



## Following in Humility

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*\*congregation stands*

## AS WE GATHER

Entering the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, the traditional site of the birth of Jesus, is one of the most memorable experiences for any Christian pilgrim visiting the Holy Land. First constructed at the commission of Roman Emperor Constantine the Great in AD 326, the church is on the oldest site continually used for worship by Christians anywhere in the world. Although the basilica initially had a grand arched entrance in its first thousand years, it came into a period of disuse and neglect after the conquest of the Holy Land by the Islamic rulers of the Ottoman Empire in AD 1516. In an effort to prevent people from entering the church with horses and cattle, the Christians caring for the building at that time walled up the main entrance, leaving only a very small door. This opening has ever since been known as the "Door of Humility." It makes a most fitting way for those who come to worship at the site of the manger of the Christ Child to enter that sacred space. Where we worship here and now is also a sacred space. Although we may not have needed to bow down to enter the front door today, bringing an attitude of humility to our worship of our gracious Lord is truly fitting for us.

## OPENING HYMN

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine  
O what a foretaste of glory divine  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long  
This is my story, this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long

## BLESSED ASSURANCE

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight!  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending, bring from above  
Echos of mercy, whispers of love.  
Refrain

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest  
I in my Savior am happy and blessed  
Watching and waiting, looking above  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.  
Refrain

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## \*INVOCATION

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

## \*OPENING SENTENCES

*Psalms 149:1-4*

P Praise the LORD! Sing to the Lord a new song,  
C **His praise in the assembly of the godly!**

P Let Israel be glad in his Maker;  
C **let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!**

P Let them praise His name with dancing, making melody to Him with tambourine and lyre!  
C **For the LORD takes pleasure in His people; He adorns the humble with salvation.**

## **\*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins. The section on confession in Luther's catechism instructs us with these words: "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." 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 sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all of 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 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.**

## **\*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**

P Let us pray.

O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid

ungodly pride; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Proverbs 25:2–10*

<sup>2</sup>It is the glory of God to conceal things,  
but the glory of kings is to search things out.  
<sup>3</sup>As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth,  
so the heart of kings is unsearchable.  
<sup>4</sup>Take away the dross from the silver,  
and the smith has material for a vessel;  
<sup>5</sup>take away the wicked from the presence of the king,  
and his throne will be established in righteousness.  
<sup>6</sup>Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence  
or stand in the place of the great,  
<sup>7</sup>for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"  
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.  
What your eyes have seen  
<sup>8</sup>do not hastily bring into court,  
for what will you do in the end,  
when your neighbor puts you to shame?  
<sup>9</sup>Argue your case with your neighbor himself,  
and do not reveal another's secret,  
<sup>10</sup>lest he who hears you bring shame upon you,  
and your ill repute have no end.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 131

*Psalm 131*

A O LORD, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high;  
C **I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.**

A But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child is my soul within me.

C **O Israel, hope in the LORD from this time forth and forevermore.**

**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.**

## EPISTLE

*Hebrews 13:1–17*

<sup>1</sup>Let brotherly love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. <sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and

those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. <sup>5</sup>Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." <sup>6</sup>So we can confidently say,

"The Lord is my helper;  
I will not fear;  
what can man do to me?"

<sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>9</sup>Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. <sup>10</sup>We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. <sup>11</sup>For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. <sup>12</sup>So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. <sup>13</sup>Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. <sup>14</sup>For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. <sup>15</sup>Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

<sup>17</sup>Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### \*VERSE

*Luke 14:11*

C **Alleluia. Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted. Alleluia.**

### \*HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 14:1–14*

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

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

<sup>1</sup>One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. <sup>3</sup>And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" <sup>4</sup>But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. <sup>5</sup>And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" <sup>6</sup>And they could not reply to these things.

