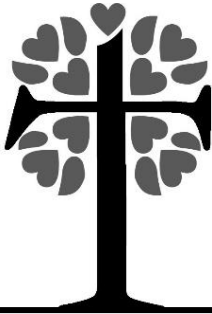


Welcome to Tree of Life Lutheran Church



July 6, 2025 – Fourth 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

"When I Survey The Wondrous Cross"

RED HYMNAL #803

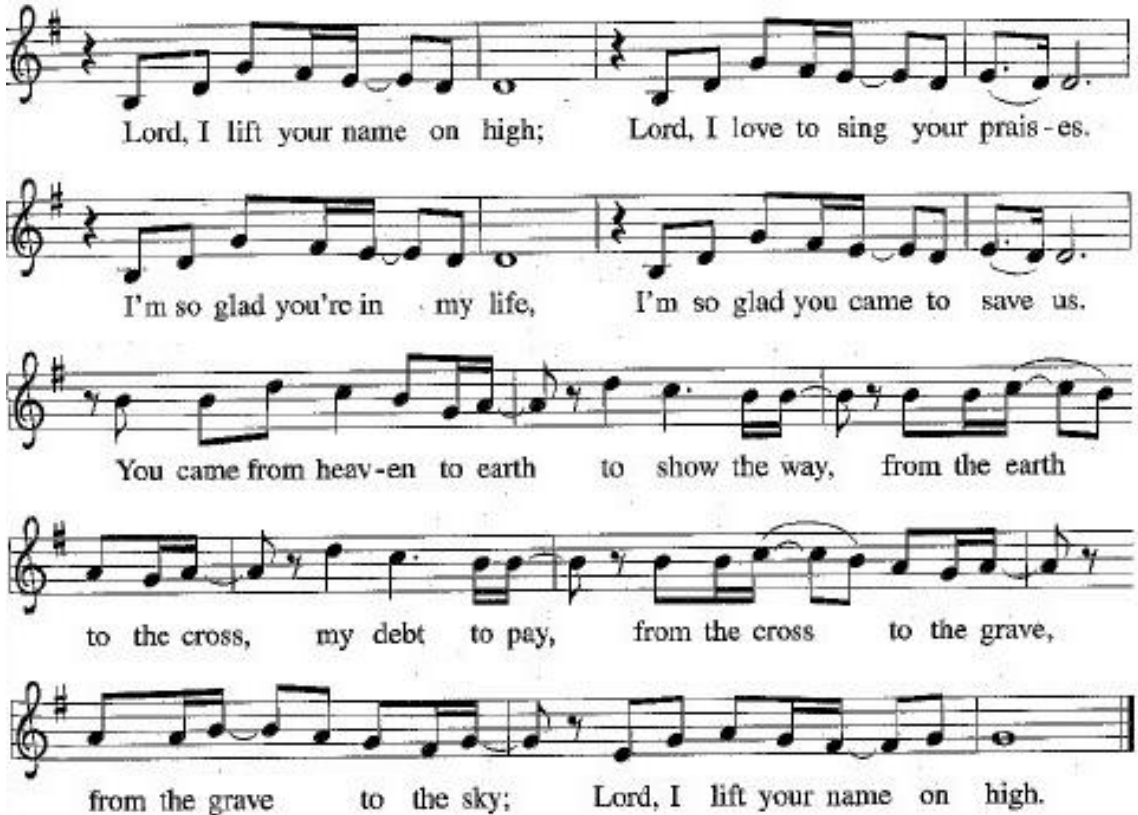
↑ APOSTOLIC GREETING

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 prais-es.

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 God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit, accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

We Hear God's Word

FIRST READING: Isaiah 66:10-14

A reading from Isaiah:

¹⁰ Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her — ¹¹ that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom.

¹² For thus says the Lord: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. ¹³ As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

¹⁴ You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 66:1-9

¹ Be joyful in God, all you lands; be joyful, all the earth.

² **Sing the glory of God's name; sing the glory of God's praise.**

³ Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

⁴ **All the earth bows down before you,
sings to you, sings out your name."**

⁵ Come now and see the works of God,
how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.

⁶ **God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, and there we rejoiced in God.**

⁷ Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations;
let no rebels exalt themselves.

⁸ **Bless our God, you peoples;
let the sound of praise be heard.**

⁹ **Our God has kept us among the living
and has not allowed our feet to slip.**

SECOND READING: Galatians 6:1-16

A reading from Galatians:

¹ My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. ⁴ All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. ⁵ For all must carry their own loads.

