

# Welcome to Tree of Life Lutheran Church



February 4, 2024 ~ Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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

↑ means stand as you are able

Restrooms are located by the kitchen, in the nursery or at the end of the piano wing of the sanctuary.

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## 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.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our rock and refuge: **We pour out our hearts before you. We have known you, but have not always loved you. We have wounded one-another and sinned against you. We have neglected the Holy Spirit within us, and failed to recognize it in others. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, forgive us and restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.**

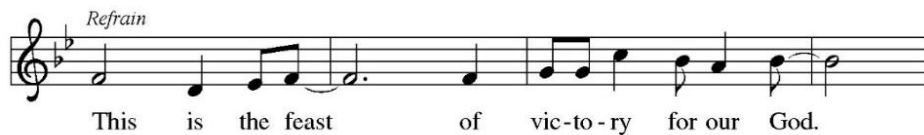
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

↑ HYMN      “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”      RED HYMNAL #843

### ↑ 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.**

# ↑ THIS IS THE FEAST





Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to



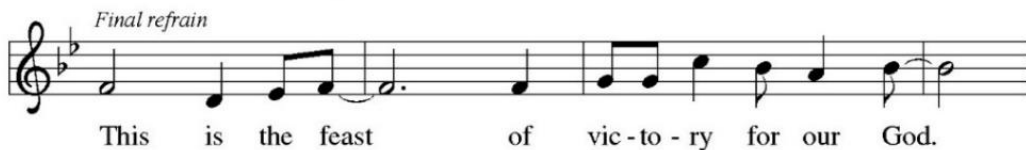
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



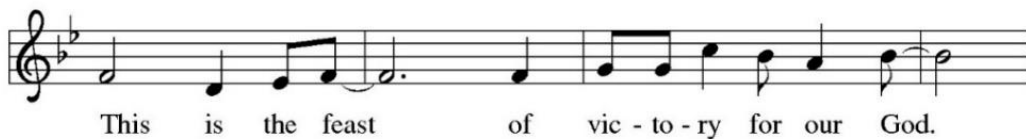
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



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



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: Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## We Hear God's Word

### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:21-31**

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>21</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? <sup>22</sup>It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; <sup>23</sup>who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. <sup>24</sup>Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

<sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. <sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

<sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? <sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. <sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. <sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup>but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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

### **PSALM: Psalm 147:1-11, 20c**

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!

How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem, and gathers the exiles of Israel.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

<sup>4</sup>**The LORD counts the number of the stars  
and calls them all by their names.**

<sup>5</sup>Great is our LORD and mighty in power; there is no limit to God's wisdom.

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD lifts up the lowly, but casts the wicked to the ground.**

<sup>7</sup>Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make music upon the harp to our God,

<sup>8</sup>**who covers the heavens with clouds**

**and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow upon the mountains.**

<sup>9</sup>God provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they cry.

<sup>10</sup>**God is not impressed by the might of a horse,  
and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner,**

<sup>11</sup>but finds pleasure in those who fear the LORD,  
in those who await God's steadfast love.

<sup>20c</sup> **Hallelujah!**

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23**

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

<sup>16</sup>If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! <sup>17</sup>For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. <sup>18</sup>What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

<sup>19</sup>For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup>To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

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

5 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: Mark 1:29-39

The holy gospel according to Mark.

## Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>29</sup>As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup>He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup>That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup>And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

<sup>35</sup>In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and his companions hunted for

him. <sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said to him, “Everyone is searching for you.” <sup>38</sup>He answered, “Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.” <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN’S SERMON

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#### ↑ HYMN

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

RED HYMNAL #773

#### ↑ APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### ↑ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Giving thanks for Christ’s being revealed to all people, let us pray for the Church, the world and all of creation.

God who reigns forever, you call your Church around the world to proclaim the Gospel of your Son. Give courage and protection to missionaries, and unite your Church in service and witness. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God who calls each star by name, you make the grass grow and send rain for the soil. Give animals their food and provide for new springtime growth after winter’s cold has ended. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God who rules over all, you seek freedom, justice and peace for the people of every nation. Give wisdom to civic leaders. Protect members of our armed services, especially those in the Middle East. Heal those injured in last week’s attack in Jordan, and comfort the families of those who died. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God who heals the weary, you renew the suffering and give power to the faint. Give comfort to the brokenhearted, and support any in need. We pray especially for Amanda, Annalise, Anya, Brian, Carolyn, Christine, Clara, Dale, Danielle, Dallas, Elizabeth, Erica, Grace, Jack, Kenneth, Kimberly, Marilyn, Mercedes, Patrick, Richard, Sarah, and those we name with our lips or in our hearts... *silence* God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God who strengthens, you inspire your followers to glorify your name. Give your Spirit to Tree of Life as we seek to make your love known in our words and in our deeds. Bless our bishops, Elizabeth and William; our pastor, Robbie, Reformation Evangelical Lutheran Church and its pastors Eric and Paige and Hilltop Lutheran Community Center. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God who brings life, you promise to always sustain those who wait for you. Give us hope in your promised salvation, and give consolation to all who grieve, even as we give our thanksgiving for Mark and all the saints. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Trusting in your grace, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of 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**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