<sup>7</sup>Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, <sup>8</sup>"When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of

honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, <sup>9</sup>and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. <sup>11</sup>For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

<sup>12</sup>He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup>and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON HYMN

## STAND UP, STAND UP FOR JESUS

LSB 660

## SERMON

## FOLLOWING IN HUMILITY

**\*NICENE CREED**-*See projection or inside back cover of the hymnal*

## \*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After our petitions:

P let us pray:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P With thanks for the faithful examples set by those whose earthly journeys are complete and whose witness to Christ still inspires us, and also for this holy assembly here and now, that sealed with the promised Spirit, we may witness to the fullness of God's love, let us pray:

C **Be merciful, Lord God, and hear our prayers; grant Your Holy Spirit to plead for us and guide Your church into all truth and holiness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

## 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

## \*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, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**-*See projection or inside back cover of the hymnal*

## **\*PAX DOMINI**

**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.

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

## **HIS BANNER OVER ME IS LOVE**

vs. 1-4

1 I'm feasting at His banqueting table;  
His banner over me is love,  
I'm feasting at His banqueting table;  
His banner over me is love;  
I'm feasting at His banqueting table;  
His banner over me is love,  
His banner over me is love.

3 He is the vine and we are the branches  
His banner over me is love,  
He is the vine and we are the branches  
His banner over me is love,  
He is the vine and we are the branches  
His banner over me is love,  
His banner over me is love.

2 He placed my feet on the firm foundation;  
His banner over me is love,  
He placed my feet on the firm foundation;  
His banner over me is love;  
He placed my feet on the firm foundation;  
His banner over me is love,  
His banner over me is love.

4 I am my beloved's and He is mine  
His banner over me is love,  
I am my beloved's and He is mine  
His banner over me is love,  
I am my beloved's and He is mine  
His banner over me is love,  
His banner over me is love.

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## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

## **GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS**

**LSB 809**

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

## **TO GOD BE THE GLORY**

1 To God be the glory, great things He has done,  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son.  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

### **Refrain**

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He has done!

- 2 To God be the glory, great mercy He's shown:  
He saved us and cleansed us and made us His own;  
Renewed by the Spirit, reborn from above,  
That we might be justified by His rich love! Refrain
- 3 To God be the glory, His Word is great truth,  
Instructing and guiding since days of our youth:  
The Law to reprove, to correct, and to train;  
The Gospel to comfort, to heal and sustain. Refrain
- 4 To God be the glory, His greatness divine  
Now offers forgiveness with bread and with wine,  
And fed by His body and blood in this place,  
We taste and we see the Lord's wonderful grace! Refrain
- 5 To God be the glory, great things He has done,  
Our lives have been touched by the light of His Son—  
Called out of the darkness of death and despair;  
Made priests in His kingdom, His deeds to declare.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!  
Sing praise to the Father, sing praise to the Son,  
Sing praise to the Spirit—our God, Three in One!

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## **\*POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

### **\*BENEDICTION**

#### **HYMN TO DEPART**

- 1 I love to tell the story  
Of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and His glory,  
Of Jesus and His love.  
I love to tell the story,  
Because I know it's true;  
It satisfies my longings  
As nothing else would do.

ref I love to tell the story;  
'Twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story  
Of Jesus and His love.

#### **I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY**

- 2 I love to tell the story,  
For those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting  
To hear it like the rest.  
And when in scenes of glory  
I sing the new, new song,  
'Twill be the old, old story  
That I have loved so long.

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Serving Our Lord

		August 31, 2025	September 7, 2025
Musician		Marsha Workman	Diane Streich
Cantor		Dave Workman	Andy Koch
Altar Guild		Sharon Drews	
Elder	8am	Bill Breitingner and Andy Olson	Open
	10:30am		Open
Reader	8am	Andy Olson	Matthew Boll
	10:30am		Open
Usher Team	8am	Andy Olson	Sam Erdman
	10:30am		Ben Swenson
Greeter(s)	8am	Open	Open
	10:30am		Helen Stoerzinger
Acolyte(s)	8am	Lillian Olander and Ian Olander	Open
	10:30am		Ethan Swenson
Projectionist	8am	Jean Peterson	Matthew Boll
	10:30am		Swenson family
Live Stream	8am	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas
Coffee Hour	9:15am	Irma Bjork and Irlene Schuster	Open



Bible studies, Sunday school, Fall picnic, and more!

