



Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life

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**congregation*

AS WE GATHER

Lent is a time when God prepares His people to celebrate the Paschal Feast, the resurrection of Jesus, with sincerity and truth. In the Reading from Ezekiel 37, we see the power of the Word that transforms dry bones into living flesh with the breath of the Spirit. This same Spirit lives in us and will raise us at the Last Day, which is exactly what we hear from Paul in the Reading from Romans 8. The Spirit who raised Christ will also give life to us. Having received the Spirit in Baptism, we join with Martha in confessing boldly that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, who comes to us today in His Word and will come again to call us out of our graves.

OPENING HYMN

SING PRAISE TO GOD, THE HIGHEST GOOD

LSB 819

*INVOCATION

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

*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalms 130:1–4

- P Out of the depths I cry to You, O LORD!
C **O Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!**
- P If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.**

Silent reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we cry to You from the depths of our sin. We were born into those depths and need Your Word to call us out of them. We have sinned against You with our thoughts, our words, our actions, and our inactions. We have lived according to the flesh rather than the Spirit. From the depths, we wait for You. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, deliver our soul from death, our eyes from tears, and our feet from stumbling. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. You are precious in His sight because Christ is in you. 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 37:1–14

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Romans 8:1–11

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*VERSE

John 11:25

C **I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live.**

*HOLY GOSPEL

John 11:1–45

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

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

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

⁵Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. ¹⁰But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." ¹¹After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." ¹³Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, ¹⁵and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may

believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

¹⁷Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

²⁸When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. ³¹When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. ³⁴And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus wept. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." ⁴⁴The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in 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 **MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS** **LSB 575**

SERMON **JESUS IS THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE** *John 11:1-45 (46-53)*

Faith _____ and Faith _____

FAITH: _____

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OFFERING

*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After our petitions:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

*LORD'S PRAYER

*CONCLUDING COLLECT

*BENEDICTION

HYMN TO DEPART

THANKS TO THEE, O CHRIST VICTORIOUS

LSB 548

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Serving Our Lord

		March 22, 2026	March 29, 2026
Musician		Merlin Simon	Diane Streich
Cantor		Dave Workman	Andy Koch
Altar Guild		Linnea and Al Raveling	Linnea and Al Raveling
Elder(s)	8am	Andy Olson	Andy Olson and Sam Erdman
	10:30am	Ben Swenson	Ben Swenson and Kurt Vallin
Reader	8am	Rob Orr	Jim Kohn
	10:30am	Dan Schield	Kurt Vallin
Usher Team	8am	Layne Streich	Gary Sheets
	10:30am	Ben Swenson	Jon Peterson
Acolyte	8am	Sophia Orr and Beth Koch	Mason Kolb and Isaac Koch
	10:30am	Ethan Swenson and Ian Olander	Dana Vallin and Henley Starksen
Projection	8am	Don Lee	Don Lee
	10:30am	Swenson family	Swenson family
Live Stream	8am	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas
Coffee Hour	9:15am	Open	Open

COMING UP AT TLO — March 22, 2026 — March 29, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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
School on Spring Break this week; church office open		
Mon	10:00am	Adult Bible study
Tue	7:00pm	Council Meeting
Wed	6:30am	Men's Bible study
	5:15pm	Lenten supper; call the church office if you can bring an item for supper
	6:30pm	Lenten worship
Thur	6:00pm	Peniel event
Sat	11:00am	funeral for Willard Schindeldecker
	2:00pm	Peniel events

SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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

*worship online at www.trinityloneoak.org



Seder Meal Invitation

Thursday, April 2 | 5:00pm | TLO Gym

TLO members and friends 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 March 29. If you have questions, please contact Jim or Connie Kohn.

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

Why do we celebrate Lent for 40 days?

Don't forget what Lent is all about! It is a time when we are reminded of what Jesus gave up for us, and a time when we look forward to and prepare for His death and resurrection!



We celebrate Lent for six weeks, or 40 days, as we remember Christ's temptation in the wilderness in the Gospel of Matthew. There **Jesus was without food** for 40 days.



We remember the temptation of **the Israelites in the desert** after the Lord had delivered them from Egypt. This lasted 40 years.



Finally, we can remember the story of **Noah and his family**. After 40 days and 40 nights of rain, the Lord delivered them as He promised.

During these 40 days of Lent, we remember God's faithfulness to His people and how His faithfulness is complete in Jesus, our Savior. Jesus remains faithful to us, always being where He promises to be: in His Word and Sacraments. Wow! What a Savior!



Parents: Continue to encourage your children in their Lenten preparation. During worship, point out the places where our Lord comes to us (i.e. God's Word, Holy Communion, Holy Baptism, Absolution). Remember, being their example and companion on this Lenten journey makes a difference!



