

Welcome to Tree of Life Lutheran Church



January 21, 2024 ~ Third 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

“Holy, Holy, Holy”


RED HYMNAL #413

↑ 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



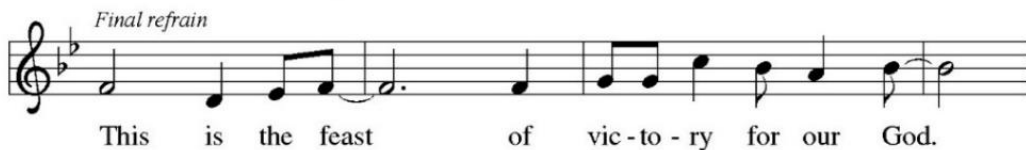
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



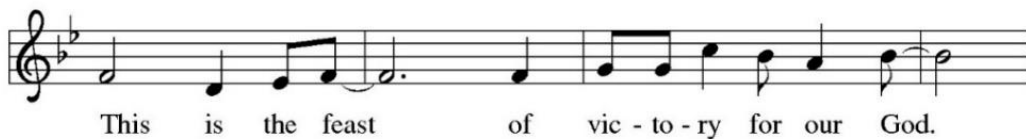
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



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: Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

We Hear God's Word

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

A reading from Jonah.

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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

PSALM: Psalm 62:5-12

⁵For God alone I wait in silence; truly, my hope is in God.

⁶**God alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.**

⁷In God is my deliverance and my honor; God is my strong rock and my refuge.

⁸**Put your trust in God always, O people,
pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.**

⁹Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath;
those of low estate cannot be trusted.

Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

¹⁰**Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.**

¹¹God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, that power belongs to God.

¹²**Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord,
for you repay all according to their deeds.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

²⁹Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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 -

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 1:14-20**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea — for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets.

²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

↑ **HYMN**

“Alleluia, Sing to Jesus”

RED HYMNAL #392

↑ **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 our rock and deliverance, do not let your Church be shaken. Empower missionaries and disciples here and around the world to proclaim your Word of Law and Gospel, so that all might repent of their sin and know your abundant forgiveness. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God our creator, sustain the oceans, seas and rivers, and nourish all creatures that live in them. Protect us from winter's cold, and help us to ensure warm dwelling and clean water for all. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God our judge and savior, be a model to the leaders of our nation and world. Guide all nations in your ways of freedom, justice, peace and truth. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God our friend and helper, provide for those who live under threat of violence, those who live in poverty, and those who live with any needs of body, mind or spirit. 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 our leader and our Lord, inspire us to share the Good News like the first disciples, so that we too might bring new people to know your love and salvation. When we are uncertain of your call, assure us. When we have strayed from your ways, redirect us. Guide the people of Tree of Life, as we meet for our annual meeting today. Bless our bishops, Elizabeth and William; our pastor, Robbie, Hope Lutheran Church and its pastor Mark, and Lutheran Community Services. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God our everlasting Father, accept our thanksgiving for all the saints who now sing praises before your throne. Comfort those who grieve, especially the Cilento family, even as we place our hope in your salvation. 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

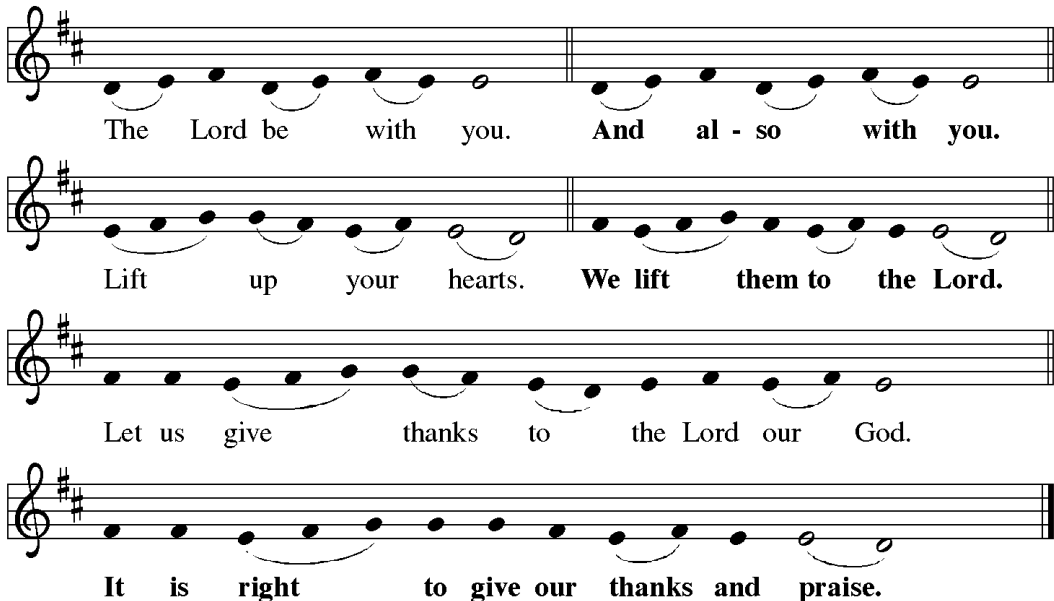
↑ OFFERTORY

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 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 POW'R AND
MIGHT HEA - VEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLO - RY HO -
SA - NA IN - THE HIGH - EST BLESS - ED IS HE - WHO
COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD HO - SA NA IN THE
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

“My Life Flows on in Endless Song”

RED HYMNAL #763

↑ 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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