Welcome to Tree of Life Lutheran Church



June 15, 2025 ~ Holy Trinity

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 FOR TRINITY SUNDAY

Blessed be the holy Trinity, and the undivided Unity!

Let us give glory to God, for God has shown mercy to us!

We worship one God in Trinity, and the Trinity in Unity.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of your glory!

For the Father is God; the Son is God; and the Holy Spirit is God.

Yet there are not three gods, but one God.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of your glory!

And the grace of the Father has been given to us by the Son, and comes to us through the Holy Spirit.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of your glory!

Trusting in the grace of our Triune God, 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 \pm Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

↑ HYMN

"Holy Holy Holy"

RED HYMNAL #413

↑ 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: Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

We Hear God's Word

FIRST READING: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

A reading from Proverbs:

¹ Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? ² On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; ³ beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: ⁴ "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.

 $^{22}\,^{\circ}$ The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. $^{23}\,$ Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. $^{24}\,$ When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. $^{25}\,$ Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth — $^{26}\,$ when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil.

²⁷ "When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸ when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, ²⁹ when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, ³⁰ then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, ³¹ rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 8

- ¹O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! —
- ² you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.
- ³ When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- ⁴ what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?
- ⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.
- ⁶ You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:
- ⁷ all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,
- 8 the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.
- ⁹O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-5

A reading from Romans:

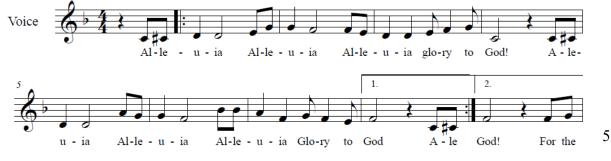
¹ Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

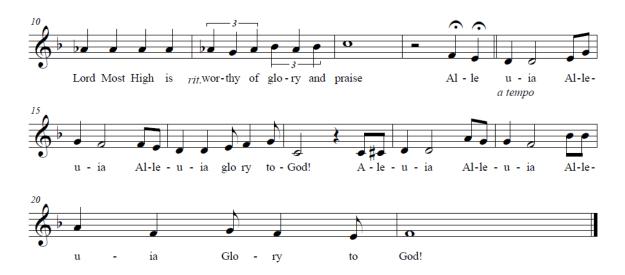
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Thanks be to God.

↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Composed by D.D. Dillard





↑ GOSPEL: John 16:12-15

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ¹² "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

↑ HYMN

"Holy Spirit Truth Divine"

RED HYMNAL #398

↑ BLESSING OF GRADUATES

Dear friends in Christ, life presents us with various milestones that set the stage for the next phase in our earthly journey. Graduation is one of those milestones. Today we honor those who are moving through this time of accomplishment, transition and change, and we seek God's blessing on their continued journey. We keep in prayer the following people who are related to Tree of Life parishioners:

William Cavey

Friend of Nicky Zaiser, graduating high school in Dallas, Texas

Nick Cheney

Great-nephew of Gail Russell, graduating high school in Conroe, Texas

Diego Hays

Nephew of Nicky Zaiser, graduating high school in Los Angeles, Calif.

Levi Pileggi

Grandson of Jim Pileggi and Pam Nichols, graduating from kindergarten

Hannah Recine

Niece of Gail Russell, graduating from Coast Guard basic training

We also offer special recognition to current Tree of Life parishioner **Anders Fratta**, who graduated from MOT Charter High School.

Anders and his family are invited to the chancel.

Anders, Tree of Life is delighted that you have reached this milestone in your life. As fellow members of your church, we rejoice with you and are proud of you. We also want you to know that wherever you go and whatever you do, you are going with our prayers for God's continued guidance, power, protection, and strength.

A small gift is presented.

