



## Pray Early and Pray Often

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*Visiting for the first time? Welcome! See back cover for visitor information.*

*\*congregation stands*

## AS WE GATHER

God's Word instructs us to stay connected to Christ. We experience that connection as we gather to hear God's Word, dine at our Lord's Table, and pray persistent, bold prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, communities, and world. Today we hear Abraham pleading with God on behalf of Sodom and Gomorrah. We hear Jesus teaching His disciples to pray. Jesus then illustrates the power of bold, persistent prayer and affirms the goodness of the One who hears our prayers. "For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time" (1 Timothy 2:5–6).

## OPENING HYMN

## COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING

LSB 905

## \*INVOCATION

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

## \*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P Most merciful God,  
C **we call upon You because we are troubled by our sins—our sinful thoughts, words, and actions. We are equally troubled by those times when we have failed to act or speak up. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus, who delivered us through His perfect life, death, and resurrection so that we may glorify You with our lives.**
- P Our God hears our prayers for mercy and graciously forgives our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace.  
C **Amen.**

## \*INTROIT

*Psalms 119:145–149*

- P Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.  
C **With my whole heart I cry; answer me, O LORD! I will keep Your statutes.**  
P I call to You; save me, that I may observe Your testimonies.  
C **I rise before dawn and cry for help; I hope in Your words.**  
P My eyes are awake before the watches of the night, that I may meditate on Your promise.  
C **Hear my voice according to Your steadfast love;**  
P O LORD, according to Your justice give me life.  
C **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.**  
P Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.

## \*KYRIE

P In peace, 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 the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.

P **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

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

## \*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS—*sung, tune on LSB page 154*

## \*SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, Your grace and mercy have strengthened Your people throughout the ages and emboldened them to come before You in all circumstances. Strengthen our faith and confidence so that we come to You boldly, consistently, and persistently; through Jesus Christ with whom You rule and reign with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Genesis 18:17–33*

<sup>17</sup>The LORD said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, <sup>18</sup>seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? <sup>19</sup>For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him.” <sup>20</sup>Then the LORD said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, <sup>21</sup>I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.”

<sup>22</sup>So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. <sup>23</sup>Then Abraham drew near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup>Suppose there

are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup>Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?"

<sup>26</sup>And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

<sup>27</sup>Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup>Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." <sup>29</sup>Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." <sup>30</sup>Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there."

<sup>31</sup>He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." <sup>32</sup>Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

<sup>33</sup>And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM — *read responsively*

*Psalm 138*

A I give You thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing Your praise; I bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness, for You have exalted above all things Your name and Your word.

C **On the day I called, You answered me; my strength of soul You increased.**

A All the kings of the earth shall give You thanks, O LORD, for they have heard the words of Your mouth, and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

C **For though the Lord is high, He regards the lowly, but the haughty He knows from afar.**

A Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You preserve my life; You stretch out Your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and Your right hand delivers me.

C **The LORD will fulfill His purpose for me; Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of Your hands.**

## EPISTLE

*Colossians 2:6–19*

<sup>6</sup>Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, <sup>12</sup>having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us

all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

<sup>16</sup>Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. <sup>17</sup>These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.

<sup>18</sup>Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, <sup>19</sup>and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

#### \*VERSE

*Luke 11:9*

P Alleluia.

C **I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.**

P Alleluia.

#### \*HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 11:1–13*

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

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

<sup>1</sup>Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." <sup>2</sup>And he said to them, "When you pray, say:

"Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread,

<sup>4</sup>and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation."

<sup>5</sup>And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him';

<sup>7</sup>and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

<sup>11</sup>What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; <sup>12</sup>or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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

### **\*APOSTLES' CREED**

- C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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.

**SERMON HYMN**

**COME, MY SOUL, WITH EVERY CARE**

**LSB 779**

**SERMON**

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**OFFERING**

**\*OFFERTORY**—*sung, tune on LSB page 159*

### **\*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH – THE LORD'S PRAYER**

- P Brothers and sisters in Christ, I encourage you to lift your hearts to God and pray with me as Jesus has taught us and promises to hear us.
- C **Our Father in heaven,**
- P Heavenly Father, mercifully hear the prayers of your people on behalf of our congregation, community, nation, and world.
- C **Holy be Your name.**
- P Holy Lord, we know Your name is holy. We ask that it be kept holy among us as we bear that name and live as Your people in this world.

