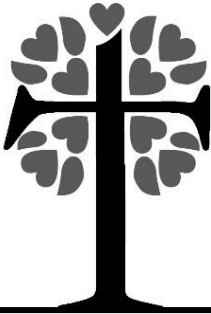


Welcome to Tree of Life Lutheran Church



April 13, 2025~Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion

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

Please gather outside (weather permitting) and join in the procession with palms.

↑ **ACCLAMATION**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest.**

↑ **PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Luke 19:28-40**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁸After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'"

³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.

³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power

that they had seen, ³⁸saying, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!”

³ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” ⁴⁰He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

↑ **BLESSING OF PALMS**

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

Let us pray: We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and King by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

↑ **PROCESSION**

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

↑ **ANTHEM**

“Pave the Way with Branches”

Bret Hesla

Tree of Life Choir sings as congregation enters the sanctuary

Jesus is coming. Pave the way with branches.

Jesus is coming. Hosanna. *Repeat*

Refrain: Hosanna, Jesus is coming.

Hosanna to the Prince of peace. *Repeat*

Additional verses ad lib.:

Hope for the downtrod...

Land for the landless...

Sins are forgiven...

↑ 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

“All Glory, Laud, And Honor”

RED HYMNAL #344

CHILDREN’S SERMON

↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

As we now enter into the contemplation of the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial and resurrection, let us pray:

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

We Hear God’s Word

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from Isaiah:

⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens — wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16

- ⁹ Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.
- ¹⁰ **For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**
- ¹¹ I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.
- ¹² **Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.**
- ¹³ For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.
- ¹⁴ **But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord.
I have said, “You are my God.**
- ¹⁵ My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
- ¹⁶ **Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.”**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

A reading from Philippians.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST: Luke 22:1-23:56

Please see the booklet for the reading, speak the lines in bold, and stand as able when directed by the pastor.

REFLECTION

↑ HYMN

“Praise The One Who Breaks The Darkness” RED HYMNAL #843

↑ 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

Let us turn to God in prayer for the Church, the world, and all in need.

Holy Lord, by the cross of your Son, save and redeem your Church. Guide your people in all times and places in the way of the cross during this Holy Week. Protect those who are persecuted for Christ's sake still today; humble those who exploit Christ's name for their own power, and bring new people to Christ's forgiveness. Lord, in your mercy... **Receive our prayer.**

Holy Lord, by the cross of your Son, save and redeem the world. Make the stones shout out your glory, and the palm leaves wave in your praise. Help us to see your love in all that you have made. Lord, in your mercy... **Receive our prayer.**

Holy Lord, by the cross of your Son, save and redeem the nations. Bring an end to the tyranny and injustice that abuses the innocent, and lead the rulers of our country and all countries to act with humility, fairness and mercy. Lord, in your mercy...

Receive our prayer.

Holy Lord, by the cross of your Son, save and redeem the needy. Keep the poor in your care. Sustain the weary with your Word. Forgive the sinful with your grace. Console all who face troubles of body, mind or spirit. We especially pray for Amanda, Annalise, Bill, Bob, Cecelia, Chris, Danielle, Edwin, Elizabeth, Erica, Gail, Kimberly, Noretta, Patrick, Paul, Sarah, Sue, William, Winnie and those we name with our lips or in our hearts... *(Time for personal petitions)* Lord, in your mercy...

Receive our prayer.

Holy Lord, by the cross of your Son, save and redeem Tree of Life. Make us worthy of Jesus' precious blood. Increase our faith in you and our love for one-another. Help us to share the Gospel with others. Bless our bishops, Elizabeth and William; our pastor, Robbie; St. Mark's Lutheran Church and its pastor, Kelley; and St. Paul's Lutheran Church and its pastor, Cris. Lord, in your mercy... **Receive our prayer.**

Holy Lord, by the cross of your Son, you have saved and redeemed all the saints who died in the faith and now live in glory. We give thanks to you for our beloved dead, trusting that as the cross of Jesus led to the empty tomb, so you welcome those who have died into the Paradise of your presence. Lord, in your mercy...

Receive our prayer.

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through 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

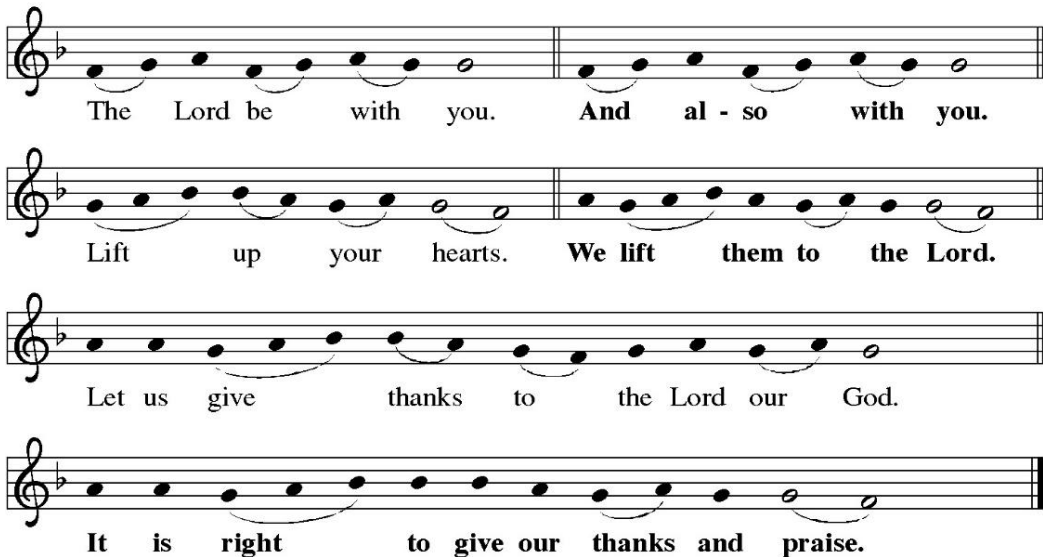
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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye Heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