Hear these words from the prophet Jeremiah: "Surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me." (*Jer. 29:11-13*)

Let us pray: All-knowing and ever-loving God, we give you thanks for making us your people in Baptism, and for equipping us with knowledge and wisdom. Look with favor upon Anders and all who are celebrating graduations or other milestones. Grant them the knowledge of your continued presence wherever they go. Give them and us all the faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us. Bless them and keep them now and forever, in the name of the Father, and the +Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Anders and his family may return to their seats.

↑ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

By the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to God our Father in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord, making intercession for the Church, the world, and for all people according to their need:

Almighty Father, you have given us peace and life through the Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and you have poured your love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Keep the Church in all times and places steadfast in faith, loving in service, generous in giving, ardent in worship, and holy in living. God of grace... **Hear our prayer.**

Your name is majestic in all the earth. Renew this planet and all its wonders: springs abounding with water, earth and soil, beasts of the field, birds of the air, and fish of the sea. God of grace... **Hear our prayer.**

You delight in the whole human race. Bless and guide this nation and all who serve it, that your freedom, justice and peace might flourish. As our nation celebrates Juneteenth this week, help ensure that all people might know the blessings of liberty, regardless of race or background. God of grace... **Hear our prayer.**

You give us earthly fathers to reflect your love. Bless fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, godfathers, those who long to be fathers, and all who serve in a fathering role for others. Comfort those who grieve fathers and fathers who grieve children. Support any for whom this day is difficult. God of grace... **Hear our prayer.**

Your hope does not disappoint, even in the midst of suffering. Help all who suffer in 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.**

Your Spirit fills Tree of Life with truth and love. Continue to inspire and embolden this congregation. Use us to proclaim the Gospel in words and deeds. Help us to seek out those who most deeply need your love. Bless our bishops, Elizabeth and William; our pastor, Robbie; St. Paul Lutheran Church and its pastor, Robert; and Grace Lutheran Church and its pastor Jonathon and deacon Mike. God of grace... **Hear our prayer.**

You welcome those who die into your eternal communion of life. Accept our thanks for all who now see you face to face, and bring us at last to fullness of life in you. 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

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↑ OFFERTORY

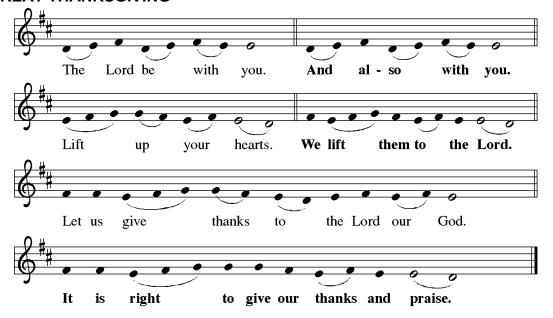
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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye Heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

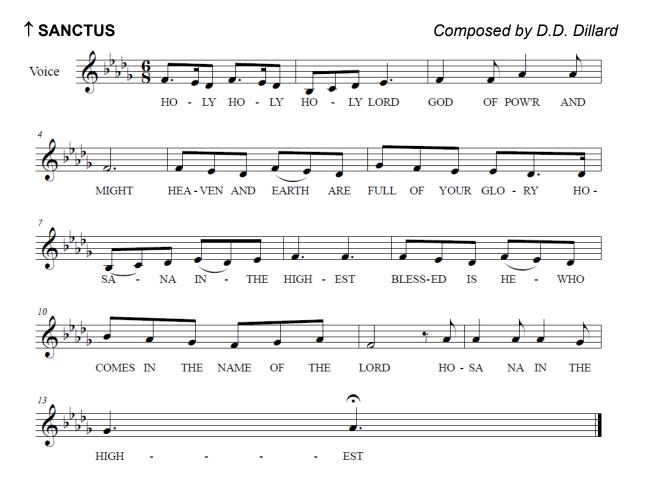
↑ OFFERING PRAYER

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



↑ 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.



"Let Us Break Bread Together"
"Come To The Table Of Mercy"

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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

↑ HYMN "Let Us Talents And Tongues Employ" RED HYMNAL #674

↑ 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! Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

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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