



Instructive Learning— Who is the Greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?

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AS WE GATHER

A common focus for the month of September is education, but our learning goes on throughout our lives. A Sunday School song by American hymnwriter Fanny J. Crosby, who lived from 1820 to 1915, begins, "Let me learn of Jesus; He is kind to me; once He died to save me, nailed upon the tree." Learning the greatness of our God and growing in our understanding of the amazing plan for our salvation is our duty and delight in every season of our earthly life.

And it does not stop then. The German hymnwriter Johann Mentzer, who lived in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, shares a special vision of heaven as he concludes the text of "Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices" with a view of eternal education, expressing the faithful hope one day that he will "learn with choirs of heaven to sing eternal anthems to my King" (*LSB* 811:5). May our learning and our singing both be blessed!

OPENING HYMN IN CHRIST, WE ARE FOREVER GRAFTED *tune LSB 811*

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| <p>1 In Christ, we are forever grafted;
 We are the branches, He the vine.
 All who abide in Him are crafted
 Into a branch with fruit divine.
 Apart from Jesus none will bear
 Fruit that is righteous, true, and fair</p> <p>2 In Christ all faithful are connected
 To God the Father who takes care
 Of His creation, though infected
 By Satan's sinful, tempting snare.
 Yet, we abide in Jesus' vine
 To bear the fruits of God's design.</p> | <p>3 Apart from Christ we can do nothing.
 Yet in Him, through the Spirit's show'r,
 We are connected to the wellspring
 Of all God's gifts, His grace, His pow'r!
 Baptized in Christ, we died to sin,
 And each day we new life begin.</p> <p>4 We are connected to each other
 And Christ who reigns o'er all the Church.
 And with our Lord — as sisters, brothers —
 United in baptismal birth.
 As God's bless'd children we proclaim
 Grace to each other in God's name.</p> |
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***INVOCATION**

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

***OPENING SENTENCES**

Psalm 67:1–5, 7

- P May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us,
 C **that Your way may be known on earth, Your saving power among all nations.**
- P Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!
 C **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**

- P Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!
C **God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear Him!**

*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins and hear the words of absolution that assure us of God's forgiveness. Humble yourselves then before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.
- C **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. By nature I am a sinful creature. By thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your law. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.**
- P God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.
C **Amen.**
- P As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**
- P Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely and may your lives reflect His forgiveness. Be at peace!
C **Amen.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE IN CHRIST, WE ARE FOREVER GRAFTED *tune LSB 811*

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| 5 As Jesus loved His gracious Father,
May we so love all others too.
When we share Christ's love with our
neighbor
Through ev'rything we say and do,
We shall reach people with God's grace
Till Christ's confessed by ev'ry race. | 6 Praise to the Father, God Creator;
Thanks be to Jesus, God's own Son;
Hail to the Spirit, our Faith-Bringer;
We praise the Holy Three-in-One!
With saints and angels we employ
Our songs of thanks and endless joy! |
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*KYRIE

- 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**

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO THIRD GRADE STUDENTS (10:30am)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Daniel 10:10–14; 12:1–3

¹⁰And behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. ¹¹And he said to me, "O Daniel, man greatly loved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for now I have been sent to you." And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling. ¹²Then he said to me, "Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. ¹³The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia, ¹⁴and came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come. . . ."

¹"At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. ²And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

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

EPISTLE

Revelation 12:7–12

⁷Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸but he was defeated and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. ¹⁰And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. ¹¹And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. ¹²Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!"

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

ANTHEM (10:30am) **COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING** by Dave and Jean Perry
TLOLS 3rd-8th Grade Students

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 18:1–11

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

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

⁵"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

⁷"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

¹⁰"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹¹For the Son of Man came to save the lost."

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

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

SERMON HYMN **SALVATION UNTO US HAS COME** **LSB 555, vs. 1, 6, 7, 9**

SERMON **Instructive Learning: Who is the Greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?**

OFFERING

ANTHEM DURING OFFERING (10:30am)

ETERNAL FATHER, STRONG TO SAVE

TLOLS 7th-8th Grade Handbell Choir

INSTALLATION OF MR. MATTHEW BOLL (10:30am)

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

After each petition:

