

False christ #4

The Therapist



Fourth in the series "Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up?"

AS WE GATHER

A false christ who is all about helping us improve ourselves is powerless to solve our real problem, sin. If we follow Jesus as a Therapist, just to help us along life's way so that we improve our life, we will end up chasing shadows and never know true joy, wisdom and peace. Jesus is our joy, wisdom and peace. The Christian faith is not about attaining a second tier of piety, but returning daily to the gifts given in baptism into the name of the real Jesus, true God and true Man, and the faith that trusts in the forgiveness, life and salvation that is delivered to us in Word. in Baptism and in the Lord's Supper.

PRESENTATION OF NLSA CERTIFICATE (10:30am)

OPENING HYMN

SALVATION UNTO US HAS COME

LSB 555, vs. 1, 7, 8

***INVOCATION**

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

***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

- C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

- P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

- C **Amen.**

***KYRIE**

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

***SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Everlasting Father, source of every blessing, mercifully direct and govern us by Your Holy Spirit that we may complete the works You have prepared for us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Numbers 11:4–6, 10–16, 24–29

⁴Now the rabble that was among [the children of Israel] had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, "Oh that we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. ⁶But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at. . . ."

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the LORD blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,' to the land that you swore to give their fathers? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.' ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. ¹⁵If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness."

¹⁶Then the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you. . . ."

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

²⁶Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." ²⁹But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

James 5:1–20

¹Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. ²Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. ³Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be

evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. ⁴Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. ⁵You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. ⁶You have condemned; you have murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.

⁷Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

¹²But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

¹³Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. ¹⁷Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

¹⁹My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, ²⁰let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***ALLELUIA AND VERSE**—*sung; tune LSB 205*

C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:38–50

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

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

³⁸John said to [Jesus], "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰For the one who is not against us is for

us. ⁴¹For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward.

⁴²"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. ⁴³And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸'where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.' ⁴⁹For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

***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 HYMN RISE, MY SOUL, TO WATCH AND PRAY LSB 663, vs. 1, 3–5

SERMON WILL THE REAL JESUS PLEASE STAND UP? FALSE CHRIST: THE THERAPIST

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

After our petitions:

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**—*sung; tune LSB 208*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***LORD'S PRAYER**—*see inside back cover of the hymnal or projection screens*

***THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

***PAX DOMINI**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

***AGNUS DEI**—*sung; tune LSB 210*

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

WHAT IS THE WORLD TO ME

LSB 730

HYMN

LORD, WHOSE LOVE THROUGH HUMBLE SERVICE

LSB 848

***NUNC DIMITTIS**—*sung; tune LSB 211*

***POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

***BENEDICAMUS**

A Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

***BENEDICTION**

HYMN TO DEPART GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING **LSB 922, vs. 1, 2, 4**

PRESENTATION OF NLSA CERTIFICATE (8:00am)

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Serving our Lord

		September 29, 2024	October 6, 2024
Musician		Diane Streich	Diane Streich
Cantor		Dave Workman	Andy Koch
Altar Guild		Roxanne and Gary Foley	Joanie Wachter and Jane Shull
Elder	8am	Rob Orr and Sam Erdman	Sam Erdman
	10:30am	Open	Bill Breitinger
Reader	8am	Rob Orr	Open
	10:30am	Open	Tim Morris
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	Open
Projectionist	8am	Open	Open
	10:30am	Ben Swenson	Tim Morris
Live Stream	8am	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas
Coffee Hour	9:15am	Irma Bjork	Roxanne and Gary Foley



TLO School receives re-accreditation certificate

Today we welcome Sean Martens, Assistant to the President, Education and Commissioned Ministers for the MN South District of the LC-MS, as he presents TLO School with our National Lutheran Schools Association Certificate. TLO School undergoes accreditation process every 5 years, and our re-accreditation certificate was approved July 2024.



October Is Church Worker Appreciation Month (formerly Pastor Appreciation Month)

In His great love and mercy, God cares for His people through the men and women serving in church work vocations. The LCMS thanks God for the faithful church workers who serve in congregations and schools across our Synod and encourages you to do the same. Additionally, TLO will begin annual celebrations of 5-year milestones of our called workers and staff each October.