⁶ Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

⁷ Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸ If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹ So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

¹¹ See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! ¹² It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³ Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴ May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶ As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Composed by D.D. Dillard

Voice

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↑ GOSPEL: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ² He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

³ "Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹ 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

¹⁶ "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

¹⁷ The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” ¹⁸ He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹ See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

↑ **HYMN**

“Spirit Of Gentleness”

RED HYMNAL #396

↑ **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:

Holy Lord, you send out your Church with a message of peace and salvation. Center the whole Church in this peace, that we may be united in proclaiming the glory of your name. Strengthen missionaries and all who are persecuted for the faith, and strengthen us all to share the Good News in word and in deed. God of grace...

Hear our prayer.

All the earth sings your name. Inspire your people to drink deeply from the beauty of your creation. Provide relief from extreme heat and severe storm, and provide sustenance and growth for all that you have made. God of grace... **Hear our prayer.**

You keep watch over the nations. Accept our thanksgiving for the independence of the United States, and for the equality, liberty and justice that you have granted to us. Guide us and our elected leaders in pathways of righteousness, truth and concord. Above all, give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and be a blessing to all. God of grace... **Hear our prayer.**

As a mother comforts her child, so you comfort us. Bring your comfort to those in any pain of body, mind or spirit. We especially pray for Amanda, Annalise, Bill, Bob, Chris, Dan, Danielle, Dot, Elizabeth, Erica, Kimberly and Will, 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.**

You make us laborers in your field, spreading your Word to increase the harvest of new believers. Help Tree of Life to eagerly share the Gospel in Middletown, Odessa, Townsend and the world. Help us bear one-another's burdens, never grow weary in doing what is right, and center our lives on you. Bless our bishops, Elizabeth and William; our pastor, Robbie; Grace Lutheran Church and its pastor, Tara; and Lutheran Volunteer Corps. God of grace... **Hear our prayer.**

You have written our names in Heaven. We thank you for those who have died in your love and now live anew in your glory. Accompany us on our life's journey, until we are all at last reunited around your throne. 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

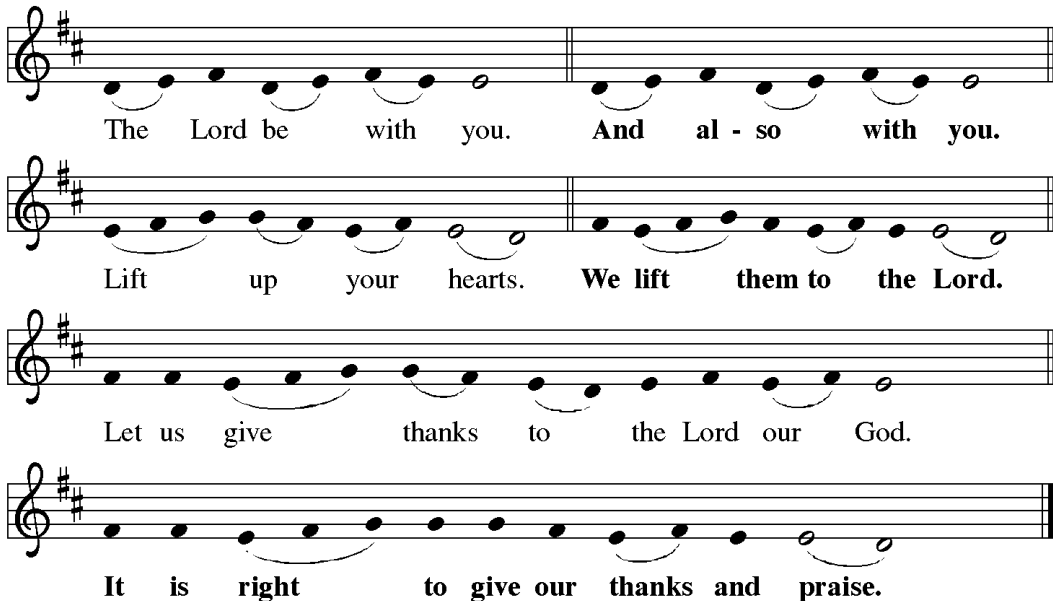
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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye Heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost**

↑ OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together: **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**

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Voice

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↑ **EUCCHARISTIC 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

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²⁰ GRANT US PEACE

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

“I Will Sing Of The Mercies Of The Lord” BLACK BINDER #2

↑ 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.

SAVE THE DATES!

Sunday, July 27

Worship with Sacrament of Holy Baptism
for Aubree Washington, Zavian Ashong and Zorelia Ashong

Sunday, August 3

“Hymn-Sing Sundae:”
Hymn-based worship and ice cream social!

Sunday, August 10

Blessing of the Backpacks
to support Appoquinimink students