



“And we prayed to our God and set a guard as a protection against them...” - Nehemiah 4:9

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WELCOME

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AS WE GATHER

Theme of the Day: Using the book of Nehemiah, God is prompting us to look at the ruins in our lives—what needs repair and restoration—and begin rebuilding. But rebuilding takes persistence and determination. And why is that? Because **we will always face opposition.**

***INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP** (From Matt. 16:18 And the Song "In Christ Alone")

- P Jesus promises,
- C **I will build my church,**
- P And the gates of hell will not overcome it!
- C **And so we say with great joy,**
- P In Christ alone my hope is found;
- C **He is my light, my strength, my song;**
- P This cornerstone, this solid ground,
- C **Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.**
- P What heights of love, what depths of peace,
- C **When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!**
- P My comforter, my all in all—
- C **Here in the love of Christ I stand.**
- P Let us worship our merciful and loving God.
- C **Father, Son and Holy Spirit!**
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

***HYMN**

IN CHRIST ALONE

vs. 1, 2



1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands For our of - fens -
 2 No son of man could con - quer death, Such ru - in sin



es giv - en; But now at God's right hand He stands
 had wrought us. No in - no - cence was found on earth,



And brings us life from heav - en. There - fore let us
 And there - fore death had brought us In - to bond - age



joy - ful be And sing to God right thank - ful - ly
 from of old And ev - er grew more strong and bold



Loud songs of al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 And held us as its cap - tive. Al - le - lu - ia!

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*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P In today's Gospel reading Jesus says, "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world!"
- C **Forgive us, Father, for we often live as though this promise doesn't exist.**
- P Or it isn't for us.
- C **Or it's not true.**
- P In trying to make a difference, we become overcome by ridicule, intimidation and discouragement.
- C **It's so easy to give in and stop living for you,**
- P Even though you have called us to be your hands, your feet and your heart.
- C **Our candle goes out.**
- P We lose heart and give up.
- C **What could be and should be will probably never be.**
- P You might have given up on you, but God will never give up on you! In Jesus Christ you have great and precious promises! And the greatest promise is this. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. And so we say with great joy,
- C **In Christ alone my hope is found!**
- P He is my light, my strength, my song!

*HYMN

IN CHRIST ALONE

vs. 3, 4

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| <p>3 There in the ground His body lay
 Light of the world by darkness slain
 Then bursting forth in glorious Day
 Up from the grave He rose again
 And as He stands in victory
 Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
 For I am His and He is mine
 Bought with the precious blood of Christ</p> | <p>4 No guilt in life no fear in death
 This is the power of Christ in me
 From life's first cry to final breath
 Jesus commands my destiny
 No power of hell no scheme of man
 Can ever pluck me from His hand
 Till He returns or calls me home
 Here in the power of Christ I'll stand</p> |
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*SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we are in great need of persistence—to finish what we've started and complete what we've begun. Enlighten us through the book of Nehemiah and fill us with the Spirit of Jesus, to the end that we continue rebuilding the ruins of our lives; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reign with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Nehemiah 4

¹ Now when Sanballat heard that we were building the wall, he was angry and greatly enraged, and he jeered at the Jews. ²And he said in the presence of his brothers and of the army of Samaria, "What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they restore it for themselves? Will they sacrifice? Will they finish up in a day? Will they revive the stones out of the heaps of rubbish, and burned ones at that?" ³Tobiah the Ammonite was beside him, and he said, "Yes, what they are building—if a fox goes up on it he will break down their stone wall!" ⁴Hear, O our God, for we are despised. Turn back their taunt on their own heads and give them up to be plundered in a land where they are captives. ⁵Do not cover their guilt, and let not their sin be blotted out from your sight, for they have provoked you to anger in the presence of the builders.

⁶So we built the wall. And all the wall was joined together to half its height, for the people had a mind to work.

⁷ But when Sanballat and Tobiah and the Arabs and the Ammonites and the Ashdodites heard that the repairing of the walls of Jerusalem was going forward and that the breaches were beginning to be closed, they were very angry. ⁸And they all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and to cause confusion in it. ⁹And we prayed to our God and set a guard as a protection against them day and night.

¹⁰In Judah it was said, "The strength of those who bear the burdens is failing. There is too much rubble. By ourselves we will not be able to rebuild the wall." ¹¹And our enemies said, "They will not know or see till we come among them and kill them and stop the work." ¹²At that time the Jews who lived near them came from all directions and said to us ten times, "You must return to us." ¹³So in the lowest parts of the space behind the wall, in open places, I stationed the people by their clans, with their swords, their spears, and their bows. ¹⁴And I looked and arose and said to the nobles and to the officials and to the rest of the people, "Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes."