Life Team at TLO

TLO is building a Life Team, a Gospel-Motivated team to support our congregation with the complexity of issues on Life from Fertilization to Forever. It is not political advocacy or outreach. It is meant to support the pastor, and partner with other ministries at TLO to educate and equip our congregation to better understand God's love of Life, and be able to put that into action. See full details on the insert, and contact Nim Traeger for more information or to volunteer.



Amnion Pregnancy Center Gala Friday, October 25 - 6pm Brackett's Crossing Country Club, Lakeville

You are invited for an encouraging evening to hear what God has been doing in the lives of those experiencing an unplanned pregnancy! Doors open at 6pm with dinner at 6:30pm. Because seating is limited, reservations by **Oct. 1** are required. Adults only, please. An opportunity for a financial faith promise investment will be provided. Please text/call **Connie Kohn (651-235-8477)** or **Lynn Kroonblawd (651-235-8259)** if you would like to be seated with other TLO members at the Gala. Come and hear how God's love and hope break through seemingly hopeless situations!

COMING UP AT TLO — September 29, 2024 — October 6, 2024		
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST		
Sun	8:00*am	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages
	10:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
	12:30am	Peniel Evengelical Church
Mon	10:00am	Adult Bible class
	6:30pm	Trail Life Troop 2950
Tue	10:30am	TLO leads worship at Lexington Pointe Senior Living
	4:00pm	Privileged to Pray
	7:00pm	Board of Elders
	7:00pm	Board of Trustees
Wed	6:30am	Men's Bible study
Thur	6:00pm	Peniel event
Fri	9:00am	Women of the Word (WoW) Bible study
Sat	9:00am	LWML Zone Rally at TLO
	9:00am	GodConnects, 3 of 3
	morning	Luthearn Grade School State Cross Country Meet - Mayer, MN
	2:00pm	Peniel events
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST		
Sun	8:00*am	Worship with Holy Communion and LWML Sunday
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages
	10:30am	Worship with Holy Communion and LWML Sunday
	12:30am	Peniel Evengelical Church
*worship online at www.trinityloneoak.org		



TLO Christmas Season Choir

Do you like to sing and miss being a member of a choir? Lynn Kroonblawd is organizing a choir to sing for worship services during the Christmas season. Please respond to Lynn by **Sunday, Oct. 20**, if you are interested in singing with this choir. Lynn can be reached by email (kroonblawd86@q.com) or phone/text (651-235-8259). Lynn will then send out a survey to be completed regarding rehearsal day/time and worship service availability. Rehearsals hope to start the first week in November. **“Sing a new song to the LORD; he has done wonderful things!” – Psalm 98:1**



The Truth Project is a video-based Bible study from Focus on the Family that looks at life from a biblical perspective. There are 13 engaging video sessions on the relevance and importance of living the Biblical worldview in daily life. I will be hosting this in TLO's conference room on Wednesday evenings 7-9pm beginning October 9th (skipping Wednesdays from Thanksgiving Eve through New Years). All are welcome. --Jim Kohn

WEEKLY DEPOSITS: September 22, 2024

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering	\$	15,360.02
	(Our offering budget is \$9,330 per week)		
	Building Reserve Fund	\$	1,125.00
	(Our offering budget is \$675 for per week)		
	Tuition	\$	1,158.41
	1883 School Annual Fund	\$	130.00
	Chapel offerings - supporting Rev. Tom Park in Taiwan	\$	47.95
	Sunday school - supporting Rev. Tom Park in Taiwan	\$	8.01
	Church and school fees	\$	164.90
	Subtotal General Fund Income	\$	17,994.29
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2	\$	235.30
	Fire Alarm System Replacement	\$	N/A
	Concordia Fund - supporting TLO members attending a Concordia	\$	N/A
	Acorn Scholarship Fund - supporting TLO School student tuition	\$	N/A
	Young Investors stamps through Lutheran Church Extension Fund	\$	259.00
	Subtotal Special Fund Income	\$	494.30



Tiger-Thon

Saturday, October 12 | 10am-12noon | TLO

TLO students and their families, along with teachers and staff, will be walking (or running) the school trail to help raise money for special items, as well as ongoing projects and events organized by our school's Parent-Teacher-Congregation Organization (PTCO). Previous purchases have been playground equipment, upgraded security camera system, classroom furniture, and new lockers. Consider saying "yes!" when a TLO student asks you to sponsor them or donate online at tloschool.org/tigerthon.



