

# Welcome to Tree of Life Lutheran Church



January 7, 2024 ~ Baptism of our Lord

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.*

### ↑ THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the name of the Father, and the +Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism:

**We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.**

**Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.**

**Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.**

**At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.**

**By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.**

**We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. Amen.**

By grace, your sins have been washed away, you have been anointed with the Holy Spirit, and you have been given new life now and forever. **Amen.**

### ↑ HYMN

**“Alleluia, Song of Gladness”**

**RED HYMNAL #318, vss. 1,2,4**

## ↑ 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



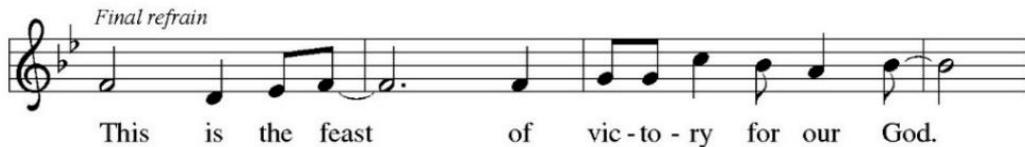
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



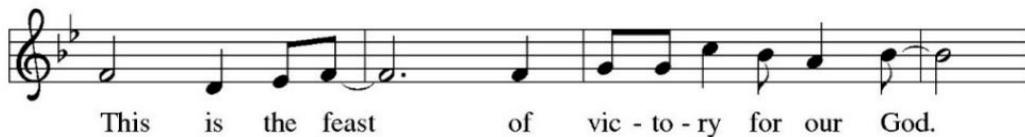
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



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: Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## We Hear God's Word

### **FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-5**

A reading from Genesis.

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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

### **PSALM: Psalm 29**

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon

<sup>6</sup>**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

<sup>8</sup>**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.  
And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

<sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

## SECOND READING: Acts 19:1-7

A reading from Acts.

<sup>1</sup>While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." <sup>3</sup>Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." <sup>4</sup>Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." <sup>5</sup>On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied — <sup>7</sup>altogether there were about twelve of them.

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

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

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 1:4-11**

The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **SERMON**

#### ↑ **HYMN**

**"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"**

**RED HYMNAL #815**

#### ↑ **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

Dear friends, on this day when we celebrate our Lord's baptism, we also remember how we have all been baptized into the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus. Let us now make public affirmation of the faith into which we were baptized.

Brothers and sisters: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people; to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper; to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed; to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus; and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

Let us pray: We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in us the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence both now and forever. **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 all people, inspire wisdom and witness in your Church. Unite all Christians in our one baptism and our one Lord. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God of all creation, restore the rivers in which your children are baptized. May fields flourish and grow. Summon the stewards and caretakers of the land to cherish your good works. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God of all nations, give strength and wisdom to all leaders, so that your freedom, justice and peace may reign. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God of all compassion, care for the most vulnerable among us. Accompany anyone separated from family or hurting from broken relationships. Care for anyone with needs of body, mind or spirit. We pray especially for Annalise, Anya, Brian, Carolyn, Christine, Clara, Dale, Danielle, Dallas, Elizabeth, Erica, Grace, Jack, Kenneth, Kimberly, Marilyn, Mark, Mercedes, Patrick, Richard, Sarah, and those we name with our lips or in our hearts... *silence* God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God of all guidance, inspire Tree of Life to serve in your name. Bless those who will be teaching and learning in today's CPR class. Bless our bishops, Elizabeth and William; our pastor, Robbie, Grace Lutheran Church and its pastor Tara, and Lutheran Volunteer Corps. Hear us, God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God of all eternity, accept our thanksgiving for all who have died and now rest in your care. Give hope to those who grieve, even as we rest in your eternal promise of resurrection. 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 is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and homophonic, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff contains the first two lines of lyrics, the second staff the next two lines, the third staff the third line, and the fourth staff the final line. The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, often beamed together, with some phrases ending in a half note.

*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

The musical score for 'Sanctus' is written on three staves in B-flat major (two flats) and 8/8 time. The melody is written for voice and consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below each staff. The first staff contains the first line of lyrics, the second staff the second line, and the third staff the third line. The music is simple and homophonic, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff contains the first line of lyrics, the second staff the second line, and the third staff the third line. The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, often beamed together, with some phrases ending in a half note.

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.

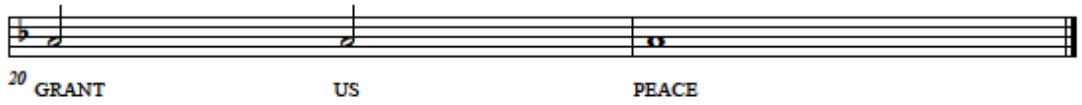
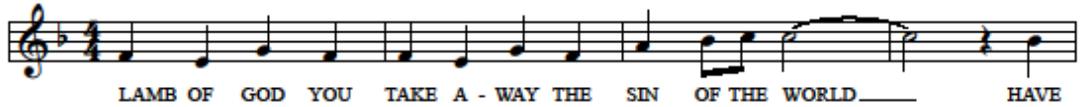
↑ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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



## HYMNS

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

RED HYMNAL #496  
RED HYMNAL #474

## ↑ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together: **God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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

**“Shout to the Lord”**

**RED HYMNAL #821**

### ↑ 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! Proclaim this good news!  
**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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