



## A Son and Heir of God

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

*\*congregation stands*

## AS WE GATHER

The stores are processing gift returns, but we dare not return our greatest Christmas gift—our Lord Jesus! God is gracious and forgiving, remembering His promises. He leads us, as we hear He did for the Israelites in the Old Testament Reading. We need no one else, as we are God's dear children, which Paul reminds us in the Epistle. It is not that we do not have enemies—even Joseph had to figure out what to do—but we have Jesus with us. It is still Christmas.

## OPENING HYMN

## LET ALL TOGETHER PRAISE OUR GOD

**LSB 389**, vs. 1–3

## INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## PSALM

*Psalm 111:1–6*

P Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,

C **in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

P Great are the works of the LORD,

C **studied by all who delight in them.**

P Full of splendor and majesty is His work,

C **and His righteousness endures forever.**

P He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered;

C **the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

P He provides food for those who fear Him;

C **He remembers His covenant forever.**

P He has shown His people the power of His works,

C **in giving them the inheritance of the nations.**

## OPENING HYMN

## LET ALL TOGETHER PRAISE OUR GOD

**LSB 389**, vs. 4, 5

## PSALM

*Psalm 111:7–10*

P The works of His hands are faithful and just;

all His precepts are trustworthy;

C **they are established forever and ever,  
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

P He sent redemption to His people;  
He has commanded His covenant forever.  
C **Holy and awesome is His name!**

P The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good understanding.  
C **His praise endures forever!**

*Please stand for the Hymn of Praise*

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE                      LET ALL TOGETHER PRAISE OUR GOD                      LSB 389, vs. 6, 7**

**\*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*Galatians 4:4; Isaiah 63:14*

P O Lord God, we confess that although we usually prepare for, as Paul put it, "the fullness of time," that is not true in our personal lives.

C **Forgive our impatience for taking matters into our own hands, forgive our not trusting that You are in control of all things, and forgive our failing to acknowledge You above all else.**

P We confess, O Lord, that unlike obedient Joseph, we have not always listened to Your commands and instructions.

C **Forgive our desire to be in control, forgive our avoiding difficult decisions, and forgive our thinking that we are able to arrange all things for our own benefit.**

P We confess, O Lord, that we have kept our faith to ourselves.

C **Forgive us for not giving Your leading us "a glorious name," forgive our failure to ask You for guidance each day, and forgive our seeking to be like everyone else, rather than trusting You.**

P Forgiveness has been won for you! The babe born in Bethlehem is the only-begotten Son of God and your elder Brother. The Spirit urges you to cry, "Abba! Father!" As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

**\*INTROIT FOR CHRISTMAS 1**

*Jeremiah 31:15–17; antiphon: Hosea 11:1*

C **When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called My son.**

A Thus says the LORD: "A voice is heard in Ramah,  
lamentation and bitter weeping.  
Rachel is weeping for her children;  
she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more."  
Thus says the LORD: "Keep your voice from weeping,  
and your eyes from tears,  
for there is a reward for your work, declares the LORD,\*  
and they shall come back from the land of the enemy."

There is hope for your future, declares the Lord,  
and your children shall come back to their own country."

- 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.**

**When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called My son.**

**\*HYMN**

**NOW SING WE, NOW REJOICE**

**LSB 386, vs. 1, 3**

**\*SALUTATION**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray. O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature.

C **Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us;**

P through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Isaiah 63:7–14*

<sup>7</sup>I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD,  
the praises of the LORD,  
according to all that the LORD has granted us,  
and the great goodness to the house of Israel  
that he has granted them according to his  
compassion,  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

<sup>8</sup>For he said, "Surely they are my people,  
children who will not deal falsely."  
And he became their Savior.

<sup>9</sup>In all their affliction he was afflicted,  
and the angel of his presence saved them;  
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;  
he lifted them up and carried them all the days  
of old.

<sup>10</sup>But they rebelled  
and grieved his Holy Spirit;  
therefore he turned to be their enemy,

and himself fought against them.

<sup>11</sup>Then he remembered the days of old,  
of Moses and his people.

Where is he who brought them up out of the sea  
with the shepherds of his flock?

Where is he who put in the midst of them  
his Holy Spirit,

<sup>12</sup>who caused his glorious arm  
to go at the right hand of Moses,  
who divided the waters before them  
to make for himself an everlasting name,

<sup>13</sup>who led them through the depths?  
Like a horse in the desert,  
they did not stumble.