Birthdays this week

- Sept 30 Lucy Cahn, Michael Loge, Andrew McNair
- Oct 2 Steve Blumke
- Oct 3 Brandon Loge

Remember in Prayer



Mission Field:

- Rev. Tom Park, LC-MS missionary to Taiwan, where only 6% of the people know Jesus.

Blessings and Thanksgiving:

- New granddaughter, Luna Marie, born September 25 to Eddie and Pam Burdick. Mom and baby are healthy and doing fine.
- Jill Olson, granddaughter of Roger and Lois Schaaf, with a 'cancer-free' diagnosis, continues healing

Those With Health Concerns:

Dealing with cancer and treatment:

- Avianna, young niece of Chelsea Cardenas
- Joyce (Kirchner) Moynihan, friend of Terry and Helen Stoerzinger

Hospitalized, in rehab, or on hospice

- Marla Kube, regaining strength at Augustana, Apple Valley, and for Ken as he looks after Marla
- Char Timm, visitors welcome! Presbyterian Homes, 9889 Penn Ave S, #212, Bloomington 55431
- Jeff Schaaf, recovering after a stroke and a fall
- Laverne Ziebell, father of Karen Turmire, recovering at Langton (part of Pres. Homes, Roseville)

Dealing with health concerns:

- Eddie Burdick's genetic brain disease is progressing, and symptoms are worsening
- Dixie Cliff
- Alice Dornseif, recovering at home
- Teresa Dornseif, sister-in-law of Alice, recovering from ankle reconstruction surgery
- Gloria, Jim Kohn's sister-in-law, recovering from surgery and in need of our prayers
- Silas Kohn, undergoing treatment for LCH until August 2025
- Linda Koss, surgery September 26
- Joseph Labhart (Flannery's grandson) ongoing health concerns
- Marilou Larson, close cousin of Alice Dornseif, autoimmune liver issues
- David Nystrom - godson of Alice - recovering at home
- Sharon Phelps, mom of Cindy Rahn, moved to Rosemount
- Sally Pieper, recovering at home after surgery

For Those Who Mourn

- The family of Dick Schultz, brother-in-law of Alice Dornseif, who passed away this week

Ongoing Prayers

- For our members and friends in care facilities or homebound
+ Donine Leatherby
- Ryan Kroonblawd - 2nd Year Seminarian - Concordia Seminary - St. Louis, MO



Weekly memory verse

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
Hebrews 11:1



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%.



LWML Fall Rally October 5, 2024 | 9:00am | TLO

Titled "Caring for the Mind, Body and Soul: Embracing Health in Service to Christ" our Rally Speaker is Pastor Chad Kirchoff from Shepherd of the Valley, Hastings. He has entitled his presentation "Faith, Fitness and Community: Strengthening Mind, Body and Soul in the 21st Century." Gifts from the Heart are: Health Bars with 20 grams of protein, Gatorade Thirst Quencher variety pack sport drinks 12 fluid ounces, Luther's Small Catechism books, ESV Faith Alive Bibles. Cash is also an option. Checks can be made out to

Shepherd of the Valley LCMS with "ReDO Fitness Ministry in the memo. We would love to add women to our membership. Speak with Irma Bjork or Irlene Schuster for more info!



Next Sunday is LWML Sunday!

October 6 has been designated as Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) Sunday at TLO. The Lutheran Women in Mission invite the entire congregation to celebrate together as the Body of Christ under the theme, “Ready to Serve,” authored by Rev. Dr. Dwayne Lueck, the LCMS North Wisconsin District President. Join us and learn how the Lord has worked through Lutheran Women in Mission to bring the lost and the erring into fellowship with Him through mission and ministry.