



Energizing Encouragement

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AS WE GATHER

Among the flags of the fifty states of the United States, one of the most distinctive is the flag of Rhode Island. It is a simple design featuring a golden anchor on a field of white, surrounded by thirteen golden stars which commemorate the fact that Rhode Island was the thirteenth of the original colonies to become a state officially. There is just one word on the flag: hope. The likely inspiration for the inclusion of this word is from Hebrews: "We who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul" (Hebrews 6:18–19). The founders of the colony of Rhode Island were hopeful of finding a place of refuge to express their Christian faith freely in their times. In our time, we also are people of Christian hope, as well as people abiding in faith who are given to charity in Christ's name.

OPENING HYMN

BLESSED JESUS, AT YOUR WORD

LSB 904

***INVOCATION**

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

***OPENING SENTENCES**

Psalm 68:1, 3, 19–20, 34–35

- P God shall arise, His enemies shall be scattered; and those who hate Him shall flee before Him!
C **But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy!**

- P Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation.
C **Our God is a God of salvation, and to God, the Lord, belong deliverances from death.**

- P Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies.
C **Awesome is God from His sanctuary; the God of Israel—He is the one who gives power and strength to His people. Blessed be God!**

***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and ask His gracious forgiveness.
- C **We now confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and before one another, that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have not always put God first and have too much followed the desires of our own hearts. We have used His holy name in ways that do not honor Him. We have been careless in our devotion and have not always honored those in authority over us. We have done violence to others in word and deed and have not always kept our thoughts, words, and deeds pure and honorable. We have taken what is not ours and have spoken that which is not helpful or true. We have wished for that which is not rightfully ours and have not put the best construction on all things and on all people. We pray God to have mercy on us, to forgive us all our sins, and to bring us to everlasting life. Amen.**

- P Spare them, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared in Jesus Christ, our Lord. The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

*KYRIE

LSB 152

- 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 READING

Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²“What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge?’ ³As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. . . .

²⁵“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life.

²⁸Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

³⁰“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

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

EPISTLE

Philippians 2:1–4, 14–18

¹If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. . . .

¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or questioning, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23–32

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

²⁸"What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went. ³⁰And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

***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.

SERMON HYMN

O GOD, MY FAITHFUL GOD

LSB 696, vs. 1–4

SERMON

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**

LSB 161

- C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

***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.**

***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**

***AGNUS DEI**

LSB 163

- C **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

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 LORD, WHOSE LOVE THROUGH HUMBLE SERVICE LSB 848
HYMN GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS LSB 809

***NUNC DIMITTIS** *LSB 165*

**☑ Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.
 My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:
 A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.
 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.**

***POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

***BENEDICTION**

HYMN SAVIOR, AGAIN TO THY DEAR NAME WE RAISE LSB 917 vs. 1, 2, 4

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Serving Our Lord

		October 1, 2023	October 8, 2023
Musician		Lynn Kroonblawd/Marsha Workman	Diane Streich
Cantor		Andy Koch	Dave Workman
Altar Guild		Jane Shull and Joanie Wachter	Jane Shull and Joanie Wachter
Elder	8am	Bill Breitingner	Jim Kohn
	10:30am	Sam Erdman	Kurt Vallin
Reader	8am	Rob Orr	Jim Kohn
	10:30am	Keith Prusak	Keith Prusak
Usher Team	8am	Sam Erdman	Brian Nack
	10:30am	Open	Terry Stoerzinger
Greeter(s)	8am	Open	Open
	10:30am	Open	Open
Acolyte(s)	8am	Open	Jacob Seeman
	10:30am	Sebastian Ness	Ethan Swenson and Dana Vallin
Projectionist	8am	Chris Martin	Matt Seeman
	10:30am	Jean Peterson	Ben Swenson
Live Stream	8am	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas
Coffee Hour	9:15am	Roxanne Foley	Open

COMING UP AT TLO — October 1, 2023— October 8, 2023

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sun	8:00*am	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages
	10:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
	12:30pm-	Peniel Evangelical Church activities
Mon	12:30pm	12 Baskets / KFC donation for Dept of Indian Work
	6:00pm	Privileged to Pray
	6:30pm	Trail Life Troop 2950
Tue	10:30am	TLO leads worship at Lexington Pointe Senior Living
	4:00pm	Board of Stewardship
	7:00pm	Board of Elders
		Board of Trustees
Wed	6:30am	Men's Bible study
	4:00pm	Midweek Confirmation class
Fri	9:00am	Women of the Word (WoW) Bible study
Sat	9:00am	Women's Bible study
	3:00-7:00pm	Peniel Evangelical Church activities

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*worship online at www.trinityloneoak.org



TLO Tiger-Thon- October 14

The TLO School Tiger-Thon is **Saturday, October 14** here at TLO from 10 am to noon. TLO students and their families, along with teachers and staff, will be walking the school trail to help raise money for special items (to be announced soon), as well as ongoing projects and events organized by our school's Parent-Teacher-Congregation Organization (PTCO). Last year, our event was so successful that PTCO held a free family dance night AND special field trips were added! Support a student through October 14!





