

## False christ #11



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

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**AS WE GATHER**

This week's false christ is The Teddy Bear. In Revelation 5:5 Jesus is described as the Lion of Judah. Jesus is not some soft, fluffy, Teddy Bear, that we can put on a shelf and display, or cuddle with to comfort our soul. Jesus' was pierced for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities and by His wounds, we are healed. The Last Sunday of the Church Year is about the last things, the day of judgment when Jesus Christ "will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead," Christ, "whose kingdom will have no end" (Nicene Creed). With great and glad celebration, therefore, we gather to rejoice over our assurance that Jesus Christ, the King of kings, rules ultimately over all things, always for our good, our healing, our salvation, and our destiny in the day of resurrection.

**OPENING HYMN**

**REJOICE, REJOICE, BELIEVERS**

**LSB 515**

**\*INVOCATION**

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

**\*OPENING SENTENCES**

*Psalm 93:1; 95:6*

- P The LORD reigns; He is robed in majesty;  
C **the LORD is robed; He has put on strength as His belt.**
- P Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
C **let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

**\*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*John 18:37*

- P Jesus said, "Everyone who is of the truth listens to My voice." Today we kneel humbly before Him, our king, confessing the truth that we have sinned against our creator's clear commands. Let us make our heartfelt petition for mercy, forgiveness, and salvation.
- C **Most merciful Lord, whose majesty has been shown to all nations by Your triumph over all sin and death on Your glorious cross, from Your exalted throne at the right hand of the Father You live and reign over all creation. Receive our humble plea for mercy, life, and forgiveness of our sin, and grant to us Your enlivening grace by speaking Your liberating word of truth.**
- P "Everyone who is of the truth listens to My voice." Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

**\*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.**

**\*THIS IS THE FEAST**—*sung; tune LSB 155*

**\*SALUTATION**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Daniel 7:9–10, 13–14*

<sup>9</sup>As I looked,

thrones were placed,  
and the Ancient of days took his seat;  
his clothing was white as snow,  
and the hair of his head like pure wool;  
his throne was fiery flames;  
its wheels were burning fire.

<sup>10</sup>A stream of fire issued  
and came out from before him;  
a thousand thousands served him,  
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him;  
the court sat in judgment,  
and the books were opened. . . .

<sup>13</sup>I saw in the night visions,

and behold, with the clouds of heaven  
there came one like a son of man,  
and he came to the Ancient of Days  
and was presented before him.

<sup>14</sup>And to him was given dominion  
and glory and a kingdom,  
that all peoples, nations, and languages

should serve him;  
his dominion is an everlasting dominion,  
which shall not pass away,  
and his kingdom one  
that shall not be destroyed.

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

### **PSALM 93**—*read responsively*

- A The Lord reigns; he is robed in majesty;  
the Lord is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.

C **Yes, the world is established;  
it shall never be moved.**

- A Your throne is established from of old;  
you are from everlasting.

C **The floods have lifted up, O Lord,  
the floods have lifted up their voice;  
the floods lift up their roaring.**

- A Mightier than the thunders of many waters,  
mightier than the waves of the sea,

C **the Lord on high is mighty!**

- A Your decrees are very trustworthy;

C **holiness befits your house,  
O Lord, forevermore.**

### **EPISTLE**

*Revelation 1:4b–8*

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood <sup>6</sup>and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup>Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

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

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM (8:00am)

Safe in His Love

Theodore Beck

TLO Adult Choir

**\*VERSE**—*from Revelation 22:13*

P Alleluia, alleluia!

C **I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.**

P Alleluia, alleluia!

**\*HOLY GOSPEL**

*John 18:33–37*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighteenth chapter.

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

<sup>33</sup>Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"  
<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" <sup>35</sup>Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?" <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world." <sup>37</sup>Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice."

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**

**PRESERVE YOUR WORD, O SAVIOR**

**LSB 658**

**SERMON**

**FALSE CHRIST: THE TEDDY BEAR**

**OFFERING**

**\*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Following our petitions:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

**\*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**

**O SAVIOR, PRECIOUS SAVIOR**

**LSB 527**

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**Thank you, TLO Choir!**

Thank you to the TLO Adult Choir for preparing beautiful music for this morning's worship. We appreciate your leadership as we remember the words of Psalm 96:1 *"Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!"*

## Serving our Lord

|               |         | November 24, 2024            | December 1, 2024              |
|---------------|---------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Musician      |         | Diane Streich                | Diane Streich                 |
| Cantor        |         | Dave Workman                 | Andy Koch                     |
| Altar Guild   |         | Nim Traeger and Sharon Drews | Nancy Strand and Sharon Drews |
| Elder         | 8am     | Bill Breitinger              | Andy Olson and Rob Orr        |
|               | 10:30am | Kurt Vallin                  | Sam Erdman and Matthew Berg   |
| Reader        | 8am     | Matthew Boll                 | Andy Olson                    |
|               | 10:30am | Kurt Vallin                  | Matthew Berg                  |
| Usher Team    | 8am     | Layne Streich                | Gary Sheets                   |
|               | 10:30am | Terry Stoerzinger            | Ben Swenson                   |
| Greeter(s)    | 8am     | Jean Peterson                | Open                          |
|               | 10:30am | Helen Stoerzinger            | Helen Stoerzinger             |
| Acolyte(s)    | 8am     | Lily Olander, Ian Olander    | Sophia Orr, Mason Kolb        |
|               | 10:30am | Dana Vallin, Sean Hakanson   | Ethan Swenson, Sean Hakanson  |
| Projectionist | 8am     | Matthew Boll                 | Open                          |
|               | 10:30am | Sebastian Ness               | Ben Swenson                   |
| Live Stream   | 8am     | Jim Nicklas                  | Jim Nicklas                   |
| Coffee Hour   | 9:15am  | Naas and Olander Families    | Roxanne and Gary Foley        |

