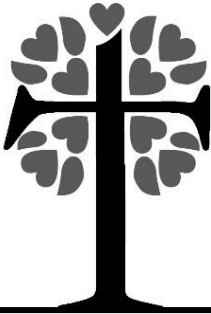


Welcome to Tree of Life Lutheran Church



June 1, 2025 ~ Ascension of Our Lord

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Trusting in the grace and life of the risen Christ, let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one-another. *Silence for reflection.*

Most merciful God: **We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, we are forgiven and walk in newness of life. 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. Rejoice with glad hearts at the grace of God your Father, given through the risen +Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **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.**

↑ HYMN OF PRAISE

“This is the Feast”

Composed by D.D. Dillard

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LU - IA THIS IS THE FEAST OF VIC-T'RY OF OUR GOD A - MEN A - MEN

↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Let us pray: Almighty God and Father of all, your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above all the heavens that he might fill all things. Mercifully give us faith to trust that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time, he who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

We Hear God's Word

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11

A reading from Acts:

[Luke writes:] ¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 47

¹ Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with a joyful sound.

² For the LORD Most High is to be feared: a great king over all the earth,

³ who subdues the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet;

⁴ who chooses our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom God loves.

⁵ God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of the ram's horn.

⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our king, sing praises.

⁷For God is king of all the earth; sing praises with a song.

⁸ God reigns over the nations; God is enthroned on high.

⁹ The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the God of Abraham.

The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is highly exalted.

SECOND READING: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

A reading from Revelation:

¹²“See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

¹⁶“It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let everyone who hears say, “Come.” And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

²⁰ The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Composed by D.D. Dillard

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↑ GOSPEL: Luke 24:44-53

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁴⁴[Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

↑ HYMN

“Thine The Amen”

RED HYMNAL #825

↑ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing in the risen Lord, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all in need:

Almighty Father, your Son Jesus Christ reigns on high as the Alpha and the Omega, the Lord of all and the Savior of the world. By grace, he takes us by the hand and invites us into your glory. Unite all people into one holy, catholic and apostolic Church. Inspire us to worship and adore you, to kneel before your majesty. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may faithfully proclaim repentance and forgiveness to all nations. God of grace... **Hear our prayer.**

All the earth proclaims your glory. Bring favorable weather and continued growth to farms and fields. Help those affected by natural disaster. Lead us to see your love in all creation, and to be good caretakers of all that you have made. God of grace... **Hear our prayer.**

You are enthroned above kings and rulers. Bring an end to the hostility, hatred and discord that divide people and nations. Bless our country, and unite us in seeking your ways of freedom, justice and peace for all. God of grace... **Hear our prayer.**

Your compassion brings hope and healing to hurting bodies and harried souls. Shine your light upon all who walk the dark paths of poverty and need, grief and sorrow, suffering and sickness. We especially pray for Amanda, Annalise, Bill, Bob, Chris, Dan, Danielle, Dot, Elizabeth, Erica, Kimberly, 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 are always with us. Shine upon Tree of Life as summer begins. Watch over travelers, care for children and families, and help us find new ways to share your Good News with our community. Bless our bishops, Elizabeth and William; our pastor, Robbie; St. Stephen's Lutheran Church and its pastor, Sue; and Lutheran Campus Ministries and its chaplain, Mindy. God of grace... **Hear our prayer.**

You invite us to come and drink the water of life. In gratitude for the saints who have died, we look toward your coming again among us. God of grace... **Hear our prayer.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen 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

"We Believe"

Charles W. Platt

1. WE BE-LIEVE IN GOD THE ONE, THE GI - VER OF OUR
2. WE BE-LIEVE IN JE - SUS CHRIST, THE ON - LY SON OF

4. SOULS MA - KER OF THE LAND AND SEA AND SKIES.
GOD WHO DIED AND ROSE TO SAVE US FROM OUR SIN.

9. 3. WE BE-LIEVE THE HO - LY SPIRIT GOD AND CHRIST THE

12. LORD REIGN SU-PREME AND GIVE E-TER - NAL LIFE.

↑ 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

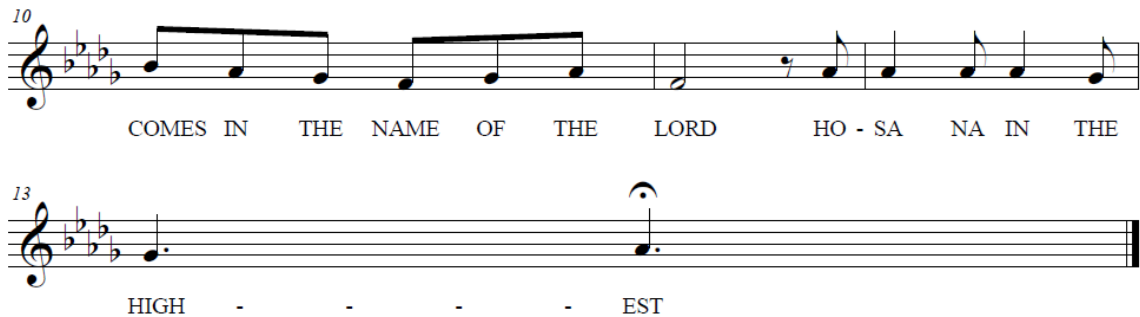
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↑ EUCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

Alleluia, Christ our salvation 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.

COMMUNION

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The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes measure numbers 5, 10, 15, and 20. 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

HYMNS

“Let Us Break Bread Together”
“Come To The Table Of Mercy”

RED HYMNAL #471
RED HYMNAL #481

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together: **Living Lord Jesus, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. 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've Found A Friend In Jesus"

BLACK BINDER #3

↑ **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.