Registration open for our event!

January 20, 2023 | 9am–12noon

Greg and Susan Finke identify what Jesus shows us in the gospels to help parents *become more intentional and practical in raising Jesus-followers.*

- *What does it mean to “disciple” my own child?*
- *What are my parenting goals? Where do I want my child to end up?*
- *To lead my child there, how then shall I live?*

Children’s programming provided during the event means the entire family will find fun and purposeful learning January 20. Purchase a book (optional for the seminar) and preregister in the narthex today!



Operation Christmas Child

Lunch and shoebox packing event | November 12 | 11:30am

On October 8, bring small toys (cars, yo-yo, kazoo, bouncy ball—what can you think of?!!) to the bin in the narthex; we’ll store them here until our November 12 packing event. The cost to ship each box is \$9 so **donations towards this cost** are also needed. Need more information? Contact Mrs. Peterson in the church office.



Concordia Academy Homecoming

Celebrate "Beacon Power" at Concordia Academy's homecoming Friday night, October 6. Get all the details at www.concordiaacademy.com/homecoming.



Kitchen spruce up

Tue and Wed, October 10 and 11 | TLO Kitchen | 4:00-5:30pm each day

Can you spare some time to help get our kitchen sparkly clean before our 140th anniversary celebration on October 29? No RSVP necessary; just show up with a willing heart and hands.



October is Clergy Appreciation Month.

Don't let the month go by without showing your appreciation for your pastor and others in ministry!

WEEKLY DEPOSITS: September 24, 2023

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering	\$	7,138.97
	(Our offering budget is \$8,525 per week)		
	Building Reserve Fund	\$	425.15
	(Our offering budget is \$665 for per week)		
	1883 School Annual Fund	\$	304.02
	Tuition	\$	9,895.68
	Chapel	\$	84.79
	Trail Life Troop 2950	\$	210.30
	Church and school fees	\$	1,463.20
	Subtotal General Fund Income	\$	19,522.11
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2	\$	335.45
	Young Investors stamps through Lutheran Church Extension Fund	\$	229.00
	Subtotal Special Fund Income	\$	564.45

Ways to Give to TLO’s Ministry



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 pictured here.



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



Amnion Is Hiring

Are you interested in serving with a non-profit organization that promotes life beginning at conception? Three positions are presently open at Amnion Pregnancy Center in

Burnsville: Bookkeeper (Part-time), Bilingual-Spanish/English Advocate (Part-time) and Director of Operations (Full-time). Links to the job descriptions are located at helpofferhope.com



Remember in Prayer

Rich and Dixie Cliff

Ed Jones, father of David Jones and Julie Casby, for peace and comfort as he struggles with dementia
Joseph Labhart (Flannery's grandson) ongoing health concerns

Marilou Larson, close cousin of Alice Dornseif, with liver and spleen issues

Joyce (Kirchner) Moynihan, diagnosed with cancer

Ryan Kroonblawd - 1st year seminarian - Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO

Ian Olander, thanksgiving for good care and report. Keep updated at caringbridge.org/visit/iano

LeAnn Peterson, sister of Andrea Hinrichs, recovering from foot surgery and complications

Verna Ratzlaff recovering at Ebenezer, Burnsville

Erin Turnmire and Mason Jones in need of our prayers

Stuart Weierke

Laverne and Beverly Ziebell. Our prayers are needed as they navigate day-to-day living



Weekly Memory Verse

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.—Proverbs 22:6



Temporary mailing address for Verna Ratzlaff:
Ebenezer Ridges Care Center
Verna Ratzlaff—TCU 102
13820 Community Drive
Burnsville MN 55337



Privileged to Pray

Monday, October 2 | 6:00pm | Peterson's

Come for a powerful hour as we use the ACTS

(Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication) model in our prayer time.



Birthdays this week

Oct 2 Steve Blumke

Oct 3 Brandon Loge



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 pastor, a greeter or an usher. 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.

Today 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%.



Join us for TLO School's 140th Anniversary Celebration on: **Reformation Sunday, October 29, 2023**



10:30am | Worship Service

Worship with PreK - Grade 8 students praising our God in song!

Guest preacher: Rev. Cory Kroonblawd, TLO Alum

Guest organist: Mr. Jacob Erdman, TLO Alum



12:00pm noon | Oktoberfest meal

Meal reservations are free and **REQUIRED** by October 18 at tloschool.org/140 or in the church or school office.



After lunch | Program

We'll recap God's goodness through TLO's history.

Looking to get involved? Share a memory, send a favorite photo, or bless others with your musical talents! Find out how at: tloschool.org/140 or stop in the church office.