Welcome to Tree of Life Lutheran Church



February 9, 2025 ~ Fifth Sunday After Epiphany Leader in regular type, **congregation in bold type**

1 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

We Gather as God's People

PRELUDE

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

↑ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Trusting in the light of Christ that has been revealed to us, let us now come before God and one-another, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. You came to the world bringing grace and truth, but our words bring judgment and lies. You came to the world bringing kindness and love, but our thoughts bring sin and malice. You came to the world bringing light and life, but our deeds bring darkness and death. Have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may walk in your light and follow your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the Good News and rejoice: Jesus Christ was born, lived, died and rose again to take your sins away. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare unto you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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.**





↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray: Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

We Hear God's Word

FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-13

A reading from Isaiah:

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." ⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

⁵And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" ⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

⁹And he said, "Go and say to this people: 'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.' ¹⁰Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed." ¹¹Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said: "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; ¹²until the LORD sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. ¹³Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled." The holy seed is its stump.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 138

- ¹ I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.
- ²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, Because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.
- ³ When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.
- ⁴ All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- ⁵ They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.
- ⁶ The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.
- ⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.
- 8 You will make good your purpose for me; O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

A reading from 1 Corinthians:

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you — unless you have come to believe in vain.

³ For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.





↑ GOSPEL: Luke 5:1-11

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ²he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink.

⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." ¹¹When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

↑ HYMN

"Holy Holy Holy"

RED HYMNAL #414

We Celebrate the Baptism of Charli Evelyn Mirrione

PRESENTATION

In Holy Baptism, our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism, we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the Church, which is the body of Christ. As we live with Christ and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Parents and sponsors, do you present Charli Evelyn Mirrione for Holy Baptism? *We do.*

Alyssa and Tom, as you bring Charli to receive the gift of Baptism, you are entrusted with certain responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people;

to bring her to the Word of God and the Holy Supper;

to teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed and the Ten Commandments;

to place in her hands the Holy Scriptures;

and to nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Charli grow in Christian faith and life? We do.

Andrew and Karen, as Charli's sponsors, do you promise to nurture her in the Christian faith as you are empowered by the Holy Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of Baptism and in communion with the Church? *We do.*

People of God, do you promise to support Charli and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

We do.

↑ PROFESSION OF FAITH

Parents and sponsors, I ask you now on behalf of Charli to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? *I renounce them.*

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? *I renounce them.*

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? *I renounce them.*

Together with all the people of God, do you believe in God the Father? I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe 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; and descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

↑ THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters, and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water, you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family.

You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land.

In the waters of the Jordan, your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit.

By the baptism of his own death and resurrection, your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life.

He made water a sign of the Kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that those who are here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

BAPTISM

Charli Evelyn, you are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

BLESSING

Let us pray: We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit, you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Charli: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

ANOINTING

Charli Evelyn, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE FAMILY

O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon the father and mother of Charli. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their children. Strengthen them in their own Baptism, that they may rejoice eternally with their children in the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

WELCOME

The acolyte or assisting minister lights a candle from the Paschal Candle, gives it to a parent or sponsor, and says:

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

The assisting minister or acolyte continues:

Let us welcome the newly baptized:

We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the Kingdom of God. Join us in giving thanks and praise to God, and bearing God's creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

The pastor introduces the newly baptized. The congregation may offer acclamation with applause, and the family returns to their seats.

↑ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gathered in the light of Christ, let us offer our prayers for the Church, the world, and all people according to their need:

Almighty Lord, your glory fills heaven and earth, and the angels and archangels sing your praise. May your glory shine upon your Church in all times and places, that all your people might answer your call and proclaim your Word. Bless Charli and all the newly baptized, that they may grow in faith and love. God of grace... **Receive our prayer.**

Your creation abounds with light and life. Bless the waters of the earth, and all that you have made. Help those affected by natural disaster, and make us worthy stewards of your world. God of grace... **Receive our prayer.**

You call the rulers of the earth to praise your name and follow your ways. Bless our nation, those who lead it, and those who serve for its protection. Guide all in authority to lead with humility, to speak with truth, and to seek freedom, justice and peace for all people. God of grace... **Receive our prayer.**

You calm our fears and worries, and keep us safe in the midst of trouble. Be with all who face needs of body, mind or spirit. We especially pray for Amanda, Annalise, Bill, Cecelia, Danielle, Edwin, Elizabeth, Erica, Gail, Kimberly, Marilyn, Noretta, Patrick, Paul, Sarah, William and those we name with our lips or in our hearts... (Time for personal petitions) God of grace... Receive our prayer.

You call Tree of Life to share the Good News of your Son's death for our sins and resurrection for our salvation. Despite our sins, inspire and empower us to reflect your love and to bring new people into your light. Bless our bishops, Elizabeth and William; our pastor, Robbie; Reformation Evangelical Lutheran Church and its pastors, Eric and Paige; and Hilltop Lutheran Community Center. God of grace... **Receive our prayer.**

All who fall asleep in you awaken in your everlasting glory. Accept our thanksgiving for all who have died in the faith. Comfort all who grieve, and sustain us in hope until that day when we are reunited in your Kingdom. God of grace... **Receive our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we lift up all for whom we pray, trusting in your grace made known to all through the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

↑ PEACE

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

We Share God's Holy Meal

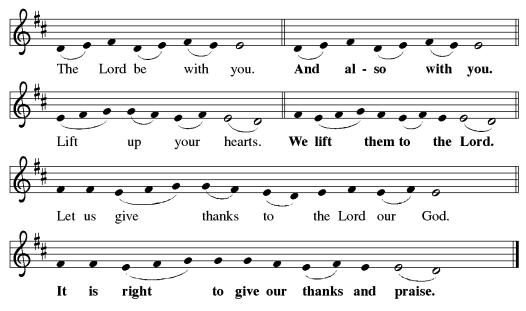
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↑ OFFERTORY
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye Heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

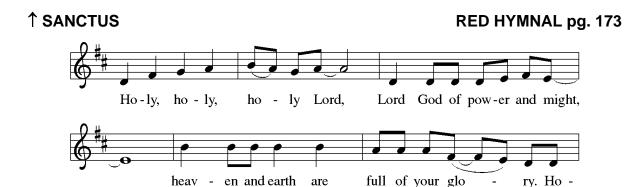
↑ OFFERING PRAYER

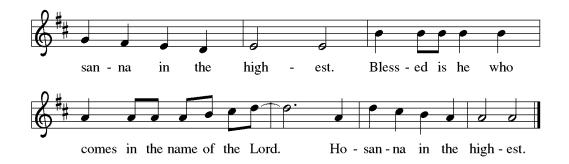
Let us pray together: God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.

↑ GREAT THANKSGIVING



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





↑ 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.

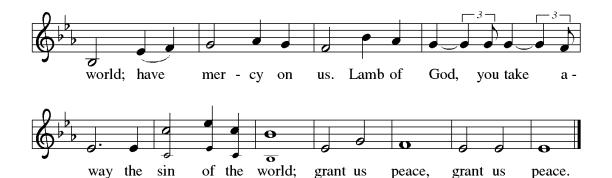
↑ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good. Thanks be to God.

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







HYMNS

"Change My Heart O God"
"Spirit Song"

BLACK BINDER #4 BLACK BINDER #6

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together: Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God Sends Us in Mission

ANNOUNCEMENTS

↑ BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and the +Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen**.

↑ HYMN

"Jesus Calls Us O'er The Tumult"

RED HYMNAL #696

↑ 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. Live in hope.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

You may listen to the music or depart to do God's work.

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

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