



“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him” Luke 15:20.

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**congregation stands*

WELCOME

New to Trinity Lone Oak? See back cover for guest information.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

Be Thou My Vision

by Larry Clark
Concordia High School Band

AS WE GATHER

Rembrandt van Rijn's painting of the Prodigal Son (1668) is one of the greatest pictures in western art. Its Gospel truths powerfully intersect with Romans 8:15–17, as both announce that ***we are not slaves, but sons!***

ANTHEM

TUMEKUJA KUIMBA (We Have Come to Sing!)

by Lynn Zettlemoyer
Concordia High School Choir

INVOCATION

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

P We are not slaves,
C **But sons.**
P For those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.
C **Because we did not receive a spirit that makes us slaves again to fear,**
P But we received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry,
ALL: "Abba, Father."

C **We are not slaves,**
P But sons.
C **The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.**
P If we are children, then we are heirs, heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ,
C **If indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.**
P For we are not slaves,
C **But sons.**

ALL: For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,

P Neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
C **Because we are not slaves,**
ALL: But sons!

***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P Heavenly Father, hear us as we confess that—like the younger brother in today’s parable—we stubbornly and foolishly ask for our share of the estate,

C **Then we set off for a distant country and there squander your wealth in wild living.**

P We become slaves.

C **Slaves to our own passions.**

P Slaves to our own agendas.

C **Slaves to our selfish desires.**

P Slaves to our petty jealousies.

C **Slaves to our worries, fears and regrets.**

P Oh God! Empower us by your Holy Spirit to come to our senses and say,

ALL: “I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’”

P Hear the good news! The Father sees you again, today, and is filled with great compassion. He runs to you and throws his arms around you, saying, “This son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.” Because of the perfect life, innocent death and glorious resurrection of Christ Jesus, your Lord, you are loved, forgiven and welcomed home by your Father.

C **For we are not slaves!**

P But sons!

ALL: The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray: Heavenly Father, you do not give us a spirit that makes us a slave again to fear, but you pour out on us the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, “*Abba*, Father,” the Spirit himself testifying with our spirit that we are your children; we give thanks through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever.

ALL: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING**ISAIAH 43:1–7**

¹But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
²When you pass through the waters, I will be with
you; and through the rivers, they shall not
overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be
burned, and the flame shall not consume you.
³For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.
⁴Because you are precious in my eyes,
and honored, and I love you,

I give men in return for you,
peoples in exchange for your life.
⁵Fear not, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you.
⁶I will say to the north, Give up,
and to the south, Do not withhold;
bring my sons from afar

and my daughters from the end of the earth,
⁷everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

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

ANTHEM

Be With Us Now, O Lord

by Jay Althouse
Concordia High School Choir

EPISTLE

ROMANS 8:15–17

¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL

LUKE 15:11–31

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

¹¹And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹²And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'" ²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'
²²But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵“Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ ³¹And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.’

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

***APOSTLES’ CREED** —*See projection slides or inside back cover of the pew hymnal*

SERMON **WE ARE NOT SLAVES, BUT SONS** based on ROMANS 8:15-17

HYMN IN CHRIST ALONE

Led By Omaha High School Band And Choir

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

Verse 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

Verse 4

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Dearest Father, in your great compassion, you no longer call us slaves, but sons.

C **Led by your Spirit we cry,**

ALL: "Abba, Father."

P We come to you Father—broken and hurt from escapades in far-away lands,

C **And kneel before you in repentance, seeking forgiveness and a renewed place in your family.**

P Led by your Spirit we cry,

ALL: "Abba, Father."

P Father, you are mighty and merciful; protecting and welcoming; sovereign and saving; tender and tough.

C **And so you are enough.**

P As your children we are heirs, heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ.

C **If indeed we share in Christ's sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.**

P Led by your Spirit we forever cry,

ALL: "Abba, Father."

+ Additional Prayers +

P Falling into your arms, Father, your firm and gentle embrace assures us that you are enough.

C **You are always enough.**

ALL: Your strong and loving embrace will forever be *enough*.

P: In Christ's holy name we pray. Amen.

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

*BENEDICTION

Based On Romans 8:38-39

P For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,

ALL: Neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

P Because we are not slaves,

ALL: But forever sons!

