



"Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?" Luke 13:6-7

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WELCOME

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AS WE GATHER

How then shall we live? What a profound question for Christians to consider midway through Lent! The Lord has shown His mercy to us, forgiven our sins, and delivered us from death. Then what? What is the focus of our lives? The call of the Readings for this Sunday points us to the repentance that bears the good fruit of God's kingdom. Like trees that have failed to produce good fruit, the Lord has tended us with His Word, with the warning of the Law and the promise of the Gospel. But if the tree remains unfruitful, the tree will have to be cut down. It is a hard word to hear, but God remains merciful, and most of all, He seeks that we bear the good fruits of faith and repentance in our daily lives.

OPENING HYMN

JESUS SINNERS DOTH RECEIVE

LSB 609, vs. 1–4

*INVOCATION

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

*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P The LORD knows the way of the righteous,
C **but the way of the wicked will perish.**

- P You are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with You.
C **Through the abundance of Your steadfast love, I will enter Your house.**

Silence for meditation and reflection.

- P Let us confess our sins to God our Father:
C **Almighty God, maker of all things and judge of all people, we poor sinners confess to You that we have turned away from You. We have not done the good You desire but have done the evil You forbid. We repent of all our sins of thought, word, and deed and pray for Your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Turn our hearts away from sin and its temptation and grant us by the Holy Spirit to serve You with all our heart, mind, body, and soul. In the holy name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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. To the impenitent and unbelieving I declare that so long as you continue in your impenitence, God will not forgive your sins and will visit your iniquity upon you until you turn from your sinful ways, come to repentance, and trust in the merits of Jesus Christ alone.
C **Amen.**

- P May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C **Amen.**

***HYMN** **JESUS SINNERS DOTH RECEIVED** **LSB 609, vs. 5, 6**

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| <p>5 Oh, how blest it is to know:
 Were as scarlet my transgression,
It shall be as white as snow
 By Thy blood and bitter passion;
For these words I now believe:
Jesus sinners doth receive.</p> | <p>6 Now my conscience is at peace;
 From the Law I stand acquitted.
Christ hath purchased my release
 And my ev'ry sin remitted.
Naught remains my soul to grieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive.</p> |
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***KYRIE** *LSB 186*

C **Lord, have mercy upon us.**
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

***SALUTATION**

- P The Lord be with you.
- C **And also with you.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- P Let us pray. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY

- P Though the Readings for the Third Sunday in Lent bring warnings to those who refuse the Spirit and remain impenitent, they also promise that God will work in us the healthful Spirit of His grace, forgive our sins, and equip us to bear the good fruits of His kingdom in our lives. From the prophet Ezekiel, we learn that God finds no pleasure in judging the wicked but rejoices in their repentance and faith. From 1 Corinthians, we are warned by Paul against the pride that goes before the fall and assured that in Christ temptation cannot overcome us. In the Gospel, Jesus is confronted with a tragedy from the news and points the hearers to their own repentance and faith, that they may bear the good fruit of His Kingdom.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 33:7–20

- ⁷So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity,

but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

¹⁰“And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’ ¹¹Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

¹²“And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. ¹³Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. ¹⁴Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, ¹⁵if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ¹⁶None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

¹⁷“Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just,’ when it is their own way that is not just. ¹⁸When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. ¹⁹And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. ²⁰Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

A ¹LORD, you were favorable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

²You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you covered all their sin.

³You withdrew all your wrath;
you turned from your hot anger.

C ⁴**Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation toward us!**

⁵**Will you be angry with us forever?
Will you prolong your anger to all
generations?**

A ⁶Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you?

⁷Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation.

C ⁸**Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his
saints;
but let them not turn back to folly.**

A ⁹Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.

C ¹⁰**Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

¹¹**Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
and righteousness looks down from the sky.**

A ¹²Yes, the LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.

C ¹³**Righteousness will go before him
and make his footsteps a way.**

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 10:1–13

¹I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*VERSE

2 Peter 3:9b

[The Lord] is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

*HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:1–9

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

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

¹There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. ⁴Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

⁶And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?' ⁸And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. ⁹Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON HYMN

O GOD, MY FAITHFUL GOD

LSB 696, vs. 1, 2, 4, 6

SERMON

IF IT SHOULD BEAR FRUIT

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

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

After every petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

OFFERING

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***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** – *tune LSB 208*

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;

Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.

Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;

Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

***PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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

***PAX DOMINI**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

***AGNUS DEI**– *tune LSB 210*

**1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

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HYMN

FRUITFUL TREES, THE SPIRIT'S SOWING

LSB 691

HYMN

ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME

LSB 761

THE DISMISSAL

***NUNC DIMITTIS** – *tune LSB 211*

**1 O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.**

**2 All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.**

***POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

P Let us pray.

Merciful God, for freedom You have set us free through Christ's liberating death and resurrection. In this freedom, teach us to live in the fruit of the Spirit given us in our Baptism that we may bear in our bodies the fulfillment of the Law as we love our neighbors as ourselves; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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.**

***SENDING**

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN TO DEPART

GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT REDEEMER

LSB 918

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Serving our Lord

		March 20, 2022	March 27, 2022
Musician		Marissa Bernau	Diane Streich
Altar Guild		Roxanne Foley	Roxanne Foley
Cantor	8am	Andy Koch	Dave Workman
Elder	8am	Jon Peterson	Andy Olson
	10:30am	Kurt Vallin	Kurt Vallin
Reader	8am	Jon Peterson	Andy Olson
	10:30am	Kurt Vallin	Kurt Vallin
Usher Team	8am	Layne Streich	Gary Sheets
	10:30am	Lance Halverson	Open
Greeter(s)	8am	Carolyn Wesling	Open
	10:30am	Open	Open
Acolyte	8am	Jacob Seeman	Open
	10:30am	Amelia Martin and Audrey Martin	Seth Halverson and Eli Halverson
Projection	8am	Matt Seeman	Open
	10:30am	Ben Swenson	Lance Halverson
Live Stream	8am	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas



Seder Meal Invitation

Thursday, April 14 | 5:00pm | TLO Gym

TLO members 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 April 10. If you have questions, please contact Jim or Connie Kohn.

COMING UP AT TLO — March 20, 2022 – March 27, 2022**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

Sun	8:00*am	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages
	10:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
	6:00pm	Hoops
Mon	TLO School on Spring Break this week; school resumes Monday, March 28	
	10:00am	Adult Bible Study
	6:00pm	Trail Life USA Troop 2950 meeting
Wed	6:30am	Men's Bible study
	5:15pm	Lenten Meal--served by Quilters--come and enjoy!
	6:30pm	Lenten worship

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sun	8:00*am	Worship; Concordia High School, Omaha, providing music
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages
	10:30am	Worship; Concordia High School, Omaha, providing music
	6:00pm	Hoops
Mon		School resumes

*worship online at www.trinityloneoak.org**Family Ministry Workshop****Saturday, March 26, 2022 | CSP**

In this workshop, Rev. Greg and Susan Finke will present biblical and practical insights from their upcoming book, *Joining Jesus as a Family: Raising Children to be Followers of Jesus*. Parents will learn practical tips, drawn from the life and ministry of Jesus, for discipling their children, and how they can weave these principles into how they are already raising their children day-by-day. Register at CSP.org or with the church office.

**Concordia High School Band and Chorale, Omaha, NE enhances worship at TLO****Sunday, March 27 | 8:00am and 10:30am | TLO Sanctuary**

Come ready to enjoy the music of these high school students on tour as they enhance our worship next Sunday, March 27!

WEEKLY DEPOSITS: March 13, 2022

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering	\$	5,751.11
	(Our offering budget is \$7,980 per week)		
	Building Reserve Fund	\$	313.04
	(Our offering budget is \$665 for per week)		
	Current and Mission IMO Herman Cliff	\$	400.00
	Sunday school	\$	3.41
	1883 School Annual Fund	\$	105.00
	Tuition	\$	16,508.20
	Chapel	\$	103.00
	Thrivent Choice to Current and Mission	\$	111.00
	Thrivent Choice to 1883 Fund	\$	970.00
	Gala 2022 proceeds	\$	17,494.00
	Church and school fees	\$	2,785.11
	Subtotal General Fund Income	\$	44,543.87
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2	\$	1,005.00
	Acorn Scholarship Fund	\$	5.00
	YI Stamps, an investment of Lutheran Church Extension Fund	\$	248.00
	Subtotal Special Fund Income	\$	1,258.00



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March 31 deadline!

