



## Third Sunday after the Epiphany

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**AS WE GATHER**

When Jesus unrolled the scroll, the people might have been expecting words from His mouth, but what they got was the Word made flesh, the Word that endures forever. It did not take long before they found reason to wonder. "Is this not Joseph's son?" The reality is that there are always those who look for reason to doubt or to reject but the Word is given to bring forth faith. The Word is given that by hearing we might believe, but wherever God's Word is spoken it is also a scandal and offense to the way we see ourselves and our salvation. Jesus has come to address us with the Word of Life so that by hearing we may believe and by believing we may see that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. The best appreciation for God's Word is faith.

**OPENING HYMN****GOD HAS SPOKEN BY THE PROPHETS****LSB 583****\*INVOCATION**

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

**\*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION***Psalm 19:7-9, 11-14*

- P The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;  
C **the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;**
- P the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the just decrees of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.  
C **Moreover, by them is Your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.**
- P Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.  
C **Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.**

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

*Silence for reflection.*

- P Let us confess our sin to God our Father.  
C **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God has had mercy upon you and has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Jesus Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

## **\*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**—*sung; tune LSB 204*

### **\*SALUTATION**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

### **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10*

<sup>1</sup>All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. <sup>2</sup>So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. . . .

<sup>5</sup>And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. <sup>6</sup>And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. . . .

<sup>8</sup>They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup>And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

*1 Corinthians 12:12–31a*

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup>For the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

<sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, <sup>24</sup>which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

<sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup>But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### \*VERSE

*Luke 4:18a*

P Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

C **because He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. Alleluia.**

### \*HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 4:16–30*

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

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

<sup>16</sup>[Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. <sup>17</sup>And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

<sup>18</sup>“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives  
and recovering of sight to the blind,  
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,  
<sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

<sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." <sup>22</sup>And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" <sup>23</sup>And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself.' What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well." <sup>24</sup>And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. <sup>25</sup>But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, <sup>26</sup>and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. <sup>27</sup>And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." <sup>28</sup>When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. <sup>29</sup>And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. <sup>30</sup>But passing through their midst, he went away.

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

## Marvel at His Words

## OFFERING

**\*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

After our petitions, we speak:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER****\*COLLECT FOR THE WORD**

P Lord Jesus Christ, giver and perfecter of our faith, we thank and praise You for continuing among us the preaching of Your Gospel for our instruction and edification. Send Your blessing upon the Word, which has been spoken to us, and by Your Holy Spirit increase our saving knowledge of You, that day by day we may be strengthened in the divine truth and remain steadfast in Your grace. Give us strength to fight the good fight and by faith to overcome all the temptations of Satan, the flesh, and the world so that we may finally receive the salvation of our souls; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

## HYMN TO DEPART

## ONCE HE CAME IN BLESSING

## LSB 333

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## Serving our Lord

		Sunday, January 26, 2025	Sunday, February 2, 2025
Musician		Diane Streich	Diane Streich
Cantor		Dave Workman	Andy Koch
Altar Guild		Sharon Drews	Sharon Drews and Nim Traeger
Elder(s)	8am	Andy Olson	Rob Orr and Andy Olson
	10:30am	Open	Open
Reader	8am	Matthew Boll	Rob Orr
	10:30am	Keith Prusak	Open
Usher Team	8am	Andy Olson	Sam Erdman
	10:30am	Open	Open
Greeter(s)	8am	Open	Open
	10:30am	Open	Open
Acolyte	8am	Open	Sophia Orr
	10:30am	Lily Olander	Open
Projection	8am	Matthew Boll	Open
	10:30am	Jean Peterson	Ben Swenson
Live Stream	8am	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas
Coffee Hour	9:15am	Open	Roxanne and Gary Foley



**Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran Church**  
**Special Voters' Meeting Agenda**  
**TODAY, January 26, 2025 – 11:45 a.m. – TLO Gym**



Call to Order

Open Meeting with Prayer

**Unfinished Business**

- Nomination and election of Delegates for 2025 Convention. (pastoral delegate, lay delegate, alternate lay delegate).
- Any nominations for offices of District President, Vice Presidents, and the Board of Directors.

New Members Signing of Constitution

Motion to Adjourn

Close with Prayer

**COMING UP AT TLO - January 26, 2025 — February 2, 2025****THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

National Lutheran School Week activities January 27-February 2!

Sun	8:00*am	Worship
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages
	10:15am	Worship
	11:45am	Special Voters' Meeting
	12:30am	Peniel Evangelical Church
	6:00pm	Men's Basketball
Mon	10:00am	Adult Bible Class - studying Proverbs - you're invited!
Tue	7:00pm	Church Council meeting
Wed	6:30am	Men's Bible Study
	9:00am	TLO Quilters - you're welcome to join in!
	4:00pm	Midweek confirmation class
Thur	6:00pm	Peniel events
Fri	9:00am	Women of the Word (WoW) Bible study
Sat	9:00am	Women's Bible study
	1:00pm	Peniel events

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY - CELEBRATION OF NLSW**

Sun	8:00*am	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages
	9:15am	Moms in Prayer - TLO Conference Room
	10:15am	Worship with Preschool and K-8 students in worship
	11:30am	Pasta with a Purpose - you're invited for a meal and fellowship!
	12:30am	Peniel Evangelical Church
	6:00pm	Men's Basketball

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

Bottles for Life campaign to support Amnion Women's Center is underway! Pick up a bottle and fill it with coins, cash, or checks to support life. Bottles are in are narthex and should be returned to Trinity Lone Oak by Sunday, February 16. You can also donate online at [helpofferhope.org](http://helpofferhope.org) and click on "donate."





