



Foolish Wisdom

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AS WE GATHER

In his first letter to the Corinthians, Paul emphasizes humility and the “foolishness” of the cross in addressing the wrangling among factions within the Corinthian church. By inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Paul finds the remedy to the factious pride not in “wisdom” or in “signs” but in drawing the Corinthians back to what gave them spiritual birth in the first place: the preaching of “Christ crucified.” We also are called to move from pride to repentant faith in the mercy of God in Christ Jesus.

OPENING HYMN**O BLESS THE LORD MY SOUL****LSB 814*****INVOCATION**

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

OPENING SENTENCESPsalm 89:1–2, 5, 8, 52; Isaiah 2:5b*

- P I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;
C **with my mouth I will make known Your faithfulness to all generations.**
- P For I said, “Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens You will establish Your faithfulness.”
C **Let the heavens praise Your wonders, O Lord, Your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!**
- P O LORD God of hosts, who is mighty as You are, O Lord, with Your faithfulness all around You?
C **Blessed be the Lord forever! Amen and Amen. Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.**

***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our gracious heavenly Father.
C **Eternal God, we confess that by nature we are sinful people. We are given to sinful thoughts, sinful words, and sinful deeds. We have transgressed Your law in many ways, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have often been heedless of our calling to follow in Your ways. Because of our sins and our sinfulness, we deserve Your punishment now and for eternity.**

Gracious God, in Your mercy, forgive our sin and restore us to a full and joyful relationship with You through the merits of Jesus, our Lord. Direct our days by Your Holy Spirit that we may joyfully follow Your will and gladly obey Your commandments as Your redeemed people, bringing the brightness of Your light to the darkened world.

- P In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Be at peace.

C **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

***KYRIE** — *Sung; tune on LSB 204*

***GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** — *Sung; tune on LSB 204*

***SALUTATION**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Micah 6:1–8

¹Hear what the LORD says:

Arise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

²Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the LORD has an indictment against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

³“O my people, what have I done to you?
How have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab
devised,
and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

⁶“With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

⁸He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand

signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GRADUAL AND VERSE

Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8; Matthew 5:3

C **Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples! For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts!**

Alleluia.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Alleluia.

*HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1–12

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

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

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

***CATECHISM**

- P The Third Article of the Apostles’ Creed is focused on the Holy Spirit and the ways in which the work of the Spirit blesses our lives. Often given the heading “Sanctification,” the Third Article presents and emphasizes what matters for our spiritual lives now and forever.
- C **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.**

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

SERMON HYMN SON OF GOD, ETERNAL SAVIOR LSB 842

SERMON FOOLISH WISDOM *1 Corinthians 1:18-31*

SHALL WE FOLLOW THE FASHION OF THE WORLD? _____

TO THE WORLD INDEED: _____

CHRIST JESUS, PROCLAIMED IN THE GOSPEL, IS INDEED:

HE IS INDEED: _____

HE IS INDEED: _____

HE IS INDEED: _____

IS THE GOSPEL FOLLY? _____

OFFERING

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

After our petitions:

P Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

***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**

***LORD'S PRAYER** — *See inside back cover of the hymnal or projection slides*

***PAX DOMINI**

***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

BLEST ARE THEY

LSB 982

HYMN

LORD, WHOSE LOVE THROUGH HUMBLE SERVICE

LSB 848

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

***POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

***BENEDICAMUS**

*BENEDICTION

HYMN TO DEPART

ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS

LSB 662

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Serving Our Lord

		February 1, 2026	February 8, 2026
Musician		Diane Streich	Diane Streich
Cantor		Andy Koch	Dave Workman
Altar Guild		Sharon and Mike Drews	Sharon and Mike Drews
Elder(s)	8am	Andy Olson and Sam Erdman	Andy Olson
	10:30am	Matthew Berg and Ben Swenson	Kurt Vallin
Reader	8am	Andy Olson	Jim Kohn
	10:30am	Dan Schield	Kurt Vallin
Usher Team	8am	Sam Erdman	Brian Nack
	10:30am	Open	Terry Stoerzinger
Acolyte	8am	Isaac Koch and Beth Koch	Open
	10:30am	Lillian Olander and Ian Olander	Ethan Swenson and Dana Vallin
Projection	8am	Open	Open
	10:30am	Open	Sebastian Ness
Live	8am	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas
Coffee	9:15am	Open	Open



Save the Date for Family Game Night

Friday, February 20 | 5:30-8:00pm | TLO Gym

Come for a night of food and fun with your TLO friends. Bring your favorite board game and a cheerful heart. RSVP's help us ensure enough food. Find the RSVP link on our website, trinityloneoak.org or call the office to register.



Bottles for Life Campaign

At Amnion Women's Center, babies have been saved from the tragedy of abortion. Bottles are available at TLO to fill with coins, cash, or checks to support life. Return your filled baby bottle to TLO on Sunday, Feb. 15.

COMING UP AT TLO — February 1, 2026 — February 8, 2026		
NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS SUNDAY		
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	6:00pm	Peniel event
Fri		No school
Sat	9:00am	Women's Bible study
	1:00pm	Peniel events
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY		
Sun	8:00*am	Worship
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages; 2 adult studies to choose from
	10:30am	Worship
	11:45am	Voters' Meeting
	12:30pm	Peniel Evangelical Church
	6:00pm	Hoops - adult basketball
*worship online at www.trinityloneoak.org		
**Open to singles and couples, we welcome men and women of all ages. Bring your Bible and a heart ready for prayer. Contact the church office for location.		



Valentine Boxes – items due next week!