#### ↑ **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together: **Almighty Lord, all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek, and follow your Son Jesus, in whose 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 musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a single melodic line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "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.", and "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 HO - LY HO - LY HO - LY LORD GOD OF POWR AND  
MIGHT HEA - VEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLO - RY HO -  
SA - NA IN - THE HIGH - EST BLESS - ED IS HE - WHO

The musical score for 'Sanctus' is written for voice in G minor (two flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The lyrics are: "HO - LY HO - LY HO - LY LORD GOD OF POWR AND MIGHT HEA - VEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLO - RY HO - SA - NA IN - THE HIGH - EST BLESS - ED IS HE - WHO". The score includes measure numbers 1, 4, and 7.

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

13  
HIGH - - - - EST

↑ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

↑ 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.

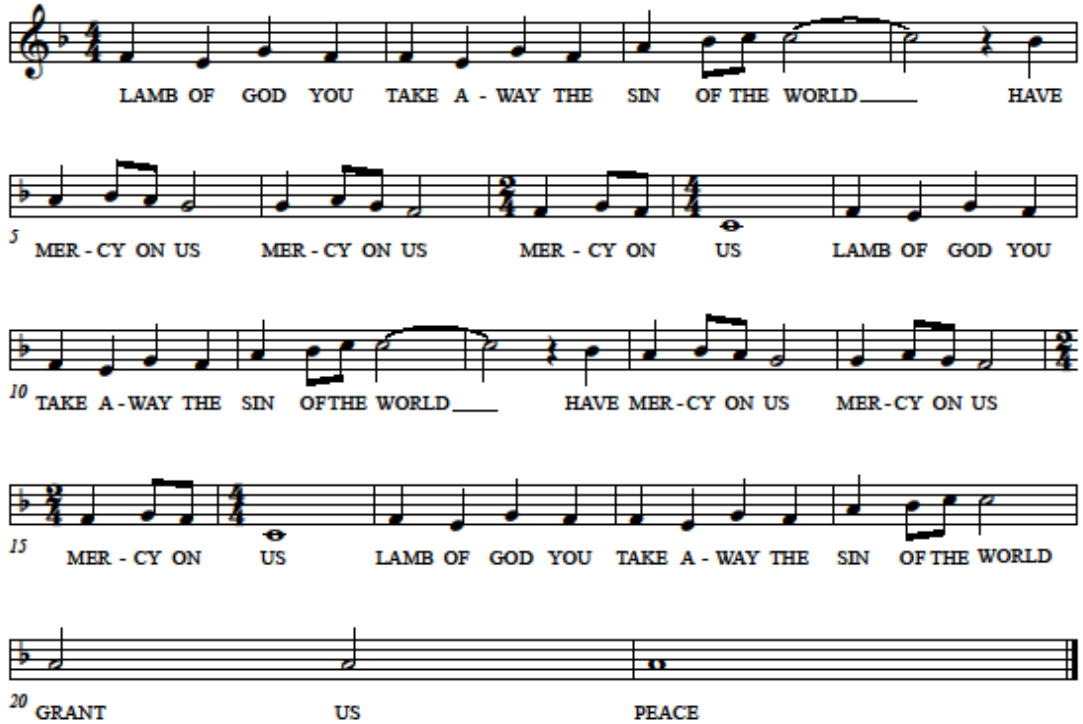
↑ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come to the holy feast.  
**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

Composed by D.D. Dillard



1 LAMB OF GOD YOU TAKE A - WAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD \_\_\_\_\_ HAVE

5 MER - CY ON US MER - CY ON US MER - CY ON US LAMB OF GOD YOU

10 TAKE A - WAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD \_\_\_\_\_ HAVE MER - CY ON US MER - CY ON US

15 MER - CY ON US LAMB OF GOD YOU TAKE A - WAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD

20 GRANT US PEACE

## HYMNS

“Let Us Break Bread Together”  
“Come to the Table of Mercy”

RED HYMNAL #471  
RED HYMNAL #481

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together: **Giver of every gift, Christ’s body is our food, and we are Christ’s body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen.**

# God Sends Us in Mission

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ↑ BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant 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. You are God’s beloved.  
**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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