

## TLC ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SUNDAY WORSHIP:

Join us on Sunday mornings at 8:00am or 10:00am for worship. We ask that out of consideration for others in our church and community, please wear a mask and practice appropriate social distancing. ***We ask that you pre-register for worship online at [www.tlcmeford.org](http://www.tlcmeford.org) or by calling the church office. Services will be capped at 50 people and priority will be given to those who pre-register.*** Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

**EDUCATION HOUR:** Sunday School and Adult Bible Study have resumed meeting from 9:00 to 9:45am. Sunday School classes for elementary students meet in the education building classrooms. Confirmation students meet in the new youth room. High School students will meet over in Josh's living room. Adults meet in the Fellowship Hall.

### TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:

Join us on Tuesdays from 9:30-10:30am at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Owatonna as we discuss and work on "My Faith Story." God has given you a story to tell. Leaders are Pastor Mark and Cori Woltmann (from Good Shepherd). Please wear a mask— thanks!

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:** Next meeting is Wednesday, February 3rd, at 7:30pm in the Youth Room at Josh's house. All are welcome for fun and fellowship.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES:** Students & Parents: Classes continue this Wednesday, February 3rd, from 6:00-7:00pm.

**YEAR END STATEMENTS:** Please check your mailbox for your giving statements.

**WINTER VOTERS MEETING:** The TLC Winter Voters Meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am in the sanctuary. On the agenda will be the election of new leaders. **(NOTE THE DATE CHANGE)**



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Pre-Service Music, Ringing of the Bell & Pastor's Welcome

### Prepare for Worship:

Thank you for joining us in worship today! What's one blessing you're hoping to receive from God during our time together? Take a moment in quiet prayer and ask Him to meet you right where you are right now. Then ask Him to bless you and others around you as we worship in His name!

### Opening Prayer:

**All: O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thank You for bringing us together in worship today. Please bless our time with You and one another, and help us grow in Christian faith, community, and mission: All in the name of Jesus! Amen.**

### ***What a Friend We Have in Jesus***

**LSB #770**

***What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!***

***What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!***

***Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear-***

***All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!***

***Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?***

***We should never be discouraged - Take it to the Lord in prayer.***

***Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?***

***Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness - Take it to the Lord in prayer.***

***Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?***

***Precious Savior, still our refuge - Take it to the Lord in prayer.***

***Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.***

***In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.***



**Invocation & Opening Scriptures**

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

P: This is the day the Lord has made;

**All: let us rejoice and be glad in it!** *(Psalm 118)*

P: Jesus invites us all: "Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened,

**All: and I will give you rest."**

P: Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me,

**All: for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.**

P: For My yoke is easy

**All: and My burden is light."** *(Matthew 11)*

**Confession of Sins**

(Spend time in quiet, acknowledging your need for God's mercy, grace, and forgiveness for your sins.)

P: Let us confess our sins to our God and Father:

**All: Almighty God, please have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to eternal life. Amen.**



**Pronouncement of Forgiveness**

P: I have good news for you! Our Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son Jesus 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. *(John 20)*

**All: Amen.**

P: Praise the Lord, O my soul,

**All: all my inmost being, praise His holy name.**

P: Praise the Lord, O my soul,

**All: and do not forget all His blessings-**

P: He forgives all of Your sins and heals all your diseases,

**All: He redeems our lives from the pit and crowns us with His love.** *(Psalm 103)*



**Precious Lord, Take My Hand**

*Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand;  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.*

*Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.  
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.*

*When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near,  
When my life is almost gone,  
Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I fall.  
Take my hand, precious Lord; Lead me home.*

*When the darkness appears And the night draws near  
And the day is almost gone,  
At the river I stand; Guide my feet, hold my hand,  
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.*



Announcements & Post-Service Music

**TLC Leadership**

Church Council: Tammy Lemke, Mary Jo Schoenfeld, Kevin Lindquist, AJ Krogh, Jason Dusek, Dan Hager, Dessa Kucera, Chris Ditlevson

Board of Elders: Howard Schoenfeld, Troy Borwege, Cooper Hager, Ben Heintz

**Prayer List:** Kris, Delaney, Eleanor, Alice, Donnavon, Todd, Len, Anne, Rachel H., Helen, Kivden, Dick, Rodney, Tim, Marge C., Karen P., Matt, Don E., Darlene E., Tom, Rhiannon, B.R, Barb, Jill, Gracie, Mark D., Michelle, Nick, Mike, Sami, Gary, McKenzie, Jim, Dan R., Don D., Darcy, Kari S., Debi H., Alex, Elsin, CALMS, our church, community, nation, and world.

