

Welcome to Tree of Life Lutheran Church



March 24, 2024 ~ Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion

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

Please gather outside (weather permitting) and join in the procession with palms.

↑ **ACCLAMATION**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest.**

↑ **PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Mark 11:1-11**

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

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'"

⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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

↑ BLESSING OF PALMS

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

Let us pray: We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and King by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

↑ PROCESSION

Let us go forth in peace.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

↑ HYMN

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

RED HYMNAL # 334

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, 760-821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

Refrain

All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

- 1 You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One. *Refrain*
- 2 The company of angels are praising you on high;
creation and all mortals in chorus make reply. *Refrain*
- 3 The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. *Refrain*
- 4 To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. *Refrain*
- 5 Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King. *Refrain*

↑ 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.**

ANTHEM

“Welcome the King”

Graham Kendrick

The congregation is invited to sing along with the choir.

Clear the road before him. Open the ancient doors. Let every heart receive him.
Welcome the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

Welcome the King, welcome the King
Welcome the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

Clear the road before him. Open the ancient doors. Let every heart receive him.
Welcome the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

Who is this King, who is this King,
Who is this King who comes in the name of the Lord?

He is the King of glory, crucified and risen. He is the Lord Almighty.
Welcome the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

As we now enter into the contemplation of the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray:

O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the Passion of your Son, you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through 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: Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from Isaiah.

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens — wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard. I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;

my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;**

my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors,

a dismay to my acquaintances;

when they see me in the street they avoid me.

¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;**

I am as useless as a broken pot.

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;

they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.**

I have said, "You are my God.

¹⁵My times are in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶**Let your face shine upon your servant;**

save me in your steadfast love."

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

A reading from Philippians.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST: Mark 14:1-15:47

Please see the booklet for the reading, speak the lines in bold, and stand as able when directed by the pastor.

SILENT REFLECTION

↑ **HYMN**

“Lamb of God”

RED HYMNAL #336

↑ **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.

Blessed One, our God and Father, your Son was greeted with shouts of “Hosanna” then met with cries of “Crucify.” Inspire your Church around the world to bear witness to his suffering and death for our sake. Gather your people around the cross, and comfort us with resurrection hope. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Renew your creation, and protect all life on earth. Support foresters, arborists and gardeners, as springtime begins to blossom. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Establish justice, freedom and peace among the nations. Grant that courts, legislatures, and all governments serve with integrity and honesty. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Bring hope to any who feel forsaken or forgotten, and be with those in any need 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, Jan, 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.**

Help all of us at Tree of Life to worship you gladly, serve you humbly, and proclaim you faithfully. Bless our bishops, Elizabeth and William; our pastor, Robbie; St. Paul Lutheran Church and its pastor, Robert; Grace Lutheran Church and its pastor, Jonathon, and deacon, Mike. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Accept our thanksgiving for all who have died in the faith, and now live in you. Sustain us throughout our lives, until that day when we are united with all the saints in your Paradise. 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.

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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 block contains four staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Great Thanksgiving'. Each staff is in the treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures. The notes are simple, mostly quarter and eighth notes with slurs.

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 block contains three staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Sanctus'. The first staff is labeled 'Voice' and has a key signature of three flats (Bb, Eb, Ab) and a 6/8 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has 6 measures, the second has 4 measures, and the third has 7 measures. The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes with slurs.

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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

8

Thy Name Thy King - dom come Thy will be done

16

on Earth As it is in hea - ven Give us this day

24

Our Dai - ly Bread And for - give us our debts as

31

We for - give our deb ts 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

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. **Therefore let us keep the feast. Amen.**

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: **Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

God Sends Us in Mission**ANNOUNCEMENTS****↑ BENEDICTION**

Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, for He shall exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on Him, for He cares for you. Discipline yourselves and keep alert, for like a roaring lion, your adversary the devil prowls, seeking someone to devour. Resist the devil, firm in your faith. In the name of the Father, and the +Son, and the Holy Spirit. *(1 Peter 5:6)*

Amen.

↑ HYMN**“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”****RED HYMNAL #338****↑ 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 27 at St Paul’s

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
Tree of Life

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