<sup>14</sup>Like livestock that go down into the valley,  
the Spirit of the LORD gave them rest.

So you led your people,  
to make for yourself a glorious name.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL

*Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a*

A To us a child is born, to us a son is given;

C **and the government shall be upon His shoulder.**

A And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,

C **Mighty God,**

A Everlasting Father,

C **Prince of Peace.**

A Sing to the LORD a new song,

C **for He has done marvelous things!**

## EPISTLE

*Galatians 4:4–7*

<sup>4</sup>When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### \*VERSE

*Luke 2:30, 32*

P Alleluia.

C **My eyes have seen Your salvation; a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people Israel.**

P Alleluia.

### \*HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 2:13–23*

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

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

<sup>13</sup>When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." <sup>14</sup>And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt <sup>15</sup>and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

<sup>16</sup>Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to

the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. <sup>17</sup>Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

<sup>18</sup>"A voice was heard in Ramah,  
weeping and loud lamentation,  
Rachel weeping for her children;  
she refused to be comforted, because they are no more."

<sup>19</sup>But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, <sup>20</sup>saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." <sup>21</sup>And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup>But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. <sup>23</sup>And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: "He shall be called a Nazarene."

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  
SERMON**

**ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY  
A SON AND HEIR OF GOD**

**LSB 367  
Matthew 2:11-23**

*<sup>11</sup> And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.*

*<sup>13</sup> Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." <sup>14</sup> And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt.*  
--Matthew 2:11-14 (ESV)

**What was the cause for this flight?**

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**Why did God permit, even command, such a flight?**

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**OFFERING**

*Please complete a worship attendance card and place in the plate as it passes. Those who support this church and its ministry by giving electronically are invited to place the "I Give Online" cards located in each pew in the offering plate as a way of participating in this act of worship.*

**SPECIAL MUSIC DURING OFFERING**                      Gesu Bambino                      by Piet Yon  
Marsha Workman, piano, Phil Workman, euphonium

**\*OFFERTORY                      LET US ALL WITH GLADSOME VOICE                      LSB 390**

**\*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

After our petitions:  
P    let us pray to the Lord:  
C    **Lord, have mercy.**

**\*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.

\*BENEDICTION

HYMN TO DEPART

SEE AMID THE WINTER SNOW

LSB 73

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Serving Our Lord

		Sunday, December 28, 2025	Sunday, January 4, 2026
Musician		Marsha Workman	Diane Streich
Cantor		Dave Workman	Dave Workman
Altar Guild		Sharon Drews and Nancy Strand	Connie Kohn
Elder(s)	8am	Andy Olson	Sam Erdman and Andy Olson
	10:30am		Matthew Berg and Ben Swenson
Reader	8am	Andy Olson	Andy Olson
	10:30am		Matthew Berg
Usher Team	8am	Gary Sheets/Ben Swenson	Brian Nack
	10:30am		Terry Stoerzinger
Acolyte	8am	Ian Olander and Ethan Swenson	Isaac Koch and Beth Koch
	10:30am		Joshua Jebin and Sabontu Benya
Projection	8am	Swenson family	Jean Peterson
	10:30am		Sebastian Ness
Live Stream	8am	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas
Coffee Hour	9:15am	Open	Isaac Koch



COMING UP AT TLO — December 28, 2025 — January 4, 2026		
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS		
Sun	9:00*am	Worship
	10:15am	Adult Bible classes - no Sunday school
	12:30pm	Peniel Evangelical Church
	6:00pm	Hoops - adult basketball
Mon		Christmas break no school; church office open
Tue		Christmas break no school; church office open
Wed		Christmas break no school; church office closed
	6:30am	Men's Bible study
	6:00pm	Peniel New Year's Worship
Thur		Christmas break no school; church office closed
	6:00pm	Peniel event
Fri		Christmas break no school; church office open
Sat	1:00pm	Peniel events
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS		
Sun	8:00*am	Worship with Holy Communion in sanctuary
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages; meet in gym
	10:30am	Worship with Holy Communion in sanctuary
	12:30pm	Peniel Evangelical Church
	6:00pm	Hoops - adult basketball
*worship online at <a href="http://www.trinityloneoak.org">www.trinityloneoak.org</a>		



“Let all together praise our God before His glorious throne; today He opens heav’n again to give us His own Son.” (LSB 389) During the seasons of Advent and Christmas, we lift our hearts and voices, praising God for the gift of his Son, our Savior. Thanks to the following musicians who glorified God with their talents at our worship services: Andy Koch, Lynn Kroonblawd, Éowyn Prusak, Keith Prusak, Merlin Simon, Diane Streich, Dave Workman, Marsha Workman, and Phil Workman.