*To add to or remove from the prayer list, please contact Sharon in the church office.*

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**Birthdays:** Andrew Biebighauser – 31<sup>st</sup>, David Hanson – 31<sup>st</sup>, Silas Yule – 1<sup>st</sup>, Bryce Grayson – 2<sup>nd</sup>, Erin Stackhouse – 2<sup>nd</sup>, Israel Kraling – 3<sup>rd</sup>, Adrian Hagen – 4<sup>th</sup>, Kyle Witter – 4<sup>th</sup>, Ian Hunt – 5<sup>th</sup>, Bridgette Lemke – 5<sup>th</sup>, Martin Jensen – 6<sup>th</sup>

**Anniversaries:** Bruce & Darlene Felber – 27<sup>th</sup>

## Offering Prayer

**All:** Lord, we give You what is already Yours, because You have truly given Your all for us. Help us to give our lives in return – our time, our talents, and our treasures – out of love for You and for the sake of Your work in the world. Help us be cheerful givers today. In Jesus' name. Amen.

*Thank you for your generous & ongoing support of God's work in this place. It is deeply appreciated.*

## Prayers

*After Pastor prays, "Lord, in Your mercy," please pray: "Hear our prayer."*

## Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6)

P: Jesus, please remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**All:** 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.



## Blessing & Benediction (Numbers 6)

P: Let us bless the Lord!

**All:** Thanks be to God!

P: God is good-

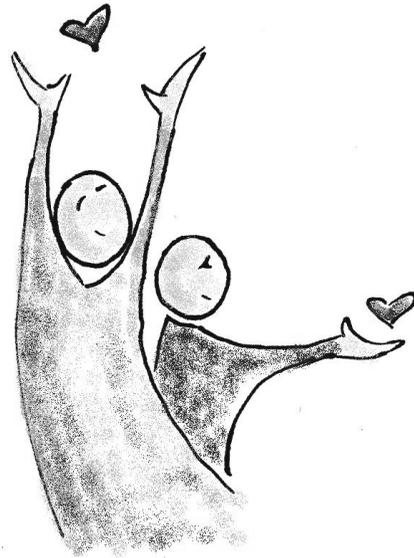
**All:** All the time!

P: And all the time-

**All:** God is good!

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**All:** Amen.



## Lamb of God

*Your only Son, no sin to hide,  
But You have sent Him from Your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod,  
And to become the Lamb of God. (Refrain)*

*Your Gift of love they crucified,  
They laughed and scorned Him as He died:  
The humble King they named a fraud,  
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. (Refrain)*

*I was so lost, I should have died,  
But You have brought me to Your side  
To be led by Your staff and rod,  
And to be called a lamb of God. (Refrain)*

## Blessing on God's Word

**All:** Lord, thank You for the gift that is Your Word. Help us to listen, learn, and grow. Holy Spirit, please accomplish Your work in us today. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

## Scripture Reading (Psalm 146)

R: Praise the LORD, my soul. I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save. When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing.

**All:** Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God. He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them-- he remains faithful forever.

R: He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets prisoners free, the LORD gives sight to the blind, the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down, the LORD loves the righteous.

**All:** The LORD watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked. The LORD reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**LSB #550**

*Refrain:*

*O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God!  
O wash me in His precious blood,  
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.*



## **Gospel Reading** (Matthew 14:22-33)

R: Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

**All: Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake.**

R: When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified.

**All: "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.**

R: But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

**All: "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." "Come," he said.**

R: Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out,

**All: "Lord, save me!"**

R: Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying,

**All: "Truly you are the Son of God."**

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me**

*Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life's way;  
Direct, protect, and feed From day to day.  
Without Your grace and favor I go astray;  
So take my hand, O Savior, and lead the way.*

*Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear,  
For You, the Rock of Ages, Are always near.  
Close by Your side abiding, I fear no foe,  
for when Your hand is guiding, In peace I go.*

*Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come,  
I know that You will strengthen My steps towards home.  
Then nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend;  
So take my hand and lead me Unto the end.*

**LSB #722**



## **Teaching:**

## **Walk on Water?**

Matthew 14:22-33

Let's set the scene:

### 1. The Son of God Walks (& Talks!) on the Water

The Disciples \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_

*The Transition: "Peter, what in the world... and why?!"*



### 2. Peter the Doubter & Jesus the Rescuer

*The Takeaway:* \_\_\_\_\_

## **Apostles' Creed**

**All: 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 there 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.**