POSTLUDE

Doxology

by William Heines
Concordia High School Band

SILENT PRAYER

"Whom have I in heaven but you, Father? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but you are the strength of my heart and my portion forever." Amen. (Based on Psalm 73:25–26)

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Serving our Lord

		March 27, 2022	April 3, 2022
Musician		Diane Streich	Marissa Bernau
Altar Guild		Roxanne Foley	Sharon Drews and Nim Traeger
Cantor	8am	Dave Workman	Andy Koch
Elder	8am	Andy Olson	Andy Olson
	10:30am	Kurt Vallin	Jon Peterson
Reader	8am	Andy Olson	Andy Olson
	10:30am	Kurt Vallin	Keith Prusak
Usher Team	8am	Gary Sheets	Andy Olson
	10:30am	Open	Jon Peterson
Greeter(s)	8am	Open	Open
	10:30am	Open	Lynn Kroonblawd
Acolyte	8am	Open	Open
	10:30am	Seth Halverson and Eli Halverson	Amelia Martin and Camryn Ergang
Projection	8am	Peter Olsen	Open
	10:30am	Lance Halverson	Chris Martin
Live Stream	8am	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas

COMING UP AT TLO – March 27, 2022 – April 3, 2022**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

Sun	8:00*am	Worship; Concordia High School, Omaha, providing music
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages
	10:30am	Worship; Concordia High School, Omaha, providing music
	6:00pm	Hoops
Mon	10:00am	Adult Bible Study
Tue	7:00pm	Church Council
Wed	6:30am	Men's Bible study
	9:00am	Quilting Club
	5:15pm	Lenten Meal--served by TLO Teachers--come and enjoy!
	6:30pm	Lenten worship
Thur	6:30pm	Priviledged to Pray
Fri	9:00am	Women of the Word
Sat	9:00am	Women's Bible study

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sun	8:00*am	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages
	10:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
	6:00pm	Hoops

*worship online at www.trinityloneoak.org

**Thank you!**

Thank you to Concordia High School Band and Chorale from Omaha, Nebraska, for blessing our worship this morning. Read more about this outpost for Jesus on the bulletin insert, and please pray for their safety as they finish their tour through South Dakota and Minnesota.

**Special Voter's Meeting**

Sunday, April 10 | 9:15am | TLO Gym

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and potentially approve a rental agreement for the use of our sanctuary and upper level rooms by an Ethiopian church that is forming and becoming a member of the LCMS. Their use of our building will be limited to Sunday afternoons. All voting members are encouraged to attend.



Seder Meal Invitation

Thursday, April 14 | 5:00pm | TLO Gym

TLO members are invited to a Seder meal, a combined Passover meal and worship service. Our Seder meal follows closely the traditions of Passover meals at the time of Jesus including roast lamb, bitter herbs and unleavened bread. The service during the meal describes the symbolism of the various foods and rituals. Each family is asked to bring a dish (rice, green beans, or haroses (chopped apple salad), recipes are provided).

To participate in the Seder meal, sign up in the narthex indicating how many are coming and which dish you will bring. A donation is requested to defray the cost of the lamb, the wine and grape juice. Deadline for signing up is April 10. If you have questions, please contact Jim or Connie Kohn.



Learning About Our Neighbors

Sundays | 9:15am | TLO Gym

Have you ever wondered what other people believe when it comes to God, the Bible, and Jesus? Then this study is for you! This Sunday we look at Mormons, followed by Islam and Jehovah's Witnesses. Plan to attend and bring friends!



Concordia Nebraska Band Concert

Sunday, April 10 | 7:00pm | Concordia Academy Auditorium

The Concordia University-Nebraska Band, directed by Kurt von Kampen, is stopping at Concordia Academy on their spring tour. The event is free and open to the public; a free-will offering will be gathered. Contact the TLO Church office if you are interested in hosting a pair of college musicians after the concert.



"Roaring 2020s" Auction

Saturday, April 9 | 5:00pm | Concordia Academy, Roseville

This event includes silent and live auctions, games, dinner, music by the Riverside Swing Band, dancing, and so much fun! Get details and purchase your tickets on CA's website or through the TLO Church office.

