

Welcome to Tree of Life Lutheran Church



January 14, 2024 ~ Second 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.

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

“Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult”


RED HYMNAL #696

↑ 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

Refrain



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



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



1 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*



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



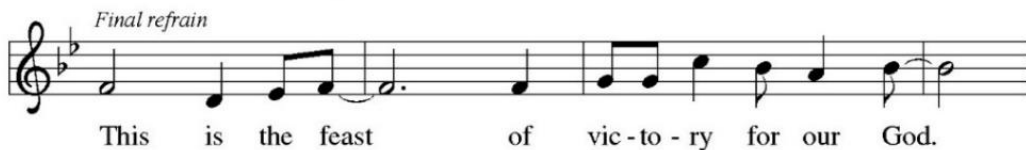
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



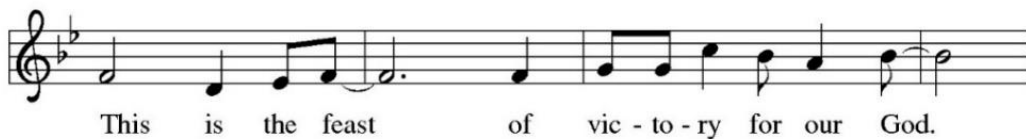
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



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: Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

We Hear God's Word

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19

A reading from 1 Samuel.

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down.

⁶The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again."

⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁹As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

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

PSALM: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

¹LORD, you have searched me out; O LORD, you have known me.

²**You know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

³You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴**Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**

⁵You encompass me, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

⁶**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

¹³For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴**I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

¹⁵My body was not hidden from you,
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book;
my days were fashioned before they came to be.**

¹⁷How deep I find your thoughts, O God! How great is the sum of them!

¹⁸**If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹²"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³"Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power.

¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." ¹⁷But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

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: John 1:43-51

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth."

⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of

Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

↑ HYMN

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

RED HYMNAL #798

↑ 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 of truth, inspire the ministry and mission of your Church. Make your people trustworthy stewards of your Word, so that your name and your glory might spread throughout the world. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God of creation, show us the goodness of all that you have made. Grant that winter's cold might give way to new warmth and life for all plants and animals. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God of wisdom, help all earthly leaders to serve faithfully, so that your justice, peace and freedom might be known in all nations. As our nation remembers the Rev. Martin Luther King this weekend, grant that we may always see all your people as equals. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God of compassion, care for any who suffer and struggle. 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 of grace, lead Tree of Life to eagerly proclaim you and do your work in Middletown, Odessa, Townsend and all the world. 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 Barbara. Hear us, God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God of eternity, accept our thanksgiving for Mark Cilento and all who have died and are now at peace among the saints. Comfort those who grieve in the sure promise of our eternal reunion. 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.**

↑ 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 (three 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 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


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LAMB OF GOD YOU TAKE A - WAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD _____ HAVE



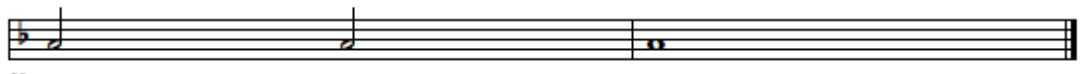
5 MER - CY ON US MER - CY ON US MER - CY ON US LAMB OF GOD YOU



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

“One Bread, One Body”
“Bread of Life From Heaven”

RED HYMNAL #496
RED HYMNAL #474

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 Love to Tell the Story”

RED HYMNAL #661

↑ 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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