

# Welcome to Tree of Life Lutheran Church



April 12, 2026 – Second Sunday of Easter

Leader in regular type, **congregation in bold type**

↑ means stand as you are able

**Restrooms** are by the kitchen and by the Wiggle Room

**Wiggle Room** is available for anyone needing a brief break from worship, at the end of the piano wing of the sanctuary

**WiFi** is available: Look for TOL-GUEST; password is OdessaTOL1

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## We Gather as God's People

### PRELUDE

*You can use this time for quiet reflection, prayer and preparation for worship.*

### ↑ CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Trusting in the Good News of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are bold to come before God in the presence of one-another, confessing our sins. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God our Father: **You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that we sinners might live. For his sake, continue to forgive us all our sins of thought, word and deed; known and unknown; evil done and good left undone. Give us new life in you, just as our Lord Jesus lives in you now and always. Amen.**

When you were baptized in Christ Jesus, you were baptized into his death. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so you too have new life. By the death and resurrection of Christ, your sins are forgiven. May you live out your Baptism with faith in God and love toward one-another. **Amen.**

### ↑ HYMN

**“Now The Green Blade Rises”**

**RED HYMNAL #379**

## ↑ APOSTOLIC GREETING

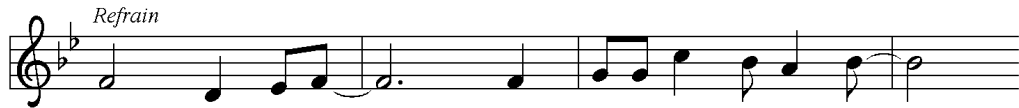
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## ↑ HYMN OF PRAISE


### “This is the Feast”

ELW pg. 169

*Refrain*




This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*  
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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## ↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## We Hear God's Word

### FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

A reading from Acts:

<sup>14a</sup> Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: <sup>22</sup> "Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know — <sup>23</sup> this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup> But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

<sup>25</sup> For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; <sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. <sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption. <sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

<sup>29</sup> "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup> Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

<sup>32</sup> "This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 16

<sup>1</sup> Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

<sup>2</sup> **All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.**

<sup>3</sup> But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

<sup>4</sup> **I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,  
never take their names upon my lips.**

<sup>5</sup> O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

<sup>6</sup> **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

<sup>7</sup> I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

<sup>8</sup> **I have set the Lord always before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

<sup>9</sup> My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.

<sup>10</sup> **For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.**

<sup>11</sup> **You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

## SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9

A reading from 1 Peter:

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the genuineness of your faith — being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup>Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup>for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL: John 20:19-31**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.”

<sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## ↑ HYMN

“Holy God We Praise Your Name”

RED HYMNAL #414

## ↑ NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## ↑ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us turn to God in prayer for the Church, the world, and all in need.

Almighty God, you give life to the dead and call into existence things that do not exist. Breathe your Spirit upon your Church in all times and places, that its vitality may be constantly renewed and its witness to the Gospel bear good fruit. Lord, in your mercy... **Receive our prayer.**

Creator of all, your mercies are new every morning. Open us to the wonders of everything you have made, from the beauty of springtime flowers to the wonders of the sun, moon and stars. Help anyone affected by severe storms, grant favorable weather to farmers planting their fields, and bring abundant growth so that we and all creatures may have what we need. Lord, in your mercy... **Receive our prayer.**

Ruler of the world, you bring true peace in a world of turmoil. Bless our nation, and give wisdom and guidance to those in authority. Protect and guard members of our armed forces, especially those serving in the Middle East. Grant that a just peace in all the world might come soon. Lord, in your mercy... **Receive our prayer.**

Healing God, you are our refuge and our hope, our portion and our cup. Be with anyone who is doubting, fearful or suffering in any way. We especially pray for Annalise, Beth, Bill, Bob, Calvin, Chris, Courtney, Dan, Danielle, Darryl, Dot, Ed, Elizabeth, Erika, Gary, Jim and family, Joe, John, Margaret, Nina, Patrick, Paul, Quentin, Richard, Sarah, William, Winnie and those we name with our lips or in our hearts... *(Time for personal petitions)* Lord, in your mercy... **Receive our prayer.**

Father of all, you give Tree of Life new birth and living hope through the resurrection of your Son. Save us from all trials and temptations, and fill us with joy and praise. Bless our bishops, Elizabeth and William; our pastor, Robbie; Reformation Evangelical Lutheran Church and its pastors, Eric and Paige; and Hilltop Lutheran Community Center. Lord, in your mercy... **Receive our prayer.**

Eternal Lord, you promise life and salvation to all who have been redeemed by Christ's death and resurrection. Accept our thanks for the saints who have joined the Church Triumphant. Inspire us by their witness and bring us with them into your glorious presence. Lord, in your mercy... **Receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and help us, O Lord, through Jesus Christ our risen Savior.  
**Amen.**