C **Your Kingdom come.**

P Lord Jesus, we thank You for planting Your Kingdom among us as You nourish us with Your body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. We eagerly anticipate the fullness of Your kingdom coming and ask that You continue to do Your good and gracious work in, through, and among us while we wait for Your return.

C **Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.**

P Heavenly Father, we know that it is Your will that all people come to the knowledge of the truth and are saved. Work Your will here on earth. Work through our governing authorities and their agents to bring Your will to all people.

C **Give us today our daily bread.**

P Loving Father, we thank and praise You for providing everything we need for our bodies and lives. Prevent us from being selfish and greedy. As You generously bless us, lead us to be a blessing to others, especially those who are in need.

C **Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

P O Jesus, forgive and empower us to forgive others so that our relationships are ruled by Your peace. Create clean hearts within us so that we may approach You boldly, with confidence.

C **Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

P Almighty God, as we face trials and temptations, strengthen us by the power of Your Spirit so we can stand firm against the devil, the world, and our sinful nature. Watch over all we name before You this day. Deliver us from evil now and forever.

C **For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## **\*BENEDICTION**

**HYMN TO DEPART      SAVIOR, AGAIN TO THY DEAR NAME WE RAISE      LSB 917**

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At our worship service this morning, Lynn Kroonblawd and Diane Streich collaborate in a duet arrangement of *Fairest Lord Jesus*. Thank you, Lynn and Diane, for enhancing this service with your musical talents.

## Serving Our Lord

	July 27, 2025	August 3, 2025
Musician	Diane Streich	Diane Streich
Cantor	Andy Koch	Dave Workman
Altar Guild	Nancy Strand	Sharon Drews
Elder	Bill Breitingner	Andy Olson and Open
Reader	Jim Kohn	Andy Olson
Usher Team	Open	Sam Erdman
Greeter(s)	Pam Burdick	Open
Acolyte(s)	Sophia Orr and Beth Koch	Lillian Olander and Ian Olander
Projection	Jean Peterson	Sebastian Ness
Live Stream	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas
Coffee hour	Jean Peteron	Open

### **COMING UP AT TLO — July 27, 2025 — August 3, 2025**

#### **SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Sun	9:00*am	Worship with reception of new members
	10:15am	Cake and fruit reception, Bible class, NYG update
	12:30am	Peniel Evangelical Church
Mon	10:00am	Adult Bible Class
Tue	5:00pm	Board of Christian Outreach
Wed	6:30am	Men's Bible Study
Thur	6:00pm	Peniel event
Sat	9:00am	Women's Bible study
	1:00pm	Peniel events

#### **EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Sun	9:00*am	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15am	Bible classes - two to choose from!
	12:30am	Peniel Evangelical Church

\*worship online at [www.trinityloneoak.org](http://www.trinityloneoak.org)





**Save The Date**  
**Go First! Ministry Conference**  
**September 26-27**  
**Redemption Lutheran, Bloomington**

Get ready to be inspired and to encourage others in ministry! It is open to ALL - laypersons, church workers, and pastors! Read more about it on the MN South website, [mnsdistrict.org/go-first-initiative](https://mnsdistrict.org/go-first-initiative). New information is added regularly, so keep checking back!



**TLO Car wash Fundraiser**  
*Proceeds go towards the students going to Washington DC- April 2026.*

**Date:** Saturday, August 16th  
**Where:** Lower parking lot at TLO  
**Time:** 10:00am - 1:00pm  
**Cost:** \$10/vehicle - cash or check

Your car will get hand washed and dried by students raising money to go to Washington DC in April 2026.

Please come support our students and help by spreading the word to your family, friends and neighbors.

Thank you for your on-going support!



