

# Welcome to Tree of Life Lutheran Church



March 17, 2024 ~ Fifth Sunday in Lent

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.*

### ↑ CONFESSIO AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity – Father, +Son, and Spirit, one God – who writes the Law on our hearts and saves us by the Gospel of Jesus. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one-another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God, **we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. Our thoughts are on the ways of the world, rather than turning to your will. Our words hurt others, rather than speaking your love. Our deeds center on ourselves, rather than caring for our neighbor. For all this and for the sins only you know, forgive us for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us. By the death and resurrection of Jesus, God has broken every snare of sin, washed away our wrongs, and restored us to life. 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

**"My Song is Love Unknown"**

**RED HYMNAL #343**

## ↑ 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.**

## ↑ KYRIE

*Refrain*



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the

2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the

3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for

4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for

hun-gry and the poor; that

friends and fam-i-ly; for

wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,

we may live out . . . . truth and jus-tice and grace,

life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,

nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord,

let us pray to the Lord.

*Refrain*

## ↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Let us pray: O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in 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: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

A reading from Jeremiah.

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

### **PSALM: Psalm 51:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup>For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup>**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

<sup>6</sup>**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

<sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

<sup>8</sup>**Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

<sup>10</sup>**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

<sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

<sup>12</sup>**Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

## SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:5-10

A reading from Hebrews.

<sup>5</sup>Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; <sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

## ↑ LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Composed by D. D. Dillard*

Voice

LET YOUR STEAD - FAST LOVE COME TO US O LORD \_\_\_\_

4  
SAVE US AS YOU PRO - MISED WE WILL TRUST YOUR WORD \_\_\_\_

## ↑ GOSPEL: John 12:20-33

The holy gospel according to John.

### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

<sup>27</sup>“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say — ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN’S SERMON

### SERMON

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

### ↑ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God’s promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the Church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

God of the covenant, you draw us into the community of the Church. Strengthen us by your grace through Word and Sacrament, and inspire all people to be drawn to the cross of your Son. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of creation, you lavish the earth with extravagant beauty. Preserve the rich and complex diversity of living things, and inspire us to be good stewards of all that you have made. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of the nations, you desire peace and plenty for all people. Bless this and every nation with your freedom, justice and peace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of good will, you restore what is broken. We pray for any experiencing estrangement, conflict or abuse in families and relationships. Protect and comfort all who are vulnerable or have any needs of body, mind or spirit. We pray especially for Amanda, Annalise, Anya, Bill, Brian, Carolyn, Cecelia, Christine, Clara, Dale, Danielle, Dallas, Debra, Elizabeth, Erica, Grace, Janet, Kenneth, Kimberly, Marilyn, Mercedes, Patrick, Richard, Sarah, Viola and those we name with our lips or in our hearts... *Time for personal petitions* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of life, you show us steadfast love and boundless compassion. Write your Law and Gospel on all our hearts at Tree of Life, show us your forgiveness when we err, and help us to always know and proclaim your glorious name. Bless our bishops, Elizabeth and William; our pastor, Robbie; Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church and its pastors Micah and Karen; and St. Philip's Lutheran Church and its pastors Patrick and Amy. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of salvation, you bring eternal life for all through the death of your Son. Accept our thanksgiving for Patrick, Missionary to Ireland, and all the saints who now rest in your everlasting presence. Sustain us in hope until that way when we are all reunited in your Kingdom. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

↑ **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

# We Share God's Holy Meal

## OFFERING

### ↑ OFFERTORY

### "We Believe"

Charles W. Platt

1. WE BE-LIEVE IN GOD THE ONE, THE GI - VER OF OUR  
2. WE BE-LIEVE IN JE - SUS CHRIST, THE ON - LY SON OF

4  
SOULS MA - KER OF THE LAND AND SEA AND SKIES.  
GOD WHO DIED AND ROSE TO SAVE US FROM OUR SIN.

9  
3. WE BE-LIEVE THE HO - LY SPIRIT GOD AND CHRIST THE

12  
LORD REIGN SU-PREME AND GIVE E-TER - NAL LIFE.

### ↑ OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together: **Jesus our Lord, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered, that all people may know your goodness. We pray this in your holy name. 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.

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a hymn titled 'Great Thanksgiving'. It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (D major). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The second staff contains 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff contains 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff contains 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

*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

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

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a hymn titled 'Sanctus'. It is written for voice and consists of three staves of music. The key signature is three flats (B-flat major) and the time signature is 8/8. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics 'HO - LY HO - LY HO - LY LORD GOD OF POWR AND'. The second staff contains '4 MIGHT HEA - VEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLO - RY HO -'. The third staff contains '7 SA - NA IN - THE HIGH - EST BLESS - ED IS HE - WHO'. The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.



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

13

HIGH - - - - EST

↑ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

↑ LORD'S PRAYER

Our Fa - ther Which art in Hea - ven Hal - lo - wed Be  
 Thy Name Thy King - dom come Thy will be done  
 on Earth As it is in hea - ven Give us this day  
 Our Dai - ly Bread And for - give us our debts as  
 We for - give our deb tors And Lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion

37

But de - li - ver us From e - vil For Thine is the

44

king - dom and the po - wer and the glo - ry

49

for ev er A - men

## ↑ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness. **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*

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

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray together: **Generous God, at this table we have tasted your salvation. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one in your grace, all through Jesus, the Bread of Life and our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**God Sends Us in Mission****ANNOUNCEMENTS****↑ BENEDICTION (*Based on 'St. Patrick's Breastplate'*)**

May Christ be with you, Christ before you, Christ behind you.

May Christ be in you, Christ beneath you, Christ above you.

May Christ be on your right, Christ on your left, Christ when you lie down,  
Christ when you sit, Christ when you stand.

May Christ be in the heart of everyone who thinks of you,

Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of you,

Christ in every eye that sees you,

Christ in every ear that hears you.

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

**↑ HYMN****"Here I am Lord"****RED HYMNAL #574****↑ 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.*

# Lent at Tree of Life 2024

## **Midweek Soup & Study: “Holy Lament”**

Noon on Wednesdays

**March 20** at St. Paul’s

**March 27** at St Paul’s

## **Palm Sunday Holy Communion and Palm Processional**

10:30 a.m. March 24

Tree of Life

## **Maundy Thursday Holy Communion**

7 p.m. March 28

St. Paul’s, joined by Tree of Life

## **Good Friday Cross-Walk**

Noon March 29

Devotional walk from St. Paul’s to Tree of Life

## **Good Friday Solemn Worship**

7 p.m. March 29

Tree of Life, joined by St. Paul’s

## **Easter Egg Hunt**

11 a.m. March 30

Hosted by St. Paul’s

## **Easter Festive Holy Communion**

10:30 a.m. March 31

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