WEEKLY DEPOSITS: March 20, 2022

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering	\$	9,421.00
	(Our offering budget is \$7,980 per week)		
	Building Reserve Fund	\$	290.00
	(Our offering budget is \$665 for per week)		
	Current and Mission IMO Michael Zeches	\$	160.00
	Sunday school	\$	9.60
	1883 School Annual Fund	\$	155.00
	Tuition	\$	4,560.62
	Chapel	\$	98.40
	Gala 2022 proceeds	\$	48,368.14
	Church and school fees	\$	2,757.03
	Subtotal General Fund Income	\$	65,819.79
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2	\$	1,795.00
	Acorn Scholarship Fund	\$	130.00
	YI Stamps, an investment of Lutheran Church Extension Fund	\$	N/A
	Subtotal Special Fund Income	\$	1,925.00

Fiscal Year To Date as of March 20, 2022

Current and Mission Income:			
	YTD Budgeted Giving (\$7,980.00 per week for 29 weeks)	\$	303,240.00
	YTD Actual Giving	\$	300,242.32
	YTD Difference	\$	-2,997.68
Building Reserve Fund Income:			
	YTD Budgeted Giving (\$665.00 per week for 29 weeks)	\$	25,270.00
	YTD Actual Giving	\$	24,696.12
	YTD Difference	\$	-573.88



Attention Thrivent Financial Members
March 31 deadline!

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2021 Thrivent Choice Dollars need to be directed by THURSDAY, 03/31/2022. Act now so YOUR Choice Dollars can be directed the way you want them to be! Remember, these Thrivent dollars are held by Thrivent and are waiting to be directed by YOU. As always, contact TLO's Thrivent Financial representative, David Frick, if you have any questions.



Remember in Prayer

Ben Heintz, Lorrie's cousin, back to work part time; prayer for full recovery
Ramona Broman; prayers for Jesus to be close to her
Corrine, Jenna's mom, cancer is progressing; trying an experimental treatment
George (Ted) Hakanson, continuing radiation and chemo for stage 3 lung cancer
Joseph Labhart (Flannery's grandson) ongoing health concerns
Ian Olander, TLO grade 2 student, updates on caringbridge.org/visit/iano
Billy D. Swain, home recovering from surgery
Laverne Ziebell, prayers requested as he works through ongoing health problems



Joe Schuster passed away peacefully Thursday morning, March 24, 2022. Funeral arrangements are pending. Joe professed faith in Jesus who said "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father but by me." ([John 14:6](#)) Please keep Irlene, Joe's entire family, and all who mourn in prayer as they wait for the Day to be reunited in Jesus' presence.



Flowers on the altar are in honor of the March birthdays of TLO members. What a blessing to have fresh blooms as we wait for warm weather and sunshine! We say with the Psalmist: *"Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation."* Ps. 111:1



The Amnion Bottles for Life Campaign at TLO raised \$1,150.29. Thanks to everyone who participated and praise the Lord for His work through Amnion Pregnancy Center. Please continue to keep Amnion in prayer as they minister to God's people.



Birthdays this week

March 27 Irma Bjork, Chuck Wachter
March 28 Ben Orr, Courtney Schaaf, Ethan Swenson
March 30 Tracey Siewert, Jacob Nadeau
March 31 Leonard Perron
April 1 Dan Linse
April 2 Sid Arnold, Heidi Gould, Kayla Rose, Kersten Schwanz

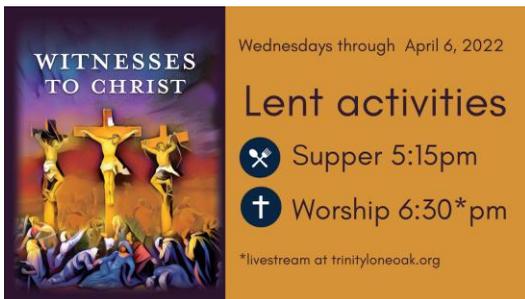
Welcome Guests

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 one of our pastors, 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.



Serving our upcoming meals:

- March 30—TLO Teachers
- April 6—Board of Elders



Palm Sunday—Sunday, April 10
8:00am* and 10:30am Worship with Holy Communion



Maundy Thursday—Thursday, April 14
6:30pm Worship with Holy Communion



Good Friday—Friday, April 15
6:30pm* Worship



Easter—Sunday, April 17
8:00am* and 10:30am Worship with Holy Communion
9:15am Adult bible class; no Sunday school

*livestream at www.trinityloneoak.org