## Christmas 2024 Activities

Mark your calendar now for these December activities at TLO!

Find even more events on the list in the narthex.

Select events sponsored in part by Thrivent Financial



### Christmas Decorating

**Saturday, December 7 | 9:00am | TLO Sanctuary**

We are looking for volunteers to help decorate the Sanctuary and narthex for the Christmas season. Come for fellowship and fun while we decorate the Lord's House. No need to RSVP; just come with a cheerful heart and bring an appetite for Puffy Cream Donuts.



### Advent Meal & Advent Worship

**Dec. 4, Dec. 11 and Dec. 18 | 5:15 & 6:30\*pm**

Come visit with familiar friends or meet someone new over a hot meal. Worship our Coming King at our Advent services. If your group wants to serve the Dec. 11 meal, contact the church office.

*\*livestream at [www.trinityloneoak.org](http://www.trinityloneoak.org)*



### TLO School Concerts

Wednesday, Dec 11 | 1:30pm | K- 8 Christmas Matinee | TLO

Thursday, Dec 12 | 6:30pm | K- 8 Christmas Concert | TLO

Please feel warmly welcomed at either (or both!) performance. Nothing will put you in the Christmas spirit as children singing about their Jesus!

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### Pizza and Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 15 | 11:30am | All ages | Meet at TLO

Enjoy pizza lunch after late service. Then bring Christmas joy to TLO members in homes and in Care Centers by forming caroling groups that make up to 4 stops. RSVP helpful but not required at [trinityloneoak.org](http://trinityloneoak.org), so we know how many pizzas to buy.

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### Christmas Desert and optional Cookie Exchange

Tuesday, December 17 | 7:00pm | Lana Siewert-Olson's home

Come and enjoy dessert and conversation with your TLO friends. RSVP to Leann Becker, 612-327-5335 or Lana Siewert-Olson, 651-453-563 (be sure to let us know if you would like a ride) and if you'd like to participate in the cookie exchange, please bring 10 dozen cookies to share.

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### Vocalist and Instrumentalists wanted

For the coming Advent and Christmas season, we welcome musicians to come forward. We can help find music to suit your interests. Contact Diane Streich.

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### Winter Weather Closing

When winter weather forces closure of TLO Church, notice will be communicated in these ways:

- A notice will be posted on the home page of TLO's website, [www.trinityloneoak.org](http://www.trinityloneoak.org).
- A recorded message at TLO's church number, 651-454-7235, will announce closure.
- An email will be sent. To check if you're on our email distribution list, **contact the church office.**
- Personal phone calls will be made to folks with limited computer access. Contact Jean in the church office, 651-454-7235, to be placed on the list to receive a phone call regarding winter weather closure.



**COMING UP AT TLO — November 24, 2024 — December 1, 2024**

**LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR**

|   |                                  |  |
|---|----------------------------------|--|
| Sun   | 8:00*am                          | Worship                                      |
|   | 9:15am                           | Education Hour for all ages                  |
|   | 9:15am                           | Moms in Prayer                               |
|   | 10:30am                          | Worship                                      |
|   | 12:30am                          | Peniel Evengelical Church                    |
|   | 6:00pm                           | Men's Basketball                             |
| Mon   | 10:00am                          | Adult Bible Class; studying Proverbs         |
| Tue   | 7:00pm                           | Church Council Meeting                       |
| Wed   | No school - Church office open   |  |
|   | 6:30am                           | Men's Bible study                            |
|   | 4:00pm                           | Midweek Confirmation Class                   |
|   | 6:30*pm                          | Thanksgiving Eve Worship with Holy Communion |
| Thur  | 9:00am                           | Thanksgiving Day Worship with Holy Communion |
|   | 6:00pm                           | Peniel events                                |
| Fri   | No school - Church office closed |  |
| Sat   | 2:00pm                           | Peniel events                                |
| <b>FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT</b>   |                                  |  |
| 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                    |
|   | 6:00pm                           | Men's Basketball                             |
| *worship online at <a href="http://www.trinityloneoak.org">www.trinityloneoak.org</a> |                                  |  |



**A Concordia St. Paul Christmas | December 7 | 3:30pm**

The public is invited to “A Concordia St. Paul Christmas” at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 7, at St. Michael’s Lutheran Church in Bloomington. This will be a worship celebration featuring the choral and instrumental ensembles of Concordia University, St. Paul (CSP). The event is FREE with pre-reserved tickets. Reserve your tickets today at [www.csp.edu/tickets](http://www.csp.edu/tickets) or 1-866-488-4849. A freewill offering will be taken to support CSP Music.

