



Gracious Guiding

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AS WE GATHER

God's creation is filled with amazing creatures, some of which dedicate their lives to making peoples' lives fuller and better. Since 1942, the Guide Dogs for the Blind association has graduated more than 16,000 person and dog teams from its training programs. The canine guides assist their human teammates each day of their lives together. The guidance they give is expert and dependable. Good guidance in every stage of life is essential! Throughout Scripture, our Lord promises His presence and His divine guidance to sustain and direct His people. Paul summed up that blessed relationship very simply: "So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's" (Romans 14:8). Seeking the Lord's guidance and responding to His promptings brings blessing to our lives!

OPENING HYMN (8:00am)	TODAY YOUR MERCY CALLS US	LSB 915
BAPTISMAL HYMN (10:30am)	DEAREST JESUS, WE ARE HERE	LSB 592

***INVOCATION**

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

HOLY BAPTISM (10:30am)***OPENING SENTENCES***Psalm 66:1–3a, 4–5, 8*

- P Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
C **sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!**
- P Say to God, "How awesome are Your deeds! . . .
C **All the earth worships You and sings praises to You; they sing praises to Your name."**
- P Come and see what God has done:
C **He is awesome in His deeds toward the children of man.**
- P Bless our God, O peoples;
C **let the sound of His praise be heard.**

***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.
C **O most gracious God, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We know well that we are by nature sinful and unclean. Daily we have done things we ought not to have done and have not done that which we are to have been doing as Your faithful servants. We have been unforgiving and loveless and careless in the stewardship of Your creation. We deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is not in**

ourselves but in the merits of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us remission of all our sins and guide us into renewed lives that reflect Your goodness and love.

P God is indeed gracious and merciful and hears our supplications. By the command of my Lord Jesus Christ and as His called and ordained servant, 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 204

C **Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE THY NAME

LSB 940, sts. 1, 4–5

1 Holy God, we praise Thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy scepter claim,
All in heav'n above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.

5 Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;
Though in essence only one,
Undivided God we claim Thee
And, adoring, bend the knee
While we own the mystery.

Text: Public domain

4 Thou art King of Glory, Christ;
Son of God, yet born of Mary.
For us sinners sacrificed,
As to death a Tributary,
First to break the bars of death,
Thou hast opened heav'n to faith.

***SALUTATION**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 50:15–21

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about

that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

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

EPISTLE

Romans 14:1–12

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall confess to God."

¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21–35

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

²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

²³"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹So his fellow

servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

***NICENE CREED**

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***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

After each petition:

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***LSB 208*

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

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**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

***AGNUS DEI**

LSB 210

C **1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

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 IF THOU BUT TRUST IN GOD TO GUIDE THEE **LSB 750, sts. 1–4, 7**
HYMN O BLESS THE LORD, MY SOUL **LSB 814**

***NUNC DIMITTIS**

LSB 211

C **1 O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.**

**2 All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.**

***POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

***BENEDICTION**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
C **Amen.**

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Serving Our Lord

		September 17, 2023	September 24, 2023
Musician		Merlin Simon	Diane Streich
Cantor		Andy Koch	Dave Workman
Altar Guild		Roxanne and Gary Foley	Roxanne and Gary Foley
Elder	8am	Bill Breitinger	Sam Erdman
	10:30am	Kurt Vallin	Kurt Vallin
Reader	8am	Open	Andy Olson
	10:30am	Kurt Vallin	Open
Usher Team	8am	Gary Sheets	Andy Olson
	10:30am	Open	Jon Peterson
Greeter(s)	8am	Open	Open
	10:30am	Open	Open
Acolyte(s)	8am	Camryn Ergang	Open
	10:30am	Dana Vallin	Open
Projectionist	8am	Marc Ergang	Open
	10:30am	Jean Peterson	Open
Live Stream	8am	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas



We rejoice with the Berg family as Charlotte Louise Berg is baptized at the 10:30am worship service. Charlotte is the infant daughter of Matthew and Elizabeth Berg and welcomed by big sisters, Adelaide and Kateri. Katie and Austin Thalacker are Charlotte's sponsors. Please continue to pray for this precious child as she learns and grows in the Lord's grace.

