# Welcome to Tree of Life Lutheran Church



June 8, 2025 ~ Day of 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.

#### ↑ THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

Joined to Christ in the waters of Baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness, and endowed with the Holy Spirit. On this Day of Pentecost, when the Spirit first came to the Church, let us give thanks for God's gift of Baptism:

We give you thanks, Almighty Father, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Through water and the Holy Spirit, God gives us new birth, cleanses us from sin, and raises us to eternal life. May the Spirit assure you that your sins are forgiven and your salvation is secured. And may you be strengthened in the gifts of the Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in God's presence, both now and forever. **Amen.** 

**↑ HYMN** 

"O Holy Spirit Root Of Life"

**RED HYMNAL #399** 

#### **↑ 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: God our Creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

# We Hear God's Word

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

A reading from Acts:

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup> 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup> And I

will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## **PSALM: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b**

- <sup>24</sup> How manifold are your works, O Lord!
  In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
- <sup>25</sup> Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.
- <sup>26</sup> There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.
- <sup>27</sup> All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.
- <sup>28</sup> You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- <sup>29</sup> When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.
- <sup>30</sup> You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.
- <sup>31</sup> May the glory of the Lord endure forever; O Lord, rejoice in all your works.
- <sup>32</sup> You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.
- <sup>33</sup> I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

I will praise my God while I have my being.

- <sup>34</sup> May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the Lord.
- <sup>35b</sup> Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah!

## **SECOND READING: Romans 8:14-17**

A reading from Romans:

<sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ — if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## **↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

## Composed by D.D. Dillard



## ↑ GOSPEL: John 14:8-17, 25-27

The holy gospel according to John.

## Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to [Jesus,] "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied."

<sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you

ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

<sup>15</sup> "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>25</sup> "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

#### **SERMON**

**↑ HYMN** 

"God Of Tempest God Of Whirlwind"

**RED HYMNAL #400** 

#### **BLESSING OF NEW PARAMENTS**

Sisters and brothers, today we give thanks to God and seek God's blessing, as we set apart our new red paraments to God's glory.

A description of the paraments may follow.

Let us pray: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You have enriched our lives with every good and perfect gift; you have commanded us to show your splendor to our children; and you have invited us to praise you with lives of love, peace, justice and joy. Send your blessing now on these paraments, which we set apart today. May they adorn this house, show us the beauty of holiness, enrich our worship, and so proclaim the glory of your majesty. To you, eternal Father, be all glory and honor through your Son, Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.** 

### ↑ 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:

Send your Spirit upon the Church, O Lord. Unite your people across all times and places, break down the barriers we have erected among ourselves, and empower us to continually speak about your deeds of power and love. By your Spirit, bring all people to call upon your holy name. God of grace... **Hear our prayer.** 

Send your Spirit upon the creation, O Lord. Allow fire to burn safely where needed, and quench flames when they threaten to run wild. Give food and good things to the swarming creatures of the sea and lands, and continually renew the face of the earth. God of grace... **Hear our prayer.** 

Send your Spirit upon the nations, O Lord. Be with our country and all who lead it. Guide us by the Spirit in your ways of freedom, justice and peace. God of grace... **Hear our prayer.** 

Send your Spirit upon the needy, O Lord. Support those who are poor or forgotten. Strengthen those who are ill or injured. Sustain those who are troubled or grieving. Be with all whose spirits are bowed down. 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.** 

Send your Spirit upon Tree of Life, O Lord. Set our hearts on fire with love for you and one-another. Help us to shine the light of Christ for those who need him most. Bless our bishops, Elizabeth and William; our pastor, Robbie; Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church and its pastor, Karen; and St. Philip's Lutheran Church and its pastors, Patrick and Amy. God of grace... **Hear our prayer.** 

May your Spirit shine always upon the saints, O Lord. Accept our thanks for the faithful departed who now rest in you. Let their lives encourage our own daily living. Console us with the promise of eternal life. God of grace... **Hear our prayer.** 

We lift up 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 "Holy Spirit" Townend/Getty

### **↑ OFFERTORY**

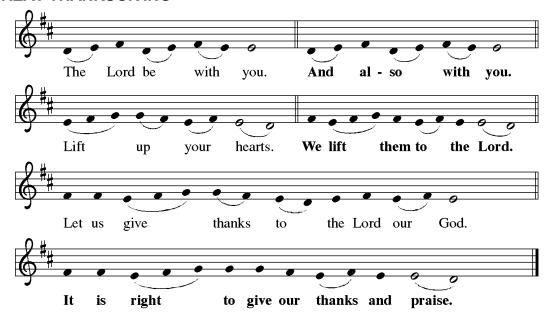
**RED HYMNAL #884** 

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

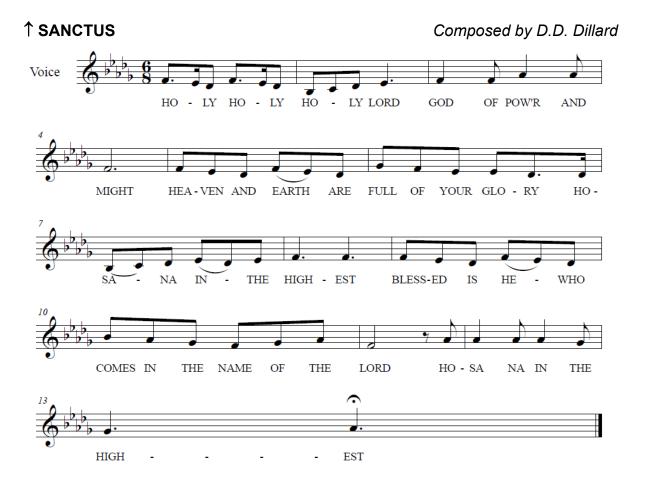
## **↑ OFFERING PRAYER**

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 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.

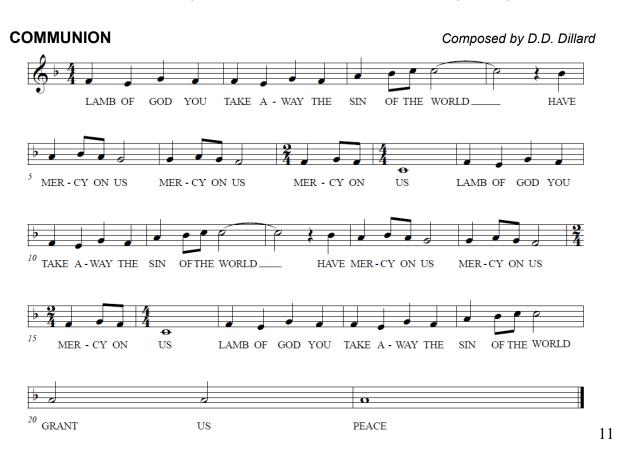
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### ↑ 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.



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

↑ HYMN

"This Little Light Of Mine"

**RED HYMNAL #677** 

#### ↑ 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.