- P Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

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

*BENEDICTION

HYMN TO DEPART

LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

LSB 837

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Serving Our Lord

		September 24, 2023	October 1, 2023
Musician		Diane Streich	Lynn Kroonblawd and Marsha Workman
Cantor		Dave Workman	Andy Koch
Altar Guild		Roxanne and Gary Foley	Jane Shull and Joanie Wachter
Elder	8am	Sam Erdman	Bill Breiterger
	10:30am	Kurt Vallin	Open
Reader	8am	Andy Olson	Open
	10:30am	Rob Orr	Open
Usher Team	8am	Andy Olson	Sam Erdman
	10:30am	Jon Peterson	Open
Greeter(s)	8am	Open	Open
	10:30am	Open	Open
Acolyte(s)	8am	Open	Open
	10:30am	Open	Sebastian Ness
Projectionist	8am	Tim Morris	Open
	10:30am	Jean Peterson	Open
Live Stream	8am	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas



Thank you!

Our heartfelt thanks to TLO School's grade 3-8 grade students for sharing their lovely music in our 10:30am worship this morning. And special thanks to Mrs. Stephanie Vallin for having the students so well prepared. What a blessing!



TLO Spirit Wear—6 days left to order

TLO's online spirit wear store is open until September 29! It includes youth AND adult items-- performance tees, sweatshirts, you name it! Make sure to choose "group pick up" as your shipping option-- items will be shipped to TLO at no charge to you. Order today using the QR code.



COMING UP AT TLO — September 24, 2023 — October 1, 2023

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	Voters' Meeting
	12:30pm-4:00pm	Peniel Evangelical Church activities
Mon	10:00am	Adult Bible class
	12:30pm	12 Baskets / KFC donation for Dept of Indian Work
Tue	7:00pm	Church Council Meeting
Wed	6:30am	Men's Bible study
	4:00pm	Midweek Confirmation class
Fri		Grandparent Day at TLO School; early dismissal
Sat	9:00am	GodConnects 2 of 3
	3:00-7:00pm	Peniel Evangelical Church activities

EIGHTEENTH 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-4:00pm	Peniel Evangelical Church activities

*worship online at www.trinityloneak.org



TLO Tiger-Thon- October 14

The TLO School Tiger-Thon is **Saturday, October 14** here at TLO from 10 am to noon. TLO students and their families, along with teachers and staff, will be walking the school trail to help raise money for special items (to be announced soon), as well as ongoing projects and events organized by our school's Parent-Teacher-Congregation Organization (PTCO). Last year, our event was so successful that PTCO held a free family dance night AND special field trips were added! Support a student through October 14!



Operation Christmas Child

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

On October 1, bring small toys (cars, yo-yo, kazoo, bouncy ball—what can you think of?!!) 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. Need more information? Contact Mrs. Peterson in the church office.



Pastor Jim & Lynn Kroonblawd 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.

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 Administrator at 952-898-4350.

Amnion Is Hiring

Are you interested in serving with a non-profit organization that promotes life beginning at conception? Three positions are presently open at Amnion Pregnancy Center in Burnsville: Bookkeeper (Part-time), Bilingual-Spanish/English Advocate (Part-time) and Director of Operations (Full-time). Links to the job descriptions are located at helpofferhope.com



October is Clergy Appreciation Month.

Remember to celebrate and support your pastor in October with this opportunity to recognize and encourage those whom God has called to proclaim His message and lead His people.



Concordia Academy Homecoming

Celebrate "Beacon Power" at Concordia Academy's homecoming Friday night, October 6. An alumni tailgate party starts at 5:15, followed by a free outdoor family carnival at 5:30 and the football game vs. St. Croix Lutheran at 7:00.

Admission to the football game is \$7, but children (8th grade and younger) and CA alumni are admitted at no charge. Get details at www.concordiaacademy.com/homecoming.



Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran Church
Voters' Meeting Agenda
September 24, 2023 | 11:45am
TLO Gym



Call to Order

Open Meeting with Devotion and Prayer

Review and Approve Voters' Meeting Minutes from May 21 and Special Voters' Meeting June 18, 2023

Board and Officer Reports

Written reports will be available on Sunday, September 24th in the gym. Please review the reports and ask questions at the meeting.