Support our 2025 high school grads and show them how much they are valued by God and by us! Visit the table in the narthex to learn what you can bring. Final collection date is next Sunday, Feb. 8.



Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran Church

Voters' Meeting Agenda

February 8, 2026 | 11:45am | TLO Gym
Light lunch served



Call to Order, Open Meeting with Prayer

Review and Approve Voters' Meeting Minutes from November 16, 2025

Board and Officer Reports

Written reports will be available on Sunday, February 8 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

- LCMS President/Vice President candidate nominations

New Business

- Life Ministry Convocation sponsorship request
- Options for usage of Estate Settlement gift (each voted on separately)
 - Finish funding YTF2 (~\$207k + ~\$130k borrowed)
 - Pay off three Concordia Plan bills (~\$82,000)
 - Do a facility vulnerability assessment and apply for grant
- Funding for more detailed cost estimates for potential building improvements.

Board and Officer Nominations and Elections

Board of Elders – 3 open	Board of Youth Ministry – chair
Board of Worship – chair	Board of Endowment – 2 open
Board of Christian Outreach - chair	

New Members Signing of Constitution

Motion to Adjourn

Close with Prayer

Mark your calendar for our next Voters' Meeting! – May 17th at 11:45 a.m.



Birthdays this week

Feb 2	Éowyn Prusak, Ellie Schaaf
Feb 3	Lily Grimm
Feb 4	Daryl Buecksler, Michelle Koch
Feb 8	Linda Koss, Lorraine Reinke

WEEKLY DEPOSITS: January 25, 2026

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering - supporting staff and operations	\$	11,670.88
	(Our offering budget is \$10,475 per week)		
	Building Reserve Fund - supporting monthly mortgage payments	\$	75.00
	(Our offering budget is \$675 for per week)		
	Tuition	\$	11,315.08
	1883 School Annual Fund - supporting TLO School	\$	305.00
	1883 School Annual Fund - in memory of Sharon Phelps	\$	450.00
	1883 School Annual Fund - via spaghetti dinner January 25	\$	3,629.00
	Church and school fees	\$	94.55
	Subtotal General Fund Income	\$	27,539.51
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2 - Yesterday, Today, Forever 2 initiative	\$	175.30
	Acorn Scholarship Fund	\$	125.00
	Acorn Scholarship Fund - in memory of Sharon Phelps	\$	25.00
	General support of Rev. Tom Park in Taiwan	\$	25.00
	TLO School chapel supporting Gospel Adventures - Mongolia	\$	52.00
	Young Investors stamps through Lutheran Church Extension Fund	\$	297.00
	Subtotal Special Fund Income	\$	699.30



Stewardship verse:

But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly?
For all things come from You and of Your own have we given You. **1 Chr 29:14**



Lenten Meals

There are four (4) soup supper dates available in Lent. Interested groups should contact Jean for first-come, first served scheduling.

Ash Wednesday, Feb 18 TLO Teachers serving

February 25 - Open

March 4 - TLO Church Council serving

March 11 - Open

March 18 - Open

March 25 - Open



Our Weekly Memory Verse:

If we are faithless, He remains faithful — for He cannot deny Himself. **2 Tim. 2:13**

Remember in Prayer



Mission Field:

- Rev. Tom Park, Theological Educator in Taiwan requests prayers for “our theology students and faculty—that they may teach and learn with wisdom, passion, and faith”

Those with Health Concerns:

- Lynne Baerthel, sister of Mark Stueve, in need of our prayer
- Brianna Buecksler, recovering from surgery; updates at mealtrain.com/trains/vd73dz
- Daryl Buecksler scheduled for knee surgery this week
- 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, had open heart surgery on January 26 and is in the ICU unit at the hospital and is recovering well.
- 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. Justin's story at madonna.org/stories/community-of-care and will be linked in the February 4 TLO Together
- Joseph Labhart (Flannery's grandson) ongoing health concerns
- Marilou Larson, close cousin of Alice Dornseif, needing a “live liver” transplant
- LeRoy Motz, recovering in Cannon Falls after a fall
- Mary Ann Nagengast recovering from surgery; updates at mealtrain.com/trains/8neq05
- Renata Rahn, strength for each day
- Sam, grandson of Curt Stoltenow, recovering after surgery complications. Doing quite well at this point; please thank God for answered prayers
- Lois Sell, recovering at home
- For TLO members and friends in care facilities or homebound
 - Glenda Holz + Donine Leatherby + Jeff Schaaf + Karen Stohlberg
 - Char Timm + Laverne Ziebell

For those who mourn

- The family of Andrea Hinrichs who passed away January 24.
- The family of Rev. Wilbur Carl Franzmeier, father of Faith Jonas, who passed away Jan 26.

General and ongoing Prayers:

- For our nation: Lord, may we 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.



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%.



TLO Gala March 14

The TLO School's Gala is our biggest annual fundraiser, and also a fun night of dinner, fellowship, and silent & live auctions. The money we raise at this event helps keep tuition costs down for all families and contributes to the betterment of our school. Tickets are on sale **TODAY**. Hurry! **Prices increase after February 7.**



Kendra Scott gives back

Kendra Scott jewelry company is a donor to TLO School and this February you can shop in store or online and 20% of your sale will go to TLO!

In Store:

When: Saturday February 7th

Time: 2:30-4:30pm

Code: Say "Trinity" at check out

Online:

When: Saturday February 7, 12:00am

through Sunday February 8, 11:59pm

Code: Use the code GIVEBACK-LDENC at checkout

For TLO families who use RaiseRight, you can buy a Kendra Scott gift card with 8% back and use that to purchase your item with the codes above. This gives you the chance to put money towards TLO twice!