



# The Burning Bush

News and information about growing God's children at  
**Tree of Life Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Odessa, DE

December 7, 2025

We share a living, daring confidence in God's grace. Liberated by our faith,  
we embrace you as a whole person -- questions, complexities all. Join us as we do  
God's work for the life of the world.

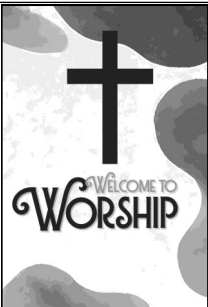
## HYMNS

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## Welcome to the second Sunday of ADVENT

We hope you feel comfortable being your full self here. We trust you find compassion and forgiveness, joy and community, and love among us. Please sign in to let us know who you are. We'd love to get to know you, connect you with others, and accompany you along your faith journey.

**ALL baptized Christians** are welcome to participate in Communion here at Tree of Life. And please join us for fellowship following today's service!

## We are called to serve

To volunteer to serve during worship, see Gene Zaiser or contact him at [gzaiser@yahoo.com](mailto:gzaiser@yahoo.com). We thank today's worship service volunteers: George Matz, usher; Jim Pileggi, worship assistant; Gene Zaiser, altar preparer and offering counter; and Nicky Zaiser, fellowship provider. The Tree of Life offering for last Sunday, November 30, was \$4,321.83. This includes a donation of \$3,516.83 from Thrivent. The offering from the Thanksgiving service was \$267.00. The average weekly offering for November (not including the Thrivent donation or the Thanksgiving service) was \$2,839.00.

## You can serve the community and make a difference

\*\* Knot Quilters and Project Linus Blankets - 10am to noon, normally on second Wednesdays.

*Questions?* See Nicky Zaiser and Janet Adams, respectively.

\*\* Seamens Center - Donations of toiletries, snacks, socks, etc. at the Donation Station between the Narthex and the kitchen. *Questions?* See Gene Zaiser.

\*\* Donations for "Our Daily Bread" - Pick up a bag and list of food products at the Donation Station; and/or volunteer to serve a meal the first Wednesday of the month. *Questions?* See Sylvia Schill. Thank you!

\*\* Pill bottle ministry - Place your clean, empty pill bottles in the box at the Donation Station. Bottles are sorted, counted and packed up for mailing to the Matthew 25 Ministries by our Kingdom Kids and Confirmants. *Questions?* See Pam Nichols.



**Today is Consecration Sunday.** If you have forgotten or misplaced your green pledge card, you can find extras at the Ushers Table. The Budget Committee and Church Council use our pledges to determine the operating budget for next year.

## Happenings during ADVENT...

\***December 13**, at 2:00pm is our **Live Nativity**. Sign up to participate on the Kitchen bulletin board.

\***December 14** is the deadline to have your wrapped and **tagged gifts for Neighborhood House** delivered to the Fellowship Room. *Questions?* See Pam Nichols or Gloria Brewer.

\*Carla Fiske is starting to refill our **Food Library**. Please consider bringing in some canned goods or other non-perishables to the small table in the Kitchen.

\*Pastor Robbie has begun a short **Prayer Service** at noon on Wednesdays during ADVENT. All are invited.

\* There will be a **Blue Christmas Service** at St. Paul's United Methodist Church (406 Main St., Odessa) for people who find the holidays difficult because of the loss of loved ones. It will be held **Sunday, December 21 at 3:00pm.**

## Let us pray for ...

Annalise Fratta, Beth Pugh, Becky Bullock, Bill Glass, Bob McCord, Chris Collett, Dan Radcliffe, Danielle Fangman, Dee Matz, Elizabeth Schreppler, Elizabeth Zaiser, Erika Zaiser, Gary Letts, John Bock, Judy Vinther, Patrick Pileggi, Paul Schuler, Richard Ray, Sarah Schreppler, and William and Winnie Brill.

**Let us also pray for** those who serve and have served in our military; disaster victims and victims of violence and injustice everywhere; the health of our members and the world; our volunteers, church leaders, and Church Council; the people of Ukraine; and everyone grieving - may warfare and hate give way to peace and justice.

If you would like to add someone to our prayer list, please leave a message at 302-378-3345 or email your request to [treeoflifelc@verizon.net](mailto:treeoflifelc@verizon.net). Please the full name of the person as well as your own. It is also important to notify the church office when this person can be taken off the list.

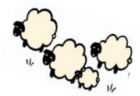


## We thank all of our volunteers

As Council President Nicky Zaiser mentioned last Sunday, Tree of Life has many volunteers, although we could use more!

At this time of year we thank **Denise Lindquist** who is not only our treasurer, a member of Council but who also made our new Advent paraments. Thank you, Denise!

### Volunteer, participate, attend

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>DECEMBER 7 <b>SECOND ADVENT and CONSECRATION SUNDAY</b></p> <p>9:00am Bible Study 10:30am Worship Noon - Choir practice 2:00pm - Service at Meadowcrest</p>	<p>DECEMBER 8 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office</p>	<p>DEC 9 12:30pm Council meeting</p>	<p>DECEMBER 10 10:00am Knot quilters 10am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 12 Noon - Advent Prayer service</p>	<p>DEC 11 Noon - OWLS holiday luncheon at Augustine Inn</p>	<p>DECEMBER 12 10am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office</p>	<p>DEC 13 2:00pm Live Nativity</p> 
<p>DECEMBER 14 <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b></p> <p>9:00am Bible Study 10:30am Worship Noon - Kingdom Kids and Confirmation Deadline for gifts</p>	<p>DECEMBER 15 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office</p>	<p>DEC 16</p>	<p>DECEMBER 17 10am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 12 Noon - Advent Prayer service 2:00pm Choir practice</p>	<p>DEC 18</p>	<p>DECEMBER 19 10am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office</p>	<p>DEC 20</p>

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