



## Welcome to Tree of Life Lutheran Church

Fifth Sunday in Easter  
May 2, 2021  
Congregational Bulletin

Responses of assembly **in bold**

PRELUDE *Please use this time for quiet reflection and prayer and prepare for worship.*

### **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.  
*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

We thank you, risen Christ...in the glory of God, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG ELW 638 Blessed Assurance (Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915)

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

*Refrain* This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long:  
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain*

SONG OF PRAISE Lord I Lift Your Name on High (Text: Rick Founds, b.1954)

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.

I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way, from the earth to the cross,

my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;

Lord, I lift your name on high.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *see Celebrate insert*

### **WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song*

FIRST READING *see Celebrate insert*

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

PSALM *see Celebrate insert*

SECOND READING *see Celebrate insert*

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### Alleluia version II

Composed by  
Min. 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 *see Celebrate insert*

The holy gospel...**Glorify to you, O Lord**

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

## JP & HIS FRIENDS

SONG OF THE DAY ELW 886 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.)

- 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King the triumphs of his grace!
- 2 My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.
- 3 The name of Jesus charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease,  
sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
- 4 He speaks, and list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.
- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own, O fallen human race!  
Look and be saved through faith alone, be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

## SERMON

### 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 to the dead 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 *Each portion concludes with either:*

Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God. OR Bless we the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

*OR Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.*

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers: Amen.*

PEACE ... be with you always. **And also with you.**

### THE MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### SETTING THE TABLE

**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.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also 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 assembly responds:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of  
your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### LORD'S PRAYER

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ invites us to this table. **Come, eat and be satisfied.**

## COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Let us pray together.

**Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **THE SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Opportunities for the Assembly and individuals to participate in God's mission to the world.*

## BLESSING

SENDING SONG SENDING SONG ELW 879 For the Beauty of the Earth (Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835-1917, alt.)

- 1 For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:  
*Refrain* Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.
- 2 For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light: *Refrain*
- 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight: *Refrain*
- 4 For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild: *Refrain*
- 5 For each perfect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;  
for thyself, best gift divine, to our world so freely giv'n: *Refrain*

OUR MISSION 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

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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