### **Birthdays this week**

July 27	Roger Pieper, Inga Weierke
July 28	David Frick, Kevin Grimm
July 29	Josh Motz, Nick Rueger
July 30	Linda Ahrens

### **Anniversaries this week**

July 27	John and Michelle Wills
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## WEEKLY DEPOSITS: July 20, 2025

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering - supporting staff and operations	\$	6,551.20
	(Our offering budget is \$10,475 per week)		
	Building Reserve Fund - supporting monthly mortgage payments	\$	770.00
	(Our offering budget is \$675 for per week)		
	Tuition	\$	10,563.44
	1883 School Annual Fund - supporting TLO School	\$	110.00
	Thrivent Choice Dollars to Current and Mission	\$	73.00
	Thrivent Choice Dollars to 1883 School Annual Fund	\$	30.00
	Church and school fees	\$	1,387.40
	<b>Subtotal General Fund Income</b>	\$	<b>19,485.04</b>
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2 - Yesterday, Today, Forever 2 initiative	\$	370.00
	Acorn Scholarship Fund	\$	6,650.00
	General support of Rev. Tom Park in Taiwan	\$	50.00
	Washington DC Fundraising	\$	225.00
	<b>Subtotal Special Fund Income</b>	\$	<b>7,295.00</b>

## Fiscal Year To Date as of July 20, 2025

Current and Mission:			
	YTD Budgeted Giving (\$10,475.00 per week for 3 weeks)	\$	31,425.00
	YTD Actual Giving	\$	14,770.05
	YTD Difference	\$	-16,654.95
Building Reserve Fund			
	YTD Budgeted Giving (\$675.00 per week for 3 weeks)	\$	2,025.00
	YTD Actual Giving	\$	1,575.00
	YTD Difference	\$	-450.00



### Interested in Membership?

If you are interested in membership at TLO, set an appointment with Pastor Kroonblawd by calling the church office at 651-454-7235. You will explore opportunities to grow deeper in your relationship with Christ, build relationships with other members, and find meaningful roles of service in the church. We welcome hearing from you!

## Remember in Prayer



### Trinity Lone Oak School:

- For families still making school decisions for the 2025-26 school year

### Mission Field:

- Rev. Tom Park, Theological Educator in Taiwan is OUR missionary and requests prayers for the students he is instructing

### Those with Health Concerns:

- Eddie Burdick
- Dixie Cliff
- Larry Flannery, recovering at home. Prayers for stabilization and healing
- David Frick, recovering from rotator cuff surgery that was more extensive than expected
- Johnathan, nephew of TLO Preschool Teacher MaryAnn Nagengast, undergoing chemo and radiation
- 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, who suffered a stroke July 5
- Cathy Walstad, Lexington Pointe worshiper, hospitalized this week with heart concerns
- For TLO members and friends in care facilities or homebound  
Donine Leatherby + Jeff Schaaf + Sharon Phelps + Char Timm

### For those who mourn

- For the family of Elfi Schaaf whose funeral was at TLO Friday, July 25

### For our church members

- Becky Tomek and Kevin Hatch received into membership today and all our members, that they would continue to learn and grow in their Christian faith

### Ongoing Prayers:

- For our nation: For all who serve in public office, that God would keep them honest, fill them with wisdom and uphold them in every good deed.
- Ryan & Emily Kroonblawd - preparing to move to Oberursel, Germany - Ryan will be adding an extra year of studies at Lutherische Theologische Hochschule, a partner seminary with Concordia in St. Louis.

### Our Weekly Memory Verse

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

**Deuteronomy 6:6–7**





## 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.



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## LCMS National Youth Gathering – July 19-23, 2025

Held every 3 years since 1980, the LCMS Youth Gathering provides thousands of youth and adults the opportunity to come together as a community of God's people to be encouraged in their walk with Jesus Christ and learn about the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity. Learn more about NYG at [www.lcmsgathering.com/](http://www.lcmsgathering.com/). And please be in prayer for

TLO members Katarina Zenda-Johnson and Elizabeth Zenda-Johnson who are volunteering at the event. These ladies will provide an update of their experience Sunday, July 28 during the 10:15am Bible study time. Please join us!



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## RaiseRight is a winner!

RaiseRight cards are the same gift cards sold in stores. Primarily intended for personal use, the profit earned by purchasing these discounted cards is applied right to your child's tuition account or the TLO fund of your choice. You shop at retailers every week, so why not earn tuition dollars

or funds for TLO with every purchase? Use RaiseRight for gas, groceries, clothing, restaurants and more. Leann will sell cards on the first Sunday of every month right in the TLO narthex, so plan to talk with her next week!