↑ OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together: **Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness, you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. As we prepare to share the holy feast of your Son, deepen our commitment to share your goodness with others. All this we pray through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

↑ GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

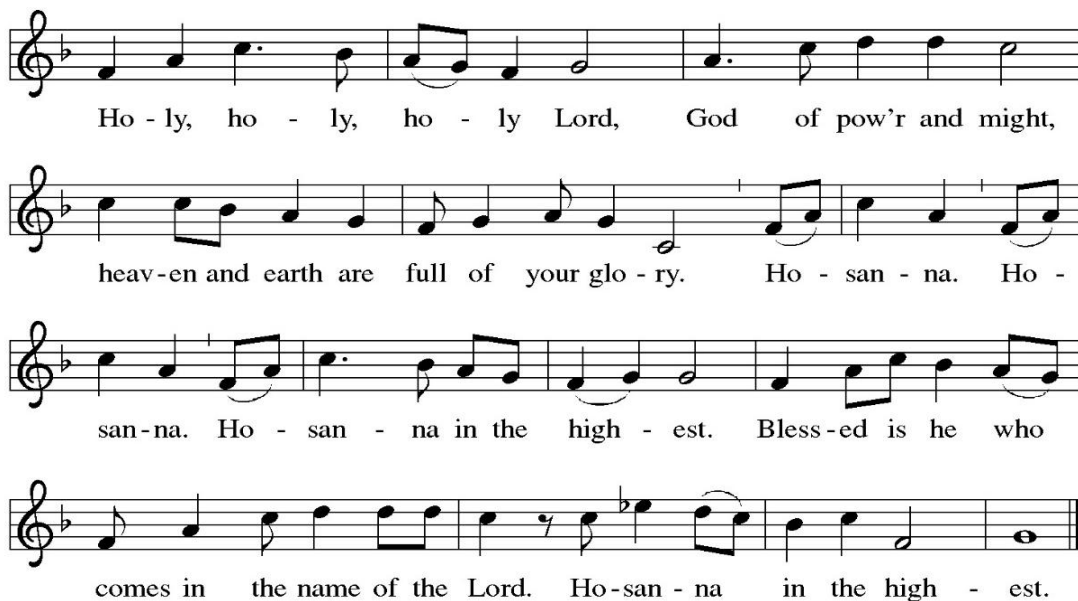
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

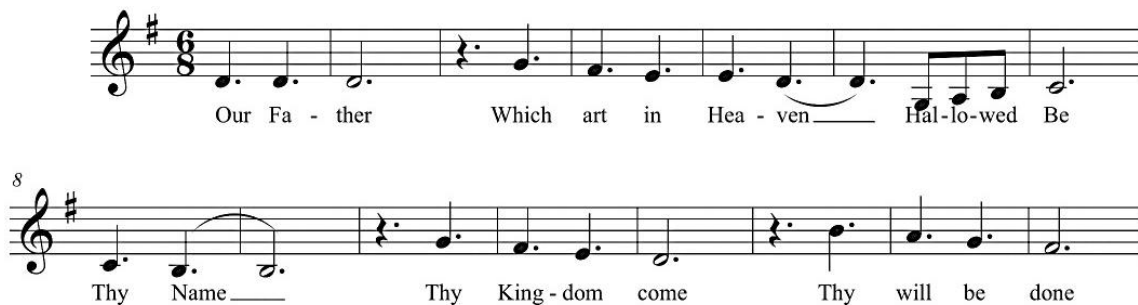
↑ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

Malotte



Our Fa - ther Which art in Hea - ven Hal-lo-wed Be
Thy Name Thy King - dom come Thy will be done

16
on Earth As it is in hea ven Give us this day

24
Our Dai - ly Bread And for - give us our debts as

31
We for - give our deb tors And Lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion

37
But de - li - ver us From e - vil For Thine is the

44
king - dom and the po - wer and the glo - ry

49
for ev er A - men

↑ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ our salvation is given for us. **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.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“One Bread One Body”
 “Bread Of Life From Heaven”

RED HYMNAL #496
 RED HYMNAL #474

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together: **Compassionate God, you have fed us with the Bread of Heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage. May our fasting be a hunger for righteousness, our almsgiving be a sign of your love, and our prayers be a song of thanksgiving for the grace won through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God Sends Us in Mission

ANNOUNCEMENTS

↑ BENEDICTION

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. And may Almighty God – Father, + Son and Holy Spirit – bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

↑ HYMN

“Prepare The Royal Highway”

RED HYMNAL #264

↑ 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, Christ is with you. **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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Holy Week 2025

Palm Sunday Holy Communion

10:30 a.m. April 13

Tree of Life

Maundy Thursday Holy Communion

7 p.m. April 17 ~ Hosted by Bethesda United Methodist Church

116 E Main St, Middletown

Rev. Robbie Ketcham, preacher

Good Friday Worship and Prayer

Noon April 18 ~ Hosted by Immanuel United Methodist Church

Stations for individual prayer starting at 1 p.m.

209 Main St, Townsend

Rev. Linda Ray, preacher

Good Friday Cross-Walk and Worship

6:30 p.m. April 18 ~ Walk from Tree of Life to St. Paul's

Prayer service to follow at St. Paul's

505 Osbourne St., Odessa

Indoors at Tree of Life if inclement weather

Easter Egg Hunt

10 a.m. April 19 ~ Hosted by St. Paul's

Festive Easter Holy Communion

10:30 a.m. April 20

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