### **Birthdays this week**

Dec 29 Elijah Buecksler, Pam Burdick

Dec 31 Wayne Beckman, Sam Erdman, Nancy Kolesar

Jan 1 Vern Schaaf

### **Anniversaries this week**

Dec 30 Jebin and Henipher Joseph

## WEEKLY DEPOSITS: December 21, 2025

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering - supporting staff and operations	\$	17,898.00
	(Our offering budget is \$10,475 per week)		
	Building Reserve Fund - supporting monthly mortgage payments	\$	1,320.00
	(Our offering budget is \$675 for per week)		
	Tuition	\$	12,601.24
	1883 School Annual Fund - supporting TLO School	\$	205.00
	Annual Appeal to 1883 School Annual Fund	\$	220.00
	Church and school fees	\$	640.70
	<b>Subtotal General Fund Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>32,884.94</b>
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2 - Yesterday, Today, Forever 2 initiative	\$	625.30
	Acorn Scholarship Fund	\$	25.00
	Music concert free will offering	\$	405.00
	General support of Rev. Tom Park in Taiwan	\$	125.00
	12/17 Advent meal in support of Rev. Tom Park in Taiwan	\$	313.00
	Trail Life	\$	500.00
	Chapel offering - Gospel Adventures: Mongolia	\$	23.50
	Washington DC	\$	933.83
	TLO Endowment Fund	\$	100.00
	Young Investors stamps through Lutheran Church Extension Fund	\$	416.00
	<b>Subtotal Special Fund Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,466.63</b>



### Stewardship verse:

All day long he craves and craves,  
But the righteous gives and does not hold back. **Proverbs 21:26**

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### Calendars, directories and offering envelopes

Stop by the table in the narthex to pick up your items for 2026: calendars, church phone book, and offering envelopes. By the way, if you want a box of envelopes and don't see one for you, contact the church office and we'll get you set up for 2026.

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## Remember in Prayer



### Mission Field:

- Rev. Tom Park, Theological Educator in Taiwan is OUR missionary and requests prayers for his mother's health and healing.

### Those with Health Concerns:

- Brianna Buecksler, recovering from surgery after breaking her foot/ankle on Dec. 19
- 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, hospitalized with bacterial meningitis and will need open heart surgery when her condition improves
- Don Holz, father of Lorrie Buecksler, strength and healing from 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
- Joseph Labhart (Flannery's grandson) ongoing health concerns
- Marilou Larson, close cousin of Alice Dornseif, needing a "live liver" transplant
- Mary Ann Nagengast facing medical issues
- Renata Rahn, strength for each day
- Lois Sell, transferred to Augustana Health Care Center, Hastings.
- Gia Watters, grand-niece of Alice, who suffered a severe concussion
- For TLO members and friends in care facilities or homebound
  - Glenda Holz + Donine Leatherby + Jeff Schaaf + Karen Stohlberg
  - Char Timm + Laverne Ziebell

### General and ongoing Prayers:

- For our nation: That we may 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. His wife, Emily, will be working on campus in various capacities.



### Our Weekly Memory Verse:

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." **Luke 2:10-11**



**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.

## MARCH FOR LIFE 2026 – two opportunities

**Divine Service**  
January 22 at 10:00 am  
at **Bethlehem Lutheran Church**  
655 Forest St. N.  
St. Paul, MN 55106

**March for Life**  
January 22 at 12:00noon  
at **Minnesota Capitol grounds**  
75 Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr Boulevard.  
St Paul, MN 55155

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You are invited and encouraged to attend a Divine Service prior the March for Life.  
Rev. Dr. Lucas Woodford, President of the MN South District of the LCMS will preach.  
There will be coffee and treats before heading over to the State Capitol.

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**RSVPs Encouraged:**  
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The annual Minnesota March for Life raises awareness surrounding pro-life issues, especially the value of mothers and unborn children. Along with the peaceful March around the Capitol grounds, the event features speakers and the opportunity to advocate for legislative changes that protect the rights of the unborn. Everyone is encouraged to participate! Please dress appropriately.