And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them. Mark 10:13-16

COMING UP AT TLO — September 17, 2023 — September 24, 2023

SIXTEENTH 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	10:00am	Adult Bible class
	12:30pm	12 Baskets / KFC donation for Dept of Indian Work
	5:30pm	Board of Christian Outreach
	6:30pm	Trail Life Troop 2950
Tue	10:30am	Trinity Lone Oak leads worship at Lexington Pointe Senior Living
Wed	6:30am	Men's Bible study
	4:00pm	Midweek Confirmation class
Thur	5:30pm	Protect His House Active Shooter Training
Fri	9:00am	Women of the Word (WoW) Bible study
Sat	3:00-7:00pm	Peniel Evangelical Church activities

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sun	8:00*am	Worship
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages
	10:30am	Worship—Education Sunday w/ grade 3-8 singing, grade 7-8 handbells
	11:30am	Quarterly Voters' Meeting
	12:30pm-	Peniel Evangelical Church activities

*worship online at www.trinityloneoak.org



Operation Christmas Child

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

On September 24, bring bars of soap and school supplies (crayons, pencils, pencil sharpeners, etc) 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.



MCCL Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 19 | 7:00pm | St. Joseph's Church Rosemount

What can we do to restore protection for the vulnerable? MCCL is launching a new "Save the 12,000" meetings to lay out practical steps everyone can take that will save lives. Attend this information session or visit mcl.org.

WEEKLY DEPOSITS: September 10, 2023

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering	\$	7,761.22
	(Our offering budget is \$8,490 per week)		
	Building Reserve Fund	\$	25.15
	(Our offering budget is \$665 for per week)		
	1883 School Annual Fund	\$	304.02
	Thrivent Choice to 1883 School Annual Fund	\$	108.00
	Tuition	\$	37,051.18
	Chapel	\$	55.05
	Church and school fees	\$	4,693.18
	Subtotal General Fund Income	\$	49,997.80
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2	\$	235.45
	Young Investors stamps through Lutheran Church Extension Fund	\$	271.00
	Subtotal Special Fund Income	\$	506.45

PROTECT HIS HOUSE

Active Shooter Training Seminar

This Thur., Sept. 21 | 5:30-8:30pm

TLO Sanctuary

This seminar covers essential strategies and skills to survive an active shooter incident, including tactics to evade or stop the attacker, response options, threat assessment, and more. Experienced instructors are passionate about providing high-quality instruction that can save lives. Register at the QRC or by contacting the TLO office.



SCAN ME

Register and get **FREE TICKETS!**
Use promo code **"TICKET4FREE"**



Amnion is Hiring! Are you interested in serving with a non-profit organization that promotes life beginning at conception? Two positions are presently open at Amnion Pregnancy Center in Burnsville: Bookkeeper (Part-time) and Director of Operations (Full-time). Links to the job descriptions are located at helpofferhope.org



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.



Remember in Prayer

Pam Burdick, recovering from pneumonia and other health concerns, at Shalom 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

Kathlene, friend of Nancy Strand, in hospice

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

Brian Motz hospitalized in Rochester and in need of our prayers

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

Richie, friend of Donna Logan, toes amputated this week, that he would feel God's peace

Verna Ratzlaff, recovering at Ebenezer in Burnsville.

Char Timm, prayers her back pain would subside

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



TLO Members, Jamie & Justine Kolb welcomed baby Rhea into their family on September 2! TLO Church & School will be supporting this now family of 6 (Rhea joins brothers Mason, Gavin & Weston) with meals through the end of September. Please sign up to bring a meal by contacting the church or school office.



Weekly Memory Verse

Only fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things he has done for you. 1 Samuel 12:24



Birthdays this week

Sept 20 Liz Flannery, Cindy Rahn, Jill Shockley

Sept 21 Erin Turnmire

Sept 22 Linda Flannery

Sept 23 Rachel Volkert



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%.



Pastor Jim & Lynn will be hosting a table at Amnion's Gala for TLO members to celebrate God's amazing work through the life-saving ministry at Amnion. There are **6 spots still available on the TLO table!** Gala reservations are required and seating capacity is limited. **Please register no later than Monday, Oct. 2.** The fundraising goal is \$227,000.

Ballroom doors at Brackett's Crossing in Lakeville open at 6:00 p.m., with a three-course dinner (salad & bread, entrée, and dessert) served at 6:40 p.m., followed by the program. Please pray for the client as she prepares her testimony.

Client's Story

The client came to Amnion very scared as she had found out she was pregnant with someone her parents did not approve of. She was considering an abortion as she could not imagine becoming a parent. Through the ongoing support of Amnion and others, she began for the first time in her life to be an independent adult. The client decided to continue with her pregnancy. God has been good and gracious through a very difficult situation; hear about it at our banquet. Questions? Contact Michele Hartshorn, Amnion Center Administrator at 952-898-4350.