## **Concordia Academy Basketball Blast Friday, January 31**

Get ready to have a blast at B3! Concordia Academy invites 6th-8th graders to join us at CA for free admission to our home boys and girls basketball games with: free pizza, free popcorn, halftime games, awesome prizes, and so much fun! Other food items will be available for purchase at the concession stand as well. Families are also invited to the evening games with free admission.

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*(grade 7-12 students)*

### **A.T.T.I.C.**

A.T.T.I.C (All Tied Together in Christ) nights at TLO gathers several times a month for a short Bible Study/Devotion and then break into sharing how youth are using God given talents in their school community to be a shining light. TLO

Youth is also planning activities for the TLO community. Check out the insert!

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### **National Lutheran Schools Week**

NLSW is January 27-31 and we are celebrating here at TLO! First we have our annual field trip to Concordia Academy on Monday January 27. The rest of the week will be filled with fun activities and different daily themes. We cap off our celebration by singing in worship February 2. Praise God for our Lutheran schools!

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### **Valentine boxes**

Support our 2024 high school grads and show them how much they are valued by God and by us! A display in the narthex gives complete details. Final collection date is Sunday, Feb. 9.

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### **Birthdays this week**

Jan 27 Nathan Koch, Olivia Stenstad

Feb 1 Joanie Shockley, Rachel Wallace

### **Anniversaries this week**

Feb 1 Peter and Megan Naas

## WEEKLY DEPOSITS: January 19, 2025

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering - supporting staff and operations	\$	3,849.50
(Our offering budget is \$9,330 per week)			
	Building Reserve Fund - supporting monthly mortgage payments	\$	565.00
(Our offering budget is \$675 for per week)			
	Tuition	\$	3,506.26
	1883 School Annual Fund - supporting TLO School	\$	695.40
	Current and Mission in memory of LeRoy Niedfelt	\$	420.00
	Critical Maintenance	\$	6,300.00
	Church and school fees	\$	150.80
	<b>Subtotal General Fund Income</b>	\$	<b>15,486.96</b>
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2 - Yesterday, Today, Forever 2 initiative	\$	135.30
	Acorn Scholarship Fund - supporting TLO School student tuition	\$	N/A
	Chapel offerings - supporting Dakota Woodlands, Eagan	\$	37.37
	Sunday school support of Rev. Tom Park in Taiwan	\$	0.25
	Concordia Fund - supporting TLO members attending a Concordia	\$	N/A
	Young Investors stamps through Lutheran Church Extension Fund	\$	229.00
	<b>Subtotal Special Fund Income</b>	\$	<b>401.92</b>

### Fiscal Year To Date as of January 19, 2025

Current and Mission:			
	YTD Budgeted Giving (\$9,330.00 per week for 29 weeks)	\$	270,570.00
	YTD Actual Giving	\$	280,713.07
	YTD Difference	\$	10,143.07
Building Reserve Fund			
	YTD Budgeted Giving (\$675.00 per week for 29 weeks)	\$	19,575.00
	YTD Actual Giving	\$	19,098.00
	YTD Difference	\$	-477.00



### Tax Receipts

Pick up your 2024 tax receipts from your church mailbox. As always, report discrepancies to Nancy Strand, TLO Financial Secretary, or the church office.

## Remember in Prayer



### Mission Field:

TLO School is a mission field. You are encouraged to pray as God leads for Trinity Lone Oak each day of National Lutheran Schools Week, January 27 – February 2.

### Thanksgiving

- Joanie Wachter asks for prayer of thanksgiving that she is healing so well after surgery, and she thanks those who have faithfully prayed for her recovery.

### Those with Health Concerns:

- Chuck Balzer, grandfather of Adeline Boland (gr 2) recovering from pneumonia at the VA
- Bonnie Bartz, TLO preschool aide, recovering from a broken hip
- Joanne Clark, recovering from extensive surgery
- Eddie Burdick's genetic brain disease is progressing, and symptoms are worsening
- Pam Burdick, healing from January 12 surgery and the complications she experienced.
- Pam Carpenter, diagnosed with brain tumor; awaiting surgery
- Dixie Cliff
- Teresa Dornseif, sister-in-law of Alice, recovering from ankle reconstruction surgery
- 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, autoimmune liver issues
- Gordy Moss, grandfather of Marie Lumives, hospitalized, wearing a neck brace, learning to speak with a trach. Please pray for his healing
- David Nystrom - godson of Alice - recovering at home
- Sharon Phelps, mom of Cindy Rahn
- Sally Pieper, for full health
- Jeff Schaaf, moved to Benedictine Assisted Living
- Pastor Don Wilke, former TLO pastor, recovering after a serious fall

### Ongoing Prayers

- For our Nation and those in authority as they carry out their duties
- For those in California battling fires that have destroyed lives and property
- For TLO members and friends in care facilities or homebound
  - Donine Leatherby
  - Char Tim
- Ryan Kroonblawd - 2nd Year Seminarian - Concordia Seminary - St. Louis, MO

### Our weekly memory verse:

Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. **Ephesians 5:25b-27**





## 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.



## Support your school in TWO great ways!

**Saturday, March 8 | 5:00pm**  
Join us for TLO School’s annual Gala. Highlights include a delicious dinner at Royal Cliff Center, bidding on exciting items, and fellowship with good friends. Tickets go on sale soon. Save the date!

**Sunday, February 2 | 11:30am**  
The triennial convocation of LCMS teachers provides for spiritual upbuilding, sharing of ideas, and great fellowship. Come get a great meal and support our TLO Teachers at the same time!