm	Trail Life Troop 2950 Meeting and Open House
Wed	6:30am	Men's Bible study
Thur	6:00pm	Peniel
Fri	9:00am	WoW Bible study
Sat	9:00am	Women's Bible study
	2:00pm	Peniel events
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST		
Sun	8:00*am	Worship
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages
	10:30am	Worship and Preschool - Grade 8 sing
	12:30pm	Peniel Evangelical Church
*worship online at www.trinityloneoak.org		



Birthdays this week

Sept 20 Liz Flannery, Cindy Rahn, Jill Shockley
 Sept 21 Evelyn Sattler, Erin Turnmire
 Sept 22 Linda Flannery
 Sept 23 Rachel Volkert
 Sept 25 Emily Carlson, Jack Grimm



Acolyte Training

All grade 5-8 students are welcome to acolyte in worship. Andy Olson provides two training dates to choose from: November 1 and November 8 at 9:15am in the sanctuary. Come offer your service!



Greeters

Greeters set a friendly tone as visitors and members walk into our building. Greeters are welcome to serve as often as they like. If you would like to be a greeter, please speak with Pam Burdick to get started.

WEEKLY DEPOSITS: September 13, 2026

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering - supporting staff and operations	\$	12,762.29
	(Our offering budget is \$10,690 per week)		
	Building Reserve Fund - supporting monthly mortgage payments	\$	185.00
	(Our offering budget is \$675 for per week)		
	Tuition	\$	17,618.07
	1883 School Annual Fund - supporting TLO School	\$	205.00
	Church and school fees	\$	2,633.40
	Subtotal General Fund Income	\$	33,403.76
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2 - Yesterday, Today, Forever 2 initiative	\$	125.00
	Acorn Scholarship Fund	\$	225.00
	General support of Rev. Tom Park in Taiwan	\$	25.00
	Tri-1 chapel offerings in support of Rev. Tom Park in Taiwan	\$	67.38
	Young Investors stamps through Lutheran Church Extension Fund	\$	354.00
	Subtotal Special Fund Income	\$	796.38

Ways to give to Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran Church and School



Online

Visit trinityloneoak.org/giving and click **Give Now** to set up a one-time or recurring donation, or to make a payment.



QR CODE

Scan the QR code to visit our online giving page.



In Person

Whether it's cash or check, we appreciate your kindness. Please place your donations in the offering plate as it's passed.

Thank you!

Remember in Prayer



Mission Field:

- Rev. Tom Park, Theological Educator in Taiwan is OUR missionary and requests prayers for his mother to find a new place to live and for the move to go smoothly.

Those with Health Concerns:

- Austin, officer & friend of Bueckslers, for full healing
- Bri Buecksler, recovering from surgery, with long recovery ahead
- Dixie Cliff, in hospice
- Alice Dornseif, in transition care with much back pain
- John, grandfather of 2 TLO students, undergoing cancer treatment.
- Jen Keech, mother of 2 TLO students, diagnosed with cancer this week
- Tyler Keech, brother of 2 TLO students, hospitalized with life threatening cancer
- Betty Keller, mom of Kim Anderson, frail and in need of prayers
- Marilou Larson, close cousin of Alice Dornseif, asks for our continued prayers
- Scott and his wife, Heidi, sister of Nancy Strand, as Scott has broken his hip
- Myron Simon, brother of Merlin, prayers for peace in his illness
- Merlin Simon's great-nephew, Dalton, having brain surgery September 23
- Char Timm has moved to memory care. Her new address for visits and letters:
Heritage of Edina, 3456 Heritage Dr., Tiffany #42, Edina, MN 55435
- 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
- For TLO members and friends in need of our continued prayers:

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 nation: Deliver us, O Lord, from the burden of those who would lead us without the wisdom and counsel of Your Word and give to us in this land and throughout the world leaders who will act with integrity and justice to all. Bring peace to the troubled regions of our world and help us to work together for the common good.
- 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.



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%.



Trail Life Troop 2950 Open House - Monday, September 21, 6:30pm

He wants you to see the fort. Throw the ball. Fix the bike. Look at the frog. Sit beside him. *It goes fast.* The boy who wants you beside him won't always be a boy. Someday he'll have his own places to go, his own adventures to take, his own life to build. Friends will get louder; screens and influencers will be eager to capture his attention; other voices will be scrambling to tell him what being a man looks like. Trail Life helps shape boys into Godly men, and TLO's Troop 2950 is holding an open house at Trinity Lone Oak Monday, September 21 at 6:30pm. Attend the Open House to learn more.



This Week's Principal's Message

When the book of Hebrews was written, swords were very commonly used by soldiers. And a good soldier always kept his sword VERY sharp! The author of Hebrews tells us that "the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires."

Maybe, instead of thinking of God's Word as a sword, it might be more helpful to think of it as a scalpel. A scalpel is a very sharp instrument used by doctors, often to cut out something bad from the body. When we listen, really listen to God's Word, it's like He is doing surgery on us.

- He's helping us to see the sin we have so that it can be cut out.
- And God is working to heal and restore us by His Word.
- When we hear God's Word of forgiveness our sins are forgiven and we receive healing.
- When we hear the Good News of Jesus, we receive peace with God.

Let's give thanks to God for His Word through which God operates on us so that we can be made spiritually well. – Principal Stacey LaMere