Pastor's Report

Principal's Report

Board of Christian Education

Board of Elders

Board of Endowment

Board of Christian Outreach

Board of Trustees

Board of Stewardship

Board of Social Ministry

Finance Secretary

Treasurer

President

New Business

- 2023-2024 Budget increase of \$2,000 for Sunday School Director stipend

Board and Officer Nominations and Elections

Vice President-Chair

Board of Worship - Chair

Board of Elders – 3 Open

Board of Social Ministry – Chair -

Board of Trustees – 2 Open

Cindy Rahn

New Members Signing of Constitution

Motion to Adjourn

Close with Prayer

Next Voters' Meeting: November 12 at 9:15am between worship services



TLO Sunday School offers solid teaching

TLO's Sunday school teachers are the BEST! Thank you to Michelle Wills, Daryl Buecksler, Elizabeth Berg, Lana Siewert-Olson, Kurt Vallin, Jon Peterson, Cheri Breitingner and all our great substitute teachers that teach salvation is by grace alone through faith alone through Christ alone. Bring your child to Sunday school every Sunday!

WEEKLY DEPOSITS: September 17, 2023

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering	\$	10,862.52
	(Our offering budget is \$8,490 per week)		
	Building Reserve Fund	\$	1,065.15
	(Our offering budget is \$665 for per week)		
	Sunday school	\$	10.25
	1883 School Annual Fund	\$	329.02
	1883 School Annual Fund in memory of Paul Heath	\$	10.00
	Tuition	\$	14,756.26
	Chapel	\$	197.57
	Trail Life Troop 2950	\$	30.30
	Church and school fees	\$	4,847.00
	Subtotal General Fund Income	\$	32,108.07
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2	\$	235.45
	Acorn Scholarship Fund	\$	100.00
	Young Investors stamps through Lutheran Church Extension Fund	\$	277.00
	Subtotal Special Fund Income	\$	612.45

Fiscal Year To Date as of September 17, 2023

Current and Mission:			
	YTD Budgeted Giving (\$8,490.00 per week for 12 weeks)	\$	101,880.00
	YTD Actual Giving	\$	100,791.23
	YTD Difference	\$	-1,088.77
Building Reserve Fund			
	YTD Budgeted Giving (\$665.00 per week for 12 weeks)	\$	7,980.00
	YTD Actual Giving	\$	7,983.80
	YTD Difference	\$	3.80

Ways to Give to TLO's Ministry



Online—Visit trinityloneoak.org/giving and click Give Now to set up a one-time or recurring donation, or to make a payment.



QR CODE—Scan the QR code pictured here.



In Person—Whether it's cash or check, we appreciate your kindness. Please place your donations in the offering plate as it's passed.



Remember in Prayer

Pam Burdick, recovering at home

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

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



Weekly Memory Verse

For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

—Ps. 91:11-12



Coming in 2024— Moms in Prayer

Join with other moms regularly in an hour of prayer for your children and for

Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran School. God's power is unleashed and children's lives

are impacted when we pray with other moms. Contact the church of school office to get connected to this group that kicks off in the New Year.



Birthdays this week

Sept 25 Emily Carlson, Jack Grimm

Sept 26 Chris Barnes, Travis Rudoll

Sept 27 Thomas Naas, William Naas, Michelle Workman

Sept 28 Logan Streich

Sept 30 Lucy Cahn, Michael Loge, Andrew McNair



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.

Subscribe to TLO’s weekly e-newsletter at www.trinityloneoak.org/resources-media-1



Save the date — January 20, 2023 | 9am–12noon

Christian parents want to raise their children to be life-long followers of Jesus, yet many parents watch their children grow up, leave home, and then walk away from the faith. What went wrong? And how can a new generation of parents avoid the same result?

Children’s programming provided during the event means the entire family will find fun and purposeful learning January 20. Purchase a book (optional for the seminar) and preregister in the narthex today!



TLO's B.R.E.W (Building Relationships, Exploring the Word) Every Thursday beginning October 19, 7:00pm, North 20 Brewing

Being a young adult isn’t easy – it’s a strange, transitory time in your life. It’s a time when we need solid friends, personal growth, and

God’s wisdom more than ever. You will find all those and more through Trinity Lone Oak’s young adult ministry because God knows we need it. Check out our B.R.E.W. Young Professions Group (ages 25-35) to get connected and get grounded in Christ. get in touch with Christian Larson at (620) 339-1888 or young.professionals.brew@gmail.com to get more information.



Celebrate with Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran School Reformation Sunday, October 29 | TLO

Make plans to join the 140th anniversary celebration of TLO School. Our festivities include Preschool - Grade 8 singing in 10:30am worship, an Oktoberfest meal and a recap of God's blessings through the years. Reservation link and more information coming soon.