¹⁵When our enemies heard that it was known to us and that God had frustrated their plan, we all returned to the wall, each to his work. ¹⁶From that day on, half of my servants worked on construction, and half held the spears, shields, bows, and coats of mail. And the leaders stood behind the whole house of Judah, ¹⁷who were building on the wall. Those who carried burdens were loaded in such a way that each labored on the work with one hand and held his weapon with the other. ¹⁸And each of the builders had his sword strapped at his side while he built. The man who sounded the trumpet was beside me. ¹⁹And I said to the nobles and to the officials and to the rest of the people, "The work is great and widely spread, and

we are separated on the wall, far from one another. ²⁰In the place where you hear the sound of the trumpet, rally to us there. Our God will fight for us.”

²¹So we labored at the work, and half of them held the spears from the break of dawn until the stars came out. ²²I also said to the people at that time, “Let every man and his servant pass the night within Jerusalem, that they may be a guard for us by night and may labor by day.” ²³So neither I nor my brothers nor my servants nor the men of the guard who followed me, none of us took off our clothes; each kept his weapon at his right hand.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*HOLY GOSPEL

John 16:27–33

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.
- C **Glorify to You, O Lord.**

²⁷for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”

²⁹His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! ³⁰Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” ³¹Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? ³²Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. ³³I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

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

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

SERMON

Rebuilding the Ruins: Opposition from The Outside

HYMN OF THE DAY

I AM TRUSTING THEE, LORD JESUS

LSB 729

LWML PLEDGE

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- C **In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.**

*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Heavenly Father, we pray that we may run the race that is set before us with patient endurance, looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith and the solid Rock upon which we stand. Lord, in your mercy.

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Father help us to lay aside everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles us, diverting our attention from living for you. Thank you for the example and encouragement of the many men and women of faith, especially Nehemiah. May his faithful witness give us encouragement and determination to follow in his steps. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

+ *Additional Prayers* +

P Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the mercy and might of Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

Place your gift in the plates as you exit or give online at www.trinityloneoak.org/giving

*PREFACE

LSB 160

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.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

*SANCTUS

LSB 161



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

LSB 161

***THE WORDS OF THE LORD**

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

***PAX DOMINE**

LSB 163

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C **Amen.**

***AGNUS DEI**

LSB 163

C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION Please use the pew cards to register your attendance at Holy Communion, placing cards in the offering plate as you exit.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

- Lord, Take My Hand And Lead Me LSB 722
- Praise My Soul, The King Of Heaven LSB 793

DISMISSAL

*THANK THE LORD

LSB 164



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

*POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

*BENEDICTION

LSB 166

- 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

O BLESS THE LORD, MY SOUL

LSB 814, vs. 1, 3, 5, 6



- 1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with - in me join
3 'Tis He for - gives thy sins; 'Tis He re - lieves thy pain;
5 He fills the poor with good; He gives the suf - f'ers rest.
6 His won-drous works and ways He made by Mo - ses known,



And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.
'Tis He that heals thy sick-ness - es And makes thee young a - gain.
The Lord hath judg-ments for the proud And jus - tice for the op-pressed.
But sent the world His truth and grace By His be - lov - ed Son.

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Serving our Lord

		October 3, 2021	October 10, 2021
		RL/JK	JK/RL
Cantor		Andrew Koch	Andrew Koch
Altar Guild		Jane Shull and Joanie Wachter	Jane Shull and Joanie Wachter
Elder	8am	Andy Olson	Sam Erdman
	10:30am	Jon Peterson	Kurt Vallin
Reader	8am	Andy Olson	Chris Martin
	10:30am	Jon Peterson	Kurt Vallin
Usher Team	8am	Sam Erdman	Brian Nack
	10:30am	Open	Terry Stoerzinger
Greeter(s)	8am	Leonard and Arlene Perron	Open
	10:30am	Open	Open
Acolyte(s)	8am	Open	Amelia Martin and Audrey Martin
	10:30am	Eric Hakanson	Andrew Swenson and Jacob Seeman
Projectionist	8am	Peter Olsen	Chris Martin
	10:30am	Jean Peterson	Matt Seeman
Live Stream	8am	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas

TLO Youth Selling Christmas Wreaths and Poinsettias



Support our TLO youth with beautiful wreaths, greens and poinsettias from Gertens! To view a list of available items, go to www.gertensfundraising.com (store ID is 299) or stop by the TLO Youth table in the narthex between services October 3, 10, and 17. Online orders with credit card can be placed directly from our secure Gertens ordering page until 10pm on October 21 (enter TLO YOUTH under 'seller name' in the order). Proceeds support TLO Youth attending the 2022 National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX. Contact Tim Morris with questions: tmorris@ml1.net, cell 651-346-9781.



Registration deadline this Friday, October 8

Join us for a remarkable evening to celebrate God's amazing work through the life-saving ministry at Amnion Pregnancy Center the past 31 years. Register by this Friday at helpofferhope.org

COMING UP AT TLO — October 3, 2021 — October 10, 2021**NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Sun	8:00*am	Worship with Holy Communion in sanctuary
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages; meet in gym
	10:30am	Worship with Holy Communion in sanctuary
Mon	10:00am	Adult Bible study
	6:30pm	Trail Life USA
Tue	10:30am	TLO leads worship at Lexington Pointe Senior Living
	7:00pm	Board of Elders
	7:00pm	Board of Trustees
Wed	6:30am	Men's Bible Study
	7:00-9:00am	Coffee Break
Fri	9:00am	Women of the Word (WoW)
Sat	9:00am	Women's Bible Study
Sat	10am-12noon	Annual All-school Marathon

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sun	8:00*am	Worship in sanctuary
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages
	10:30am	Worship in sanctuary
	4:00pm	BB skills clinic for K-3 boys and girls
	4:40pm	BB skills clinic for grade 4-8 boys and girls
	5:30pm	9th grade confirmation class
	6:30pm	Pizza for TLO Youth
	7:00pm	NYG meeting

*worship online at www.trinityloneoak.org

**All-school Marathon**

Thanks to everyone who supported our school with a marathon donation this year. Watch this space as we announce our proceeds in the weeks ahead.

**Birthdays this week**

- Oct 3 Brandon Loge
- Oct 8 Emily Burkhart, Calvin Connelly, Amber Nosal
- Oct 9 Kyle Kaupa

WEEKLY DEPOSITS: September 26, 2021

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering	\$	6,222.00
(Our offering budget is \$7,980 per week)			
	Building Reserve Fund	\$	156.00
(Our offering budget is \$665 for per week)			
	Acorn Scholarship Fund	\$	225.00
	1883 School Annual Fund	\$	135.00
	Sunday school	\$	5.20
	Chapel offering	\$	111.85
	Tuition	\$	27,064.14
	Church and school fees	\$	2,114.63
	Subtotal General Fund Income	\$	36,033.82
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2	\$	1,257.50
	YI Stamps, an investment of Lutheran Church Extension	\$	264.00
	Subtotal Special Fund Income	\$	1,521.50



Q3 tax receipts are in your church mailbox. Pick yours up today, and as always, report errors to the church office.



Remember in Prayer

Daryl Buecksler recovering from knee replacement surgery

Corrine, Jenna's mom, prayers during chemo treatment appreciated

Gary Foley recovering from surgery

Jebbin Joseph, recovering from surgery; family requests ongoing prayer through follow up care

Joseph Labhart (Flannery's grandson) ongoing health concerns

Richard Hermanson, father of Mary Ann Nagengast, TLO preschool teacher, in transition care

Ian Olander, TLO grade 2 student, updates on caringbridge.org/visit/iano

Charlie Olson, Andy's dad, undergoing cancer treatment

Marvin Rahn for strength and good health while living at Brookdale in Eagan

Billy D. Swain, ongoing health concerns.

Edsel Vierling, age 3, returned to hospital this week

Jason Vierling, recovering from leg amputation

Glenn and Dianne Vierling, in need of continued prayer for recovery after covid

Laverne Ziebell, prayers requested as he works through ongoing health problems

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 one of our pastors, 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 one of our Pastors 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 Celebration Sunday!

Lutheran Women in Mission praise the Lord for opportunities to share His message and love with people in all walks of life throughout our community and the world. Today the LWML invites you to join us in celebrating the joy of serving the Lord with gladness in this congregation. Together, we offer our praise using the theme, "Our Hearts in HIS Hand," based on 1 Peter 4:8. We invite you to learn more about the mission and ministry of the LWML by reading the bulletin inserts, asking an LWML member or going to the LWML website, www.lwm.org. Thank you for supporting the LWML through your mites and prayers.



Donuts and Coffee on October 10

Enjoy a donut and coffee before the education hour on Sunday, October 10. TLO Youth are having Egan's own Puffy Cream donuts available for a free-will donation to help with the National Youth Gathering trip to Houston next year. Thank you for supporting TLO Youth!



Reminder: October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

What can you do to help our pastors feel appreciated?