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Birthdays this week

- Mar 22 Amy Zenda-Johnson
- Mar 27 Irma Bjork, Chuck Wachter
- Mar 28 Ben Orr, Ethan Swenson

Anniversaries this week

- Mar 24 William and Nancy Kolesar
- Mar 25 Al and Linnea Raveling

WEEKLY DEPOSITS: March 15, 2026

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering - supporting staff and operations	\$	13,012.84
	(Our offering budget is \$10,475 per week)		
	Building Reserve Fund - supporting monthly mortgage payments	\$	65.00
	(Our offering budget is \$675 for per week)		
	Tuition	\$	11,362.24
	1883 School Annual Fund - supporting TLO School	\$	55.00
	1883 School Annual Fund - proceeds from March 11 soup supper	\$	267.00
	Thrivent Choice to 1883 Fund	\$	935.00
	Thrivent Choice to Current and Mission	\$	36.00
	Church and school fees	\$	9,750.79
	Subtotal General Fund Income	\$	35,483.87
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2 - Yesterday, Today, Forever 2 initiative	\$	150.30
	Acorn Scholarship Fund	\$	25.00
	Amnion Pregnancy Center	\$	25.00
	General support of Rev. Tom Park in Taiwan	\$	25.00
	TLO School chapel supporting Gospel Adventures - Mongolia	\$	79.00
	Young Investors stamps through Lutheran Church Extension Fund	\$	259.00
	Subtotal Special Fund Income	\$	563.30

Fiscal Year To Date as of March 15, 2026

Current and Mission:			
	YTD Budgeted Giving (\$10,475.00 per week for 37 weeks)	\$	387,575.00
	YTD Actual Giving	\$	385,249.91
	YTD Difference	\$	-2,325.09
Building Reserve Fund			
	YTD Budgeted Giving (\$675.00 per week for 37 weeks)	\$	24,975.00
	YTD Actual Giving	\$	22,571.00
	YTD Difference	\$	-2,404.00

Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars®

The Thrivent Choice® program is a powerful way to support organizations like ours. Through this program, Thrivent clients with membership can direct how Thrivent distributes a portion of its charitable grant funding. To see if you have Choice Dollars® available, log in to your Thrivent account, click "Direct Choice Dollars," and select our organization. Your support helps us grow, reach more people and advance our mission. Thank you!

Remember in Prayer



Mission Field:

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

Those with Health Concerns:

- Bernie and Sharon, uncle and aunt of Mike Drews, fragile and needing medical care
- Baby Brady, friend of TLO, born with health problems this winter
- Brianna Buecksler, for full healing; updates at mealtrain.com/trains/vd73dz
- John, grandfather of 2 TLO students, undergoing cancer treatment
- Tyler Keech, brother of 2 TLO students, diagnosed with a massive osteosarcoma.
- Marilou Larson, close cousin of Alice Dornseif, needing a “live liver” transplant
- Linda Tetzloff for health and strength
- For TLO members and friends in need of our continued prayers:
Eddie Burdick + Pam Burdick + Dixie Cliff + Larry Flannery + Gary Foley
David Frick + Don Holz + Glenda Holz + Justin Kube + Joseph Labhart
Donine Leatherby + LeRoy Motz + Renata Rahn + Jeff Schaaf
Karen Stohlberg + Char Timm + Laverne Ziebell

For those who mourn

- The family of Leonard Perron who passed away March 16 at the age of 89. The funeral was yesterday, March 21 at TLO. Please keep Leonard’s family in your prayers that they would be comforted with the peace of Christ. Jesus said "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me." John 14:1
- The family of Willard Schindeldecker who passed away March 18 at the age of 95. Funeral service will be Saturday, March 28 at TLO at 11:00am with visitation one hour prior. A lunch will be served. Interment will be at Acacia Cemetery. Your prayers are appreciated as this family mourns his passing even in the midst of knowing Willard is in heaven with Jesus.

General and ongoing Prayers:

- As TLO prepares to call a pastor: Lord, our future rests secure in You. You know the plans You have for TLO (Jer. 29:11) and we trust that they are plans to prosper us and not to harm us, plans to give us hope and a future. Prepare our hearts to receive the man who will accept our call and carry on Your ministry in our midst.
- For our Nation: O Lord, we ought always to be thankful for Your rich and abundant blessings to us and to our country. Bless all who make, administer and judge our laws. Deliver us from threats of violence, and teach us the way of peace.
- Ryan Kroonblawd - Seminarian - 1st semester classes have ended at the seminary in Germany. Keep Ryan & Emily in prayer for safe travels during the academic break and preparations for 2nd semester of theological studies beginning mid-April. Prayer of thanks that they received their Residency Permits; after a 6 month wait and can legally exit & re-enter the country.



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.



Clean Up Day At TLO | Saturday, May 2 | 9am-12noon

Join the work crew if you can. We'll tackle inside and outside projects. No RSVP necessary; just come with a cheerful heart. Working together for the good of others is always a great time.



VBS at TLO | June 15-19, 2026 | 9:00-11:30am each day

Throughout this program, we will go on a Tropical Trek and along the way be guided by our Savior, Jesus who is the way, the truth, and the life! Sign up today at trinityloneoak.org/vacationbibleschool for an unforgettable journey!