

TLC Announcements

SUNDAY WORSHIP: Join us on Sunday mornings at 8:00am and 10:00am as we move back inside the sanctuary for worship. We ask that out of consideration for others in our church and community, please wear a mask if you can and practice appropriate social distancing. We also ask that you register your attendance for worship beforehand at: <http://tlcmedford.org/registration-forms> or by calling the church office. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

NOTE: NEXT SUNDAY'S (10.4.20) 10:00AM SERVICE IS LIMITED TO CONFIRMATION FAMILIES & GUESTS ONLY. TLC MEMBERS: PLEASE COME TO THE 8:00AM SERVICE.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION: Families with students in Pre-K thru 5th grades, **please** register your students soon for TLC Sunday School, letting us know how you would like to start, so we may begin preparing for classes with a tentative start date in mid-October. You have a choice of either **In-Person/On-Site** or **At-Home** participation (lessons/activities sent to your home). You may change your choice any time during the year. Register at: <http://tlcmedford.org/registration-forms/sunday-school-2020-2021>

SCREWTAPE LETTERS: Our book study continues today, from 9–9:45am in the fellowship hall, as Pastor Mark leads us through the last letters of the Screwtape Letters.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:

WHO: Any and all high school students WHAT: Snacks, fellowship and games
WHEN: Wednesday, Sept. 30th from 7:30-8:45 pm WHERE: Josh's yard/house

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Classes for 6th thru 8th grade students and parents meet Wednesday, September 30th from 6:00-7:00pm.

CHOOSE YOUR FAITH-AT-HOME RESOURCES:

Faith-at-Home resources are now under a new link on the church website! New content from Pastor Mark & Josh comes weekly! <http://tlcmedford.org/faith-at-home>

BIBLE STUDY SUNDAY EVENING: 6:00-7:00pm on the south side of the yard.
Bring your Bible and chair.



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Worship Service

Trinity-Medford
September 27, 2020

Season of Pentecost

*This is the day the Lord
has made; let us rejoice
and be glad in it!
(Psalm 118:24)*

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, this is the day that You have made; let us rejoice and be glad in it! 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.

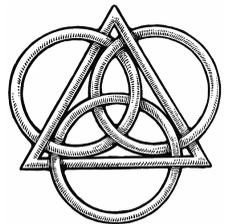
Glory Be to God the Father

***Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory While eternal ages run!***

***Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain;
Glory be to Him who bought us; Made us kings with Him to reign!
Glory, glory To the Lamb that once was slain!***

***Glory to the King of angels, Glory to the Church's King,
Glory to the King of nations; Heav'n and earth, your praises bring!
Glory, glory To the King of glory sing!***

LSB #506



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! (*Psalms 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 & Pronouncement of God's Forgiveness

(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.

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.

Life By the Spirit

P: Brothers and sisters, we are called to be free.

All: We are called to serve one another in love.

P: Walk by the Spirit,

All: and we will not gratify the desires of sin.

P: What is the fruit of the Spirit?

All: The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

P: Since we live by the Spirit,

All: let us keep in step with the Spirit. (*Galatians 5*)



How Great Thou Art

LSB #801

*O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;* Refrain

*But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin;* Refrain

*When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration*

And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!" Refrain

Refrain:

**Then sings my soul,
my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art!
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Announcements & Post-Service Music

TLC Leadership

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

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

Prayer List: Anne, Gilbertson Family, Phyllis, Kivden, Tim, Marge C., Karen P., Matt, Darlene F., Don E., Darlene E., Tom, Rhiannon, B.R, Barb, Jill, Gracie, Mark D., Michelle, Nick, Sami, Gary, McKenzie, Dan R., Don D., Darcy, Rachel D., 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.

Email: tlcmedfordoffice@gmail.com Phone: 507-541-0447

Birthdays: Kortney Dempsey – 27th, Brian Lannoye – 27th, Stephanie Witter 27th, Krista Possehl – 28th, Jordyn Hummel – 3rd

Anniversaries: Rich & Dessa Kucera – 28th, Jason & Amy Gillis – 29th

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.

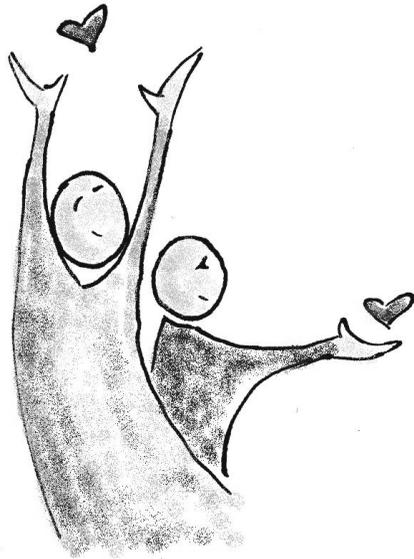
Prayers

The "2 Best Prayers We Know" are:
"Thank You..." and "Please help..."

Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6)

P: Remember us in Your kingdom,
Jesus, 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.

When I Behold Jesus Christ

*When I behold Jesus Christ,
True God who died for me,
I wonder much at His love
As He hung on the tree.*

Refrain: *What kind of love is this?
What kind of love is this?
You showed Your love, Jesus,
there to me on Calvary. (repeat)*

*What love is this? Greater love
No one has ever known.
My life with God -- this I owe
To You, and You alone. Refrain*

Blessing on God's Word

All: Lord, thank You for the gift of grace that is Your Word. Help us to listen, learn, and grow. Holy Spirit, You are welcome here! Please accomplish Your work in us today. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Scripture Reading (Revelation 22)

P: Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal,

All: flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city.

P: On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month.

All: And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

P: No longer will there be any curse.

All: The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and His servants will serve Him.

P: They will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads.

All: There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

LSB #542



Gospel Reading (John 14)

P: "Do not let your hearts be troubled.

All: You believe in God; believe also in me.

P: My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?

All: And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

P: You know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

All: Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

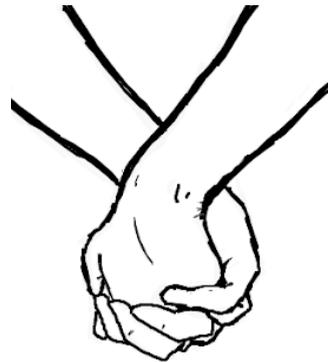
Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

*Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life's way;
Direct, protect, and feed me 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 You side abiding, I fear no foe,
For when You hand is guiding, In peace I go.*

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

LSB #722



Teaching: "Because I Know Jesus..." (Part 3)

When I was a kid...

But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss (rubbish) because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord... (Philippians 3:7-8)

"Because I know Jesus... what?"

1. "Because I know Jesus, _____."
2. "Because I know Jesus, _____."
3. "Because I know Jesus, _____."

Revelation 22...

John 14...

Question to consider: Why do you think God only gives us "bits and pieces" of what heaven is actually going to be like?

When it comes to heaven, what's one thing we CAN know for CERTAIN?

"_____." (Why? How?)

"Because _____."

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.