↑ **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## **We Share God's Holy Meal**

**OFFERING**

↑ **OFFERTORY**

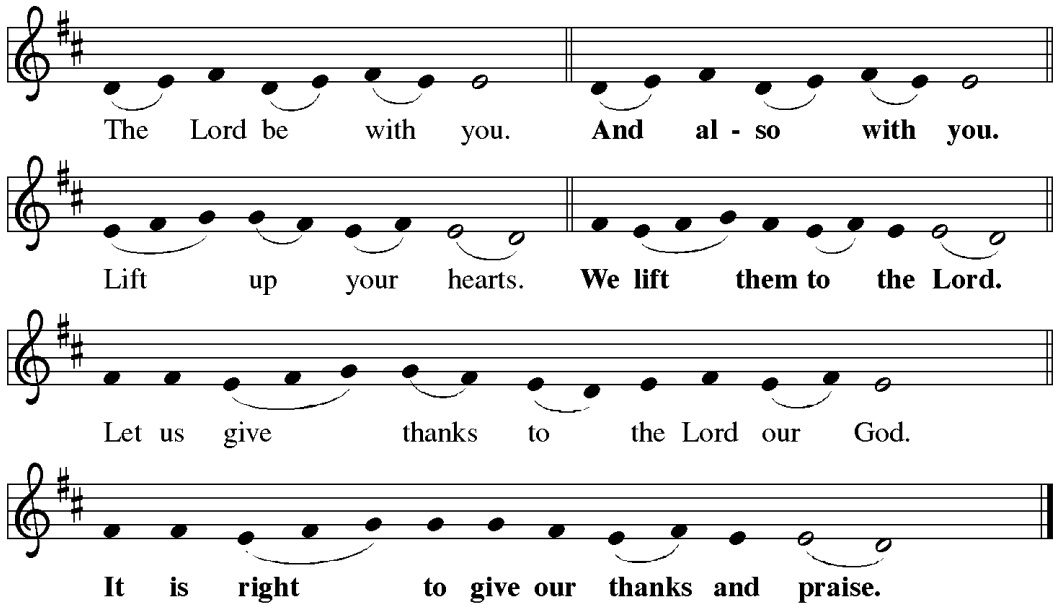
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye Heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost**

**RED HYMNAL #884**

## ↑ OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together: **Risen Lord, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Be with us in this meal, and make us your risen body in the world. Amen.**

## ↑ GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

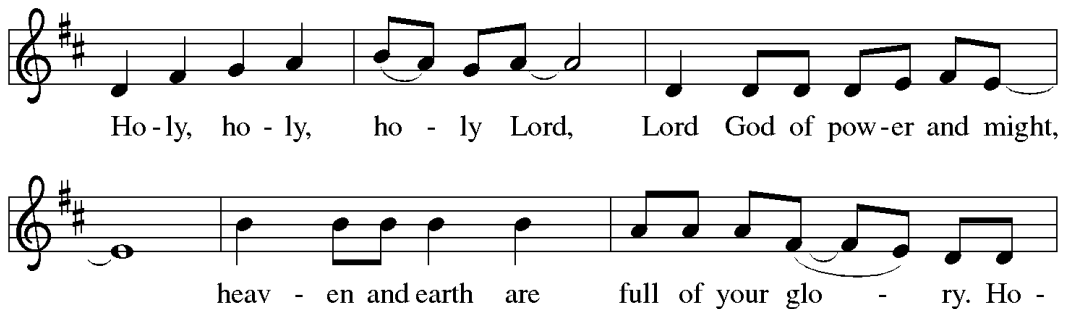
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*The thanksgiving continues with the preface for the day. The congregation responds:*

## ↑ SANCTUS

ELW p. 173



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,

heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

### ↑ EUCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

### ↑ LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

### ↑ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is given for us!

**Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!**

*All baptized Christians are welcome to commune. Wine and white grape juice are in the individual cups. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

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, grant us peace.

**HYMNS**

“Now We Join in Celebration”  
 “Thine the Amen”

RED HYMNAL #462  
 RED HYMNAL #826

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray together: **Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ’s resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son’s resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

# God Sends Us in Mission

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ↑ **BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace. **Amen.**

### ↑ **HYMN**

**"Hallelujah We Sing Your Praises"**

**RED HYMNAL #535**

### ↑ **MISSION STATEMENT**

What is our Mission? **To be faithful children of God, called by grace through Christ, and sharing this gift with Middletown, Odessa, Townsend and the World.**

### ↑ **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace! Share the Good News! Alleluia! alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **POSTLUDE**

*We depart to do God's work.*

*Please join us for refreshments in the fellowship room after the service.*

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