Trinity Lone Oak Church is dedicated in all that we do to provide an atmosphere where people can grow closer to God and to each other. We truly desire to meet your needs. Take a look in the narthex or our website [trinityloneoak.org](http://trinityloneoak.org) to learn about our Sunday school, Adult Bible classes, Fall picnic, Trail Life Open House and more! Remember, beginning next Sunday, September 7, TLO holds worship at 8:00am and 10:30am.



Birthdays this week

- Aug 31Rick Pieper
- Sept. 1Aubre Niehaus
- Sept. 2Brad Johnson, Rhea Kolb
- Sept. 6Jenipher Cahn, Hugo Leinonen, Quinn Leinonen, Robert Wills

Anniversaries this week

- Sept 4Kevin and Jeni Grimm

COMING UP AT TLO — August 31, 2025 — September 7, 2025		
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST		
Sun	9:00*am	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15am	Pastor's Bible class on prayer in gymnasium
	12:30pm	Peniel Evangelical Church
Mon		Labor Day - no school, church office closed
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	6:00pm	Peniel event
Fri	7:00pm	Truth Rising - you are invited!
Sat	10:00am	Encore Car Wash - your car is invited!
	2:00pm	Peniel events
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST		
Sun	8:00*am	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15am	Family Education Hour - learning for everyone in the family!
	10:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
	11:30am	Picnic and family games – fun for all!
	12:30pm	Peniel Evangelical Church
*worship online at <a href="http://www.trinityloneoak.org">www.trinityloneoak.org</a>		



## WEEKLY DEPOSITS: August 24, 2025

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering - supporting staff and operations	\$	9,851.60
	(Our offering budget is \$10,475 per week)		
	Building Reserve Fund - supporting monthly mortgage payments	\$	1,525.00
	(Our offering budget is \$675 for per week)		
	Tuition	\$	8,212.00
	1883 School Annual Fund - supporting TLO School	\$	241.00
	Church and school fees	\$	2,014.09
	<b>Subtotal General Fund Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>21,843.69</b>
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2 - Yesterday, Today, Forever 2 initiative	\$	125.00
	Acorn Scholarship Fund	\$	25.00
	General support of Rev. Tom Park in Taiwan	\$	25.00
	Sunday school support of Rev. Tom Park in Taiwan	\$	1.20
	<b>Subtotal Special Fund Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>176.20</b>

## Remember in Prayer



### Trinity Lone Oak School:

- For students new to TLO school as they settle into a new routine

### Mission Field:

- Rev. Tom Park, Theological Educator in Taiwan is OUR missionary and requests prayers for LCMS Asian Region as they seek a new Regional Director

### Those with Health Concerns:

- Eddie Burdick
- Pam Burdick still hospitalized as of this writing
- Dixie Cliff
- Larry Flannery, remaining in the VA hospital, for strength and healing
- David Frick, recovering from rotator cuff surgery that was more extensive than expected
- Dennis Grover, brother-in-law of Alice, for God's plan revealed, strength to tolerate pain
- Johnathan, nephew of Preschool Teacher MaryAnn Nagengast, finishing 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
- Renata Rahn, strength for each day
- 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



Congratulations to Matthew & Elizabeth Berg on the birth of Peter Matthew Berg!

Peter was born on Friday, August 8, weighing 6lbs. 6oz. and 19 1/4 in. long.

*"Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord. . ." - Psalm 127:3a*



### Our Weekly Memory Verse:

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God;

I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. **Isaiah 41:10**



**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%.



**Truth Rising from Focus on the Family**

**This Friday, September 5**

**7:00-9:00pm**

**Led by Jim Kohn, drinks and snacks will be provided in the TLO Conference Room**

*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.

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