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Clean Up Day at TLO
Saturday, April 9 | 8am-12noon

You don't have to be there for the entire 4 hours; come when you can and leave when you must. We have both indoor and outdoor work to do. Plan to help out if you can.



Remember in Prayer

Ben Heintz, Lorrie's cousin, back to work part time; prayer for full recovery
 Ramona Broman; prayers for Jesus to be close to her
 Corrine, Jenna's mom, prayers during chemo treatment appreciated
 George (Ted) Hakanson, continuing radiation and chemo for stage 3 lung cancer
 Joseph Labhart (Flannery's grandson) ongoing health concerns
 Ian Olander, TLO grade 2 student, updates on caringbridge.org/visit/iano
 Billy D. Swain, home recovering from surgery
 Laverne Ziebell, prayers requested as he works through ongoing health problems



Prayer for Obedience to the Word

O holy and most merciful God, You have taught us the way of Your commandments. We implore You to pour out Your grace into our hearts. Cause it to bear fruit in us that, being ever mindful of your mercies and Your laws, we may always be directed to Your will and daily increase in love toward You and one another. Enable us to resist all evil and to live a godly life. Help us to follow the example of the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christi, and to walk in His steps until we shall possess the kingdom that has been prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *LSB, page 308*

Our hymnal is a treasury of spiritual encouragement. Find this and more prayers:

- *On the inside front cover of the pew hymnal*
 - *Starting on page 305 of the pew hymnal*
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Birthdays this week

March 20	Kyle Breitinger
March 21	Matthew McNair, Alex Schwalbe, Barbara Vail
March 22	Amy Zenda-Johnson
March 24	Anna Willmott

Anniversaries this week

March 23	Kevin and Pat Maloney
March 24	William and Nancy Kolesar
March 25	Greta and David Whittenberg

Welcome Guests

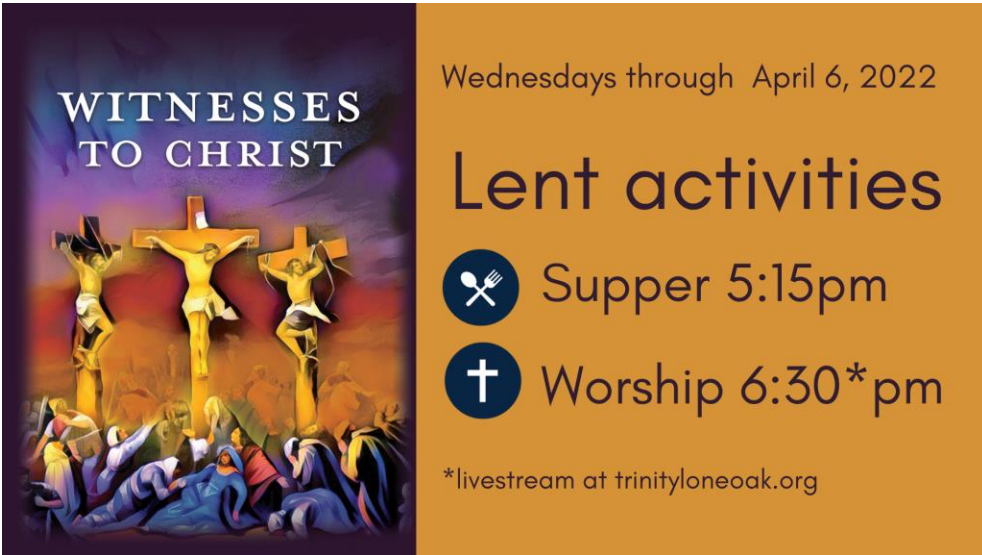
We are glad you are here today! Here are a few things we thought you would like to know to help you feel at home with us today. If you are visiting please introduce yourself to our pastor, a greeter or an usher. We love to make new friends!

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%.



WITNESSES
TO CHRIST

Wednesdays through April 6, 2022

Lent activities

Supper 5:15pm

Worship 6:30*pm

*livestream at trinityloneoak.org

Serving our upcoming meals:

- **March 23—Quilters**
- **March 30—TLO Teachers**
- **April 6—Board of Elders**