



"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light..." - Isaiah 9:2

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY _____ **JANUARY 31, 2021**

* Congregation Stands

HYMN OF INVOCATION

O God, My Faithful God

LSB 696, vs. 1, 2, 4



1 O God, my faith - ful God, True foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,
2 Grant me the strength to do With read - y heart and will - ing
4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind - ly words and ac - tions,



With - out whom noth - ing is, All per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:
What - ev - er You com-mand, My call - ing here ful - fill - ing;
And let me find good friends For coun-sel and cor - rec - tion.



Give me a health - y frame, And may I have with - in
That I do what I should While trust - ing You to bless
Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small



A con-science free from blame, A soul un - stained by sin.
The out - come for my good, For You must give suc - cess.
And by Your Spir - it's might To live in peace with all.

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***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.

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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

Isaiah 9:2–7

² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shined.
³ You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.
⁴ For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
⁵ For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle
tumult

and every garment rolled in blood
will be burned as fuel for the fire.
⁶ For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

C **Praise the LORD!**

A *I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.*

C **Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.**

A *Full of splendor and majesty is His work, and His righteousness endures forever.*

C **He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

A *He provides food for those who fear Him; He remembers His covenant forever.*

C **He has shown His people the power of His works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.**

A *The works of His hands are faithful and just; all His precepts are trustworthy; they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.*

C **He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever. Holy and awesome is His name! The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 8:1–13

¹Concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. ²If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

⁴Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol’s temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹²Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:21–28

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

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

²¹They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²²And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴“What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Christ, Our True and Only Light

LSB 839, vs. 1, 2, 5



1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, En - light - en
2 Fill with the ra - diance of Your grace The souls now
5 That they with us may ev - er - more Such grace with



those who sit in night; Let those a - far now
lost in er - ror's maze; En - light - en those whose
won - d'ring thanks a - dore And end - less praise to



hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re - joice.
in - most minds Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.
You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

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SERMON

A Great Light

Isaiah 9:2–7

***NICENE CREED**—See *Sanctuary Projection*

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

After each 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.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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**

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
heaven 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!**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***LORD'S PRAYER**—*See Sanctuary Projection*

***THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

***PAX DOMINI**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

***AGNUS DEI**

**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.**

**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.**

DISTRIBUTION

*POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

*BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*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

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

LSB 849, vs. 1, 3



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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Serving our Lord

		January 31, 2021	February 7, 2021
Musician		Marissa Bernau	Marissa Bernau
Cantor		Andy Koch	David Workman
Altar Guild		Sharon Drews and Connie Kohn	TBD
Elder(s)	8am	Jon Peterson	Andy Olson
	10:30am	Jim Nicklas	Kurt Vallin
Reader	8am	Jon Peterson	Peter Olsen
	10:30am	Kurt Vallin	Kurt Vallin
Usher Team	8am	Layne Streich	Brian Nack
	10:30am	Lance Halverson	Open
Greeter(s)	8am	Carolyn Wesling	Open
	10:30am	Open	Open
Acolyte	8am	Open	Open
	10:30am	Seth Halverson and Eli Halverson	Roba Benya and Ayantu Benya
Projection	8am	Jean Peteron	Peter Olsen
	10:30am	Lance Halverson	Tim Morris and Caleb Morris
Cleaner	8am	Open	Open
	10:30am	Kristin Halverson	Open



We have an opportunity to show love and support to our 2020 grads! Bring messages, Valentines, gum, candy, small school supplies, thumb drives, CD/DVD, gift card, chapstick, socks, gloves, and other small surprises to the ten boxes near the nursery. (The box size, 8-5/8" x 5-3/8" x 1-5/8", is about the size of a book.) Contribute cash or check for postage (\$8.30/box, checks written to Helen Stoerzinger). Any excess money buys more good stuff. Thank you! **Deadline for contributing is Sunday, February 7!**



Can you assist for our in-person worship services? This is a good opportunity for young people who would like volunteer hours, and for adults to use their spiritual gifts in service to the church. [Click here](#) to get started or [contact the church office](#) for info.



Basketball Skills Clinic for 4th-6th Grade

The 4th-6th Grade Basketball Skills Clinic is back! Coach Layne Streich will be leading these free, fun sessions Sunday afternoons throughout the month of February. Please consider signing up your child [through the SignUpGenius](#) whether your 4th -6th grader is a beginning basketball player or looking for a skills tune up.

COMING UP THIS WEEK — January 31, 2021 — February 7, 2021**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

Sun	8:00am	Worship with Holy Communion in sanctuary
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages; meet in gym
	10:30am	Worship with Holy Communion in sanctuary
	4:30pm	Skills clinic for grades 4-6 boys and girls
Mon	10:00am	Bible Study
	7:00pm	Privileged to Pray
Tue	6:00pm	Board of Elders
Tue	7:00pm	Board of Trustees
Wed	6:30am	Men's Bible study
	9:00am	TLO Quilters
	3:30pm	Midweek Confirmation
	7:00pm	A New Year; A New You Bible study led by Pastor Lessing via zoom
Thur	7:00pm	School Town Hall meeting with Principal Jones via Zoom
Fri	9:00am	WOW Bible study
Sat	9:00am	Women's Bible Study
	9:00am	God Connects session 3 of 3

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Sun	8:00am	Worship with Holy Communion in sanctuary
	9:15am	Sunday school; meet in gym
	9:30am	Voter's Meeting—all welcome and encouraged to attend!
	10:30am	Worship with Holy Communion in sanctuary
	3:30pm	Skills clinic for grades 4-6 boys and girls

