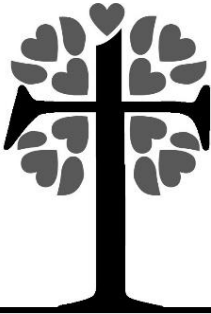


Welcome to Tree of Life Lutheran Church



July 13, 2025 – Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

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

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.**

Baptized into Christ and trusting in his grace, let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one-another. *Silence for reflection.*

Most merciful God: **You free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit, but we turn to sin in our thoughts, words and deeds. You surround us with goodness, but we grow weary in doing what is right. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, forgive us. Heal us and show us the path of life. Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus, and you are God's children through faith. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

↑ HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

RED HYMNAL #793

↑ 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

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

ELW #857

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praise.

I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heav-en to earth to show the way, from the earth

to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave,

from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray: O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

We Hear God's Word

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

A reading from Deuteronomy:

⁹ The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰ when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹ "Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹² It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' ¹³ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' ¹⁴ No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10

¹ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

² **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³ Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴ **Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.**

⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶ **Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake
of your goodness, O Lord.

⁸ **You are gracious and upright, O Lord;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹ You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰ **All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:1-14

A reading from Colossians 1:

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
² to the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³ In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷ This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸ and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Composed by D.D. Dillard

Voice

Al-le - u - ia Al-le - u - ia Al-le - u - ia glo-ry to God! A - le-

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rit.

Lord Most High is rit. wor-thy of glo-ry and praise Al - le u - ia Al-le-



↑ **GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵ An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” ²⁷ He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸ And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” ³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

↑ HYMN

“My Faith Looks Up To Thee”

RED HYMNAL #759

↑ APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**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.**

**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. Amen.**

↑ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

By the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all people according to their needs:

Eternal God, you show abundant mercy to all, and you inspire us to show mercy to one-another. Strengthen your Church to follow your path of love. Give your people endurance, patience and faithfulness. God of grace... **Hear our prayer.**

Protect the farms, businesses and homes of anyone affected by severe storm, flood, fire, wind or drought. Console those who mourn after the flash-flooding in Texas. Heal the scars of the children who survived that disaster, help those who are seeking to rebuild, and be with first responders and others who are working to help. God of grace... **Hear our prayer.**

Instill in human leaders a humble love for those whom they serve. Bless and guide our nation in your ways of freedom, justice and peace. Inspire us to use our liberties not for self-interest, but in charity for others. God of grace... **Hear our prayer.**

Draw near to anyone who is wounded in body, mind or spirit. We especially pray for Annalise, Bill, Bob, Chris, Dan, Danielle, Dot, Elizabeth, Erika, Noretta, Patrick, Paul, Sarah, William, Winnie and those we name with our lips or in our hearts... *(Time for personal petitions)* God of grace... **Hear our prayer.**

Make Tree of Life worthy of the Lord in whose name we gather. Center our lives on your will, so that we never pass by those who are hurting, but are eager to reach out with the compassion that comes from you. Help us bear the fruit of goodness in all we do, and help us grow in relationship with you. Bless our bishops, Elizabeth and William; our pastor, Robbie; St. Mark's Lutheran Church and its pastor, Kelley; and St. Paul's Lutheran Church and its pastor, Cris. God of grace... **Hear our prayer.**

Accept our thanksgiving for all who have gone before us and now rest fully in the Kingdom of your Son. Help us follow their witness as we await our share in the inheritance of the saints. God of grace... **Hear our prayer.**

We lift up these and all our prayers to you, O Lord, in the name of 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

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: **Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care. Prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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:

