

Welcome to Tree of Life Lutheran Church



May 31, 2026 ~ Holy Trinity

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.

↑ CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS FOR TRINITY SUNDAY

Blessed be the holy Trinity, and the undivided Unity.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of your glory!

The Father is God; the Son is God; and the Holy Spirit is God.

Yet there are not three gods, but one God.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of your glory!

And the grace of the Father has been given to us by the Son,
and comes to us through the Holy Spirit.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of your glory!

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

Most merciful God: **We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed; by what we have done and by what we have left undone. You call us as your own, but we spurn your grace. You give us new life, but we do not live according to your will. You show us perfect love, but we fail to love our neighbors. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, forgive us and renew us, for in your grace alone can be trust. Amen.**

Though we are sinners, Christ died for us. And by his sinless death and resurrection, we find forgiveness and new 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, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

↑ **HYMN**

“Holy God We Praise Your Name”

RED HYMNAL #414

↑ **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”

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Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*

The image shows the musical score for the hymn 'This is the Feast'. It consists of six staves of music in a single system, all written on a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.' The second staff contains 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The third staff contains 'I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose'. The fourth staff contains 'blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.' The fifth staff contains 'Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and'. The sixth staff contains 'hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.' and is also labeled 'Refrain' at the end.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:
 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.
Final refrain
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray: Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

We Hear God's Word

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

A reading from Genesis:

¹ When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶ And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷ So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸ God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹ And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights — the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night — and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of

the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." ²⁷ So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ²⁹ God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food." ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1} Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. ² On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

^{4a} These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 8

¹ O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

² **You whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

³ When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁴ **what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?**

⁵ Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.

⁶ **You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:**

⁷ all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

⁸ the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,

and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

⁹ **O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

A reading from 2 Corinthians:

[Paul writes:] ¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

↑ GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

↑ HYMN

"Come Join the Dance of Trinity"

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↑ 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 to the Father in the name of the Son, making intercession for the Church, the world and all people:

O Lord, you have made yourself known as one God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, a mystery beyond our comprehension and yet a godhead devoted to our welfare. Give wisdom and faithfulness to the Church in all times and places, that it may rightly proclaim your Name to the world. Merciful God... **Receive our prayer.**

You created a wonderful universe by your word, and you lovingly entrusted it to our care. Reveal your glory to us in all that you have made, and help us to be worthy stewards of your magnificent handiwork. Merciful God... **Receive our prayer.**

You allow earthly rulers to guide and govern your people. Bless our nation and those who lead it, so that freedom, justice and peace may be always known. Protect members of our armed forces, especially those in the Middle East. Put an end to violence and discord at home and abroad. Merciful God... **Receive our prayer.**

You care for every person you have made. Come to us in our times of doubt and fear, reminding us of your almighty authority and loving presence. Heal the sick, provide for the hungry, accompany the lonely, strengthen the weary, and comfort those in any need or trouble. We especially pray for Annalise, Beth, Bill, Bob, the Brookes family, Calvin, Chris, Clara, Courtney, Dale, Dan, Danielle, Darryl, Dee, Dot, Ed, Edwin, Elizabeth, Erika, Gary, Jeff, Jerry, Joe, John, Levi, Nina, Patrick, Paul, Quentin, Richard, Sarah, William, Winnie, Yvonne and those we name with our lips or in our hearts... (*Time for personal petitions*) Merciful God... **Receive our prayer.**

You unite Tree of Life with all the saints, and you call us to exemplify your Kingdom in this place. Inspire us to live together in peace as your people, to care for one-another as you care for us, and to make new disciples in our area. Bless our bishops, Yehiel and William; our pastor, Robbie; St. Peter's Lutheran Church and its interim pastor, Elizabeth; and Mosaic of Delaware. Merciful God... **Receive our prayer.**

You promise to be with us always, to the very end of the age. Accept our thanks for those who have died and now live in your everlasting presence. Sustain us in the sure hope of the resurrection, until the day when we are all gathered before your throne. Merciful God... **Receive our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we lift up all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

↑ PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

We Share God's Holy Meal

OFFERING

↑ OFFERTORY

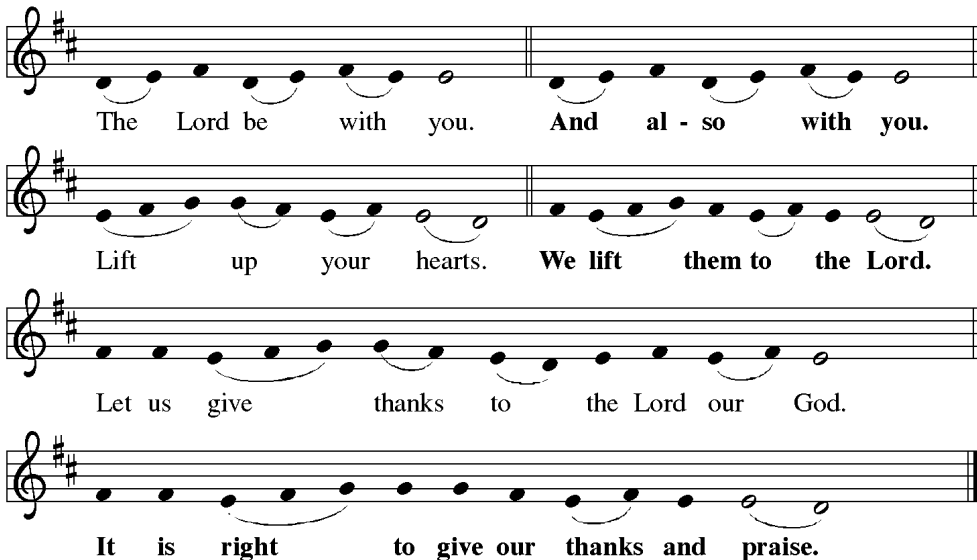
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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye Heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

↑ OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together: **Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In Jesus' name we pray. 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**

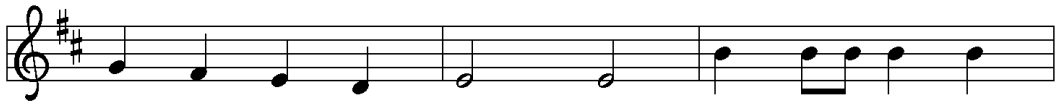
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Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,



heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

↑ **EUCCHARISTIC 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

Come to the feast of life. Receive the risen Lord.

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

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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, grant us peace.

HYMNS

“I Received the Living Lord”
“Here Is Bread”

RED HYMNAL #477
RED HYMNAL #483

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together: **Holy Lord, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, love our enemies, and bring your light to the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

God Sends Us in Mission

ANNOUNCEMENTS

↑ BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

↑ HYMN

"Holy Holy Holy"

RED HYMNAL #413

↑ 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

We depart to do God's work.

Please join us for refreshments in the fellowship room after the service.

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