## WEEKLY DEPOSITS: November 17, 2024

| General Fund Income:   |   |                     |
|--|---|---------------------|
|  | Current and Mission Weekly Offering - supporting staff and operations | \$ 9,436.75         |
|  | (Our offering budget is \$9,330 per week)                             |                     |
|  | Building Reserve Fund - supporting monthly mortgage payments          | \$ 975.00           |
|  | (Our offering budget is \$675 for per week)                           |                     |
|  | Tuition   | \$ 6,301.13         |
|  | 1883 School Annual Fund - supporting TLO School                       | \$ 180.00           |
|  | Church and school fees  | \$ 398.54           |
|  | <b>Subtotal General Fund Income</b>                                   | <b>\$ 17,291.42</b> |
| Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending) |   |                     |
|  | YTF2 - Yesterday, Today, Forever 2 initiative                         | \$ 260.30           |
|  | Acorn Scholarship Fund - supporting TLO School student tuition        | \$ 25.00            |
|  | Chapel offerings - supporting Rev. Tom Park in Taiwan                 | \$ 50.50            |
|  | Sunday school - supporting Rev. Tom Park in Taiwan                    | \$ 5.65             |
|  | General support of Rev. Tom Park in Taiwan                            | \$ N/A              |
|  | Fire Alarm System replacement   | \$ N/A              |
|  | Concordia Fund - supporting TLO members attending a Concordia         | \$ N/A              |
|  | Young Investors stamps through Lutheran Church Extension Fund         | \$ 200.00           |
|  | <b>Subtotal Special Fund Income</b>                                   | <b>\$ 541.45</b>    |
| Fiscal Year To Date as of November 17, 2024                      |   |                     |
| Current and Mission:   |   |                     |
|  | YTD Budgeted Giving (\$9,330.00 per week for 20 weeks)                | \$ 186,600.00       |
|  | YTD Actual Giving   | \$ 161,497.06       |
|  | YTD Difference  | \$ -25,102.94       |
| Building Reserve Fund  |   |                     |
|  | YTD Budgeted Giving (\$675.00 per week for 20 weeks)                  | \$ 13,500.00        |
|  | YTD Actual Giving   | \$ 11,410.00        |
|  | YTD Difference  | \$ -2,090.00        |



### Birthdays this week

- Nov 24 Luke Ahrens, Kathy Jones
- Nov 25 Steven Kowalke, Deb Volkert
- Nov 28 Mitch Bryngelson
- Nov 29 Nancy Strand

### Anniversaries this week

- Nov 26 Roger and Lois Schaaf (69 years)
- Nov 28 Peter and Faith Jonas (50 years)

## Remember in Prayer



### Mission Field:

- Lutheran Heritage Foundation, a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod publishes the catechism in more than 170 languages with dozens more requested. In the past decade, LHF has published and distributed over 1,500 titles and 6 million Lutheran books to pastors, seminary students, missionaries and churches – all at no cost to them. Please pray for LHF's successful efforts as they distribute God's Word around the world.

### Blessings and Thanksgiving:

- We rejoice and ask God's blessings on Rachel Parupsky and Andrew Erdman who were married in Stillwater on November 23. *"The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."* Gen. 2:18
- Gerry Groth had successful surgery and is recovering at home as of Nov. 16

### Those with Health Concerns:

Hospitalized, in rehab, or on hospice

- Char Timm, moved to Heritage Place, Room #105, 3434 Heritage Dr., Edina MN 55355
- Jeff Schaaf, recovering after a stroke and a fall

Dealing with health concerns:

- Eddie Burdick's genetic brain disease is progressing, and symptoms are worsening
- 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
- David Nystrom - godson of Alice - recovering at home
- Sharon Phelps, mom of Cindy Rahn, recovering after a fall
- Sally Pieper, recovering at home after surgery
- Joanie Wachter, recovering after knee replacement surgery, please continue to pray!
- Pastor Don Wilke, former TLO pastor, recovering after a serious fall

### Ongoing Prayers

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



### Our weekly memory verse:

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. **2 Corinthians 5:17**



## 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.



## Worship Our Lord this Thanksgiving!

### Thanksgiving Eve

**November 27 | 6:30\*pm**

*\*livestreamed at [trinityloneoak.org](http://trinityloneoak.org)*

### Thanksgiving Day

**November 28 | 9:00am**

You're invited for a special service this Thanksgiving, acknowledging that living a life of gratitude to God is good for us physically, mentally and spiritually. Join us! And take a postcard from the narthex to invite a neighbor, friend or family member to worship with you!



TLO is hosting a food drive through the month of November to help stock The Open Door, a food shelf that supports the Dakota County area. The Open Door is the first call for unemployed, people experiencing homelessness, seniors on a fixed-income, and low-income families with young children—all in need of healthy food support. Collection bins are at church and school entrances through November 30.