

Welcome to Tree of Life Lutheran Church



August 11, 2024 ~ 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Leader in regular type, **congregation in bold type**

↑ means stand as you are able

Restrooms are located by the kitchen and at the end of the piano wing of the sanctuary by the Wiggle Room.

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 the +Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one-another. Most merciful God:

We confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, and turn us again to you. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. 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

"Hallelujah We Sing Your Praise"

RED HYMNAL #535

↑ 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

“What A Fellowship”

Hoffman/Showalter



- 1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
- 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
- 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Let us pray: Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

We Hear God's Word

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:4-8

A reading from 1 Kings:

⁴[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." ⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." ⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." ⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 34:1-8

¹I will bless the Lord at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

²**I will glory in the Lord; let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

³Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt God's name together.

⁴**I sought the Lord, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.**

⁵Look upon the Lord and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

⁶**I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.**

⁷The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord and delivers them.

⁸**Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who take refuge in God!**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:25-5:2

A reading from Ephesians.

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

^{5:1}Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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 -

u - ia Al-le - u - ia Al-le - u - ia Glo-ry to God A - le God! For the *rit.*

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

15 u - ia Al-le - u - ia glo ry to - God! A - le - u - ia Al-le - u - ia Al-le -

20 u - ia Glo - ry to God!

↑ GOSPEL: John 6:35, 41-51

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵Jesus said to [the crowd,] “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴²They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?”

⁴³Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

↑ HYMN

“O Living Bread From Heaven”

RED HYMNAL #542

↑ **BLESSING OF BACKPACKS**

Dear friends in Christ: Today we give thanks to God and seek God's blessing, as we bless the backpacks and school supplies that we are collecting for students in need, through neighborhood House.

A brief description may follow

Let us pray: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You made the whole earth for your glory; all creation praises you. We give you thanks, O God, as we set apart these school supplies for the welfare of students in our area, all to your glory and praise. Bless these backpacks, and the children who will wear them. Bless students with eagerness to learn, happiness when learning is easy, and perseverance when learning is hard. Inspire us to serve those in need, until the day comes when need is no more. All this we pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

These school supplies, and those still to be collected, are now set apart for God's work, in the name of the Father, and the +Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

↑ **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Gathered by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all people according to their need:

Heavenly Father, you draw the Church in all times and places to your Son, the Bread of Life. Heal divisions among your people and grant that we might put aside all bitterness and anger, that all Christians might proclaim the Good News in unity. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Sustain trees that offer shade, and all creatures that depend on the trees for shelter and food. Help everyone affected by drought, flood, storm, hurricane or other natural disaster. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Guide the nations of the world in your ways of freedom, justice and peace. Be with our country and all who serve it. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Help those who are poor and hungry. Be with those who are hurting, grieving or ill. We pray especially for Amanda, Annalise, Anya, Bill, Brian, Cecelia, Christine, Cindy, Clara, Dale, Danielle, Dallas, Elizabeth, Erica, Grace, Kenneth, Kimberly, Marilyn, Mercedes, Patrick, Paul, Richard, Sarah, and those we name with our lips or in our hearts... *(Time for personal petitions)* Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Provide for feeding ministries such as ELCA World Hunger and Feed Your Neighbor. Inspire Tree of Life to help provide bread for the body, even as we proclaim your Son as the bread of eternal life. Bless our bishops, Elizabeth and William; our pastor, Robbie; Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church and its pastor, Zach; and Unity Church and its pastors Melissa and Brian. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Accept our thanksgiving for the saints who have gone before us. Sustain our hope in the promise of the resurrection and in the assurance of eternal life through your Son. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we lift up all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through 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

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: **Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here: your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

↑ GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also 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

Composed by D.D. Dillard

Voice

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4 MIGHT HEA - VEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLO - RY HO -

7 SA - NA IN - THE HIGH - EST BLESS - ED IS HE - WHO

10 COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD HO - SA NA IN THE

13 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

**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.**

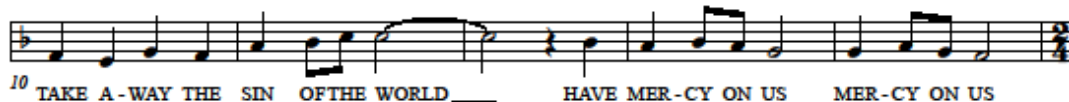
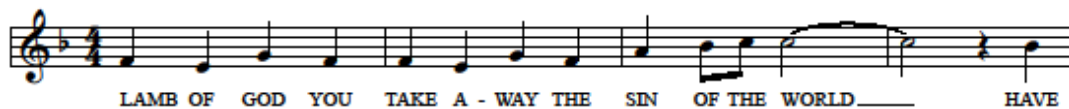
↑ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good. **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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HYMNS

“Come To The Table of Mercy”
“Here is Bread”

RED HYMNAL #481
RED HYMNAL #483

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together: **We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God Sends Us in Mission

ANNOUNCEMENTS

↑ BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and the +Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

↑ HYMN

"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"

RED HYMNAL #860

↑ 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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