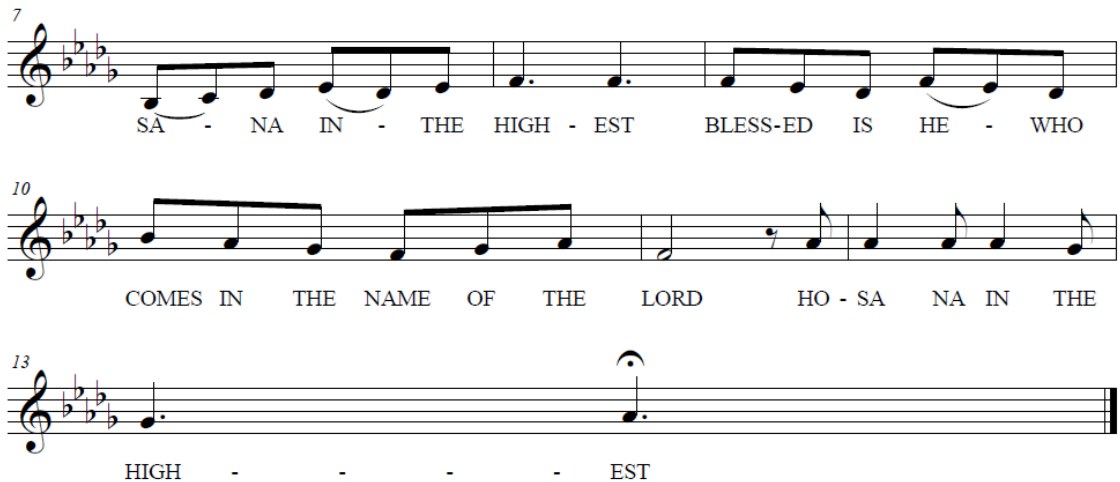
↑ SANCTUS

Composed by D.D. Dillard

Voice

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↑ 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

The gifts of God for the people of God.

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.

COMMUNION

Composed by D.D. Dillard

Musical score for the Communion hymn, composed by D.D. Dillard. The score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The score is divided into five systems, each with a measure number (1, 5, 10, 15, 20) at the beginning. The lyrics are: LAMB OF GOD YOU TAKE A - WAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD ____ HAVE MER - CY ON US MER - CY ON US MER - CY ON US LAMB OF GOD YOU TAKE A - WAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD ____ HAVE MER - CY ON US MER - CY ON US MER - CY ON US LAMB OF GOD YOU TAKE A - WAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD GRANT US PEACE.

1 LAMB OF GOD YOU TAKE A - WAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD ____ HAVE

5 MER - CY ON US MER - CY ON US MER - CY ON US LAMB OF GOD YOU

10 TAKE A - WAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD ____ HAVE MER - CY ON US MER - CY ON US

15 MER - CY ON US LAMB OF GOD YOU TAKE A - WAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD

20 GRANT US PEACE

HYMNS

“One Bread One Body”
“Bread Of Life From Heaven”

RED HYMNAL #496
RED HYMNAL #474

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together: Holy Lord, you gathered us to your table, and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus’ name. 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**

"Here I Am Lord"

RED HYMNAL #574

↑ **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; serve the Lord!
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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Lutheran Response to the Flooding in Texas

The following is from a letter by the ELCA Bishop of Southwestern Texas, . While addressed to the people of that synod, I also found it helpful. – Pr. Robbie

Dear People of God in the Southwestern Texas Synod:

God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

Many of us have our eyes glued to the news to watch the unfolding devastation of the Hill Country flooding. ...

We are grateful that ... we know of no congregations, clergy, or members who have suffered loss due to the flooding, but a number of us know people who are missing or connected to those missing, or who are sustaining flood damage.

Our camps are safe at this point; all campers have been evacuated ... and the camp staff did a marvelous job of keeping everyone calm in the midst of it all.

Our siblings from around the ELCA have been reaching out and sending prayers and money to our synod disaster fund. ... I ask the following of you:

1. Pray, pray, pray for those who are still lost as well as the families of those who are lost, who have died, or who have experienced loss of home or property.
2. Give financially to our Synod Disaster Fund (which is used for immediate relief) or nationally to Lutheran Disaster Response (for long term response). ...

As we have more information, we will share that with you.

*Kyrie eleison,
Bishop Sue Briner*

Ways to Give

Southwestern Texas Synod Disaster Fund

Online: www.SWTSynod.org

Mail: Southwestern Texas Synod; 1090 Oestreich Dr.; Seguin, TX 78155

Lutheran Disaster Response

Online: www.ELCA.org/LDR

Phone: 800-638-3522

Mail: Lutheran Disaster Response; P.O. Box 1809; Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

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