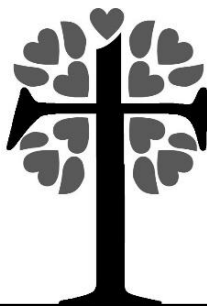


Welcome to Tree of Life Lutheran Church



November 24, 2024 ~ Christ the King

Leader in regular type, **congregation in bold type**

↑ means stand as you are able

Restrooms are by the kitchen and by the Wiggle Room

Wiggle Room is available for anyone needing a brief break from worship, at the end of the piano wing of the sanctuary

WiFi is available: Look for TOL-GUEST; password is OdessaTOL1

We Gather as God's People

PRELUDE

You can use this time for quiet reflection, prayer and preparation for worship.

↑ CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one-another. Most merciful God:

We confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, and turn us again to you. 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

“Crown Him With Many Crowns”

RED HYMNAL #855

↑ 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.**

↑ HYMN OF PRAISE



1. His Name is Won der ful; His Name is Coun sel or;



His Name The Might y God, Je - sus my Lord.



A Child and Son is He; E - ter - nal Fath er He;



The Prince of Peace to me, Je - sus my Lord.



Praise the Cre - at - or, Je - sus our Sav - ior,



Life - giv - ing Spir - it now.



In spir - it wor ship Him, Love and a - dore Him;



His Name is Won der ful, Je - sus my Lord.

↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Let us pray: Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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: Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14

A reading from Daniel:

⁹As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. ¹⁰A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

¹³As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. ¹⁴To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

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

PSALM: Psalm 93

¹ The Lord is king, robed in majesty;

the Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength.

The Lord has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

² Ever since the world began, your throne has been established;
you are from everlasting.

³ **The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.**

⁴ Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea,
mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.

⁵ **Your testimonies are very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O Lord, forever and forevermore.**

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4b-8

A reading from Revelation:

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

RED HYMNAL pg. 205



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

↑ GOSPEL: John 18:33-38a

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." ³