WEEKLY DEPOSIT: January 24, 2021

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering	\$	3,923.00
(Our Weekly Offering budget is \$7,692.00 per week)			
	Building Reserve Fund	\$	116.00
(Our Weekly Offering budget is \$635.00 per week)			
	Tuition	\$	2,217.07
	Church and school fees	\$	488.27
	Subtotal General Fund Income	\$	6,744.34
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2	\$	1,265.00
	Y.I. Stamp Club via LCEF	\$	231.00
	Subtotal Special Fund Income	\$	1,496.00



Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran Church
Voters' Meeting Agenda
February 7, 2021 – 9:30 a.m. – TLO Gym



- Call to Order
 - Open Meeting with Devotion and Prayer
 - Review Voters' Meeting Minutes from November 15, 2020
 - Board and Officer Reports
 Written reports will be available on February 7. Please review the reports and ask questions at the meeting.
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| Pastor's Report | Principal's Report |
| Board of Christian Education | Board of Christian Outreach |
| Board of Elders | Board of Social Ministry |
| Board of Stewardship | Board of Trustees |
| Board of Endowment | President |
| Financial Secretary | Treasurer |

New Business

- Voting on the following synodical motion:
 - ♦ **Shall the Synod add a year to the current 2019-2022 triennium, allowing districts to hold their conventions in either 2021 or 2022, and moving the upcoming national Synod Convention from 2022 to 2023?**
 [Thereafter, the triennium cycle will continue forward from 2023 in three-year increments, as before (i.e., with district conventions held in 2025, 2028, etc., and Synod Convention held in 2026, 2029, etc.).]

Other Business

- Board and Officer Nominations for Open Positions
 - New Member Signing of Constitution
- Motion to Adjourn
 Close with Prayer

2021 Voters' Meeting Dates:

February 7		9:30am		TLO Gym
May 16		11:30am		TLO Gym
September 19		9:30am		TLO Gym
November 14		9:30am		TLO Gym

Remember in Prayer

Richard and Corrine, Jenna Arnold's dad and step mom. Corrine receives low level chemo every two weeks making her ill. Family requests continued prayers for healing and comfort.

Rich Cliff, recovering from eye surgery

Dorothy Imler, friend of Pam Burdick's, tested COVID positive and experiencing other health issues

Juniper, age 3, friend of Andrea Hinrichs. Kidney was removed and cancer treatment started

Chris Krauss, son of John, diagnosed with prostate cancer

Cory Kroonblawd - completing final year of pastoral education at CTS - Ft. Wayne, IN

Joseph Labhart (Flannery's grandson) ongoing health concerns

Brian Motz - prayers for continued healing in difficult days

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

Billy D. Swain, ongoing health concerns.

Char Timm; prayers for sight to return to her left eye

Robert Vail, brother of Barbara, diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and working through treatment

Glenn Vierling, transitioned to rehab at Regions after 70 days in ICU. Prayers for full recovery.

Diane Vierling, thanksgiving for recovery to date; prayers for full healing from covid

Stuart Weierke recovering at home

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



Thank you for your fervent prayers on behalf of Glenn and Diane Vierling, battling with covid 19 for the last several months. Both are showing improvements. Glenn was transitioned to rehab this week after 70 days in ICU and is still on a ventilator. Diane's breathing has improved but is still labored. Please pray for their continued recovery. Thank you.

—The family of Glenn and Diane Vierling



Birthdays this week

Feb 1 Joanie Shockley, Rachel Wallace

Feb 2 Éowyn Prusak, Ellie Schaaf

Feb 4 Daryl Buecksler, Michelle Koch

Feb 6 Shannon Kellen



Flowers on the altar

Flowers on the altar are from the funeral service of Barbara Hanson January 25 at TLO.



Amnion Bottles for Life Campaign at TLO!

In recognition of the Sanctity of Human Life, TLO is supporting Amnion Pregnancy Center in Burnsville, by participating in a Bottles for Life Campaign through Feb. 14. If you are unable to attend worship, but would like to fill a bottle with coins, dollars, or a check, Lynn Kroonblawd will deliver a bottle to your home. Please contact Lynn (651-235-8259 or kroonblawd86@q.com) to

receive your bottle. Amnion Pregnancy Center exists to offer the hope of Jesus Christ to those impacted by an unplanned pregnancy. Visit helpofferhope.org to learn more about Amnion.



Congratulations Troop 2950!

Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran Church received approval as a Charter Organization for Trail Life USA on Jan. 25, 2021. Troop Committee members are Brad Bruggemann, Greg Hakanson, Lance Halverson, Andrea Hinrichs and Pastor Kroonblawd. TRAIL LIFE USA is a Christ-centered outdoor adventure and character development program for boys (starting

at age 5). Parents love the commitment to a Christian worldview and moral consistency. Boys enjoy the fun and adventure! Trail Life USA partners with churches to grow godly young men. Boys connect with friends, dads, and mentors in a safe, encouraging, Christian environment. A Parent Information meeting will be held in the coming weeks. If you want to learn more talk with one of the Troop 2950 Committee Members or visit <https://www.trailifeusa.com/>



Help us spread the word – Lutheran Schools are a Great Place to Grow!

If you know someone who might be interested in learning more about TLO, now's the time to invite them to call 651-454-1139 to set up a tour. We love to share our school with others! Enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year opens February 1st.