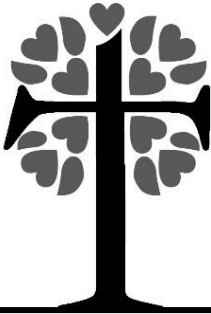


Welcome to Tree of Life Lutheran Church



June 29, 2025 ~ Peter and Paul, Apostles

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

"O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing"

RED HYMNAL #886

↑ 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



CHORUS

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↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Let us pray: Almighty God, we praise you that your blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you by their martyrdoms. Grant that your church throughout the world may always be instructed by their teaching and example, be knit together in unity by your Spirit, and ever stand firm upon the one foundation who is Jesus Christ our Lord, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

We Hear God's Word

FIRST READING: Acts 12:1-11

A reading from Acts:

¹About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. ²He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. ³After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) ⁴When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. ⁵While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

⁶The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. ⁷Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his wrists. ⁸The angel said to him, "Fasten your belt and put on your sandals." He did so. Then he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." ⁹Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. ¹⁰After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. ¹¹Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 87:1-3, 5-7

¹On the holy mountain stands the city God has founded;

²**the Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.**

³Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of our God.

⁵**Of the city it shall be said, "Everyone was born in Zion,
and the Most High shall sustain the city."**

⁶Enrolling the nations, the Lord records: "These also were born there."

⁷**The singers and the dancers will say, "All my fresh springs are in you."**

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4:1-8, 16-18

A reading from 2 Timothy:

¹In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths.

⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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-

5 u - ia Al-le - u - ia Al-le - u - ia Glo-ry to God A - le God! For the

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



↑ GOSPEL: John 21:15-19

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

↑ HYMN

“Come Thou Almighty King”

RED HYMNAL #408

↑ NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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:

Almighty God and Father, you have inspired the faithful throughout all generations to bear witness to your Son in word and deed, even at great cost. Bless, protect and strengthen missionaries and all who are persecuted for the faith today. Make us willing to follow your will and proclaim your name, without regard for personal cost. God of grace... **Hear our prayer.**

You reveal your glory through the wonders of creation. Bring relief from extreme heat and severe storms. Care for all your living things. Make us good stewards of the world you have entrusted to us. God of grace... **Hear our prayer.**

You seek true freedom, justice and peace for all people. Change the hearts of rulers who persecute your followers or who act unjustly in any way. Bring peace with security to Israel, Iran, the Palestinian territories and all the world. Be with those who risk their lives for our nation's freedom. God of grace... **Hear our prayer.**

You give strength to the weary and hope to the hopeless. Comfort anyone who is lonely, poor, grieving, sick or in any need. 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 call us to be persistent in proclaiming the Gospel and caring for your sheep. Help Tree of Life to carry out its ministry fully. As you freed Peter from prison, free us from lethargy and fear, and loosen the chains of timidity and doubt. Bless our bishops, Elizabeth and William; our pastor, Robbie; St. Peter's Lutheran Church and its interim pastor, Elizabeth; and Mosaic of Delaware. God of grace... **Hear our prayer.**

You reserve a crown of righteousness for all who long for your appearing. Accept our thanksgiving for Peter, Paul and all the saints who now rest in your glory. Reserve for us a place in your heavenly kingdom, and bring us to the life that knows no end. 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**

RED HYMNAL #884

**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

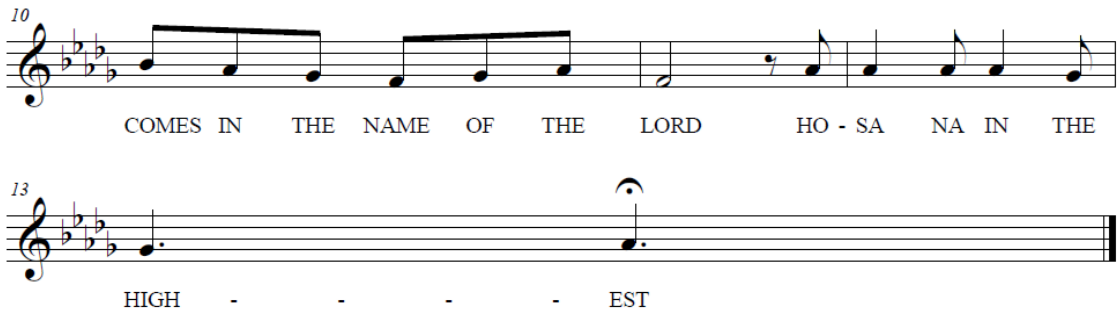
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↑ EUCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

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

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 1, 5, 10, 15, and 20. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with some measures containing rests or longer note values. The final measure of the score is a whole note chord.

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: **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**

"Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee"

RED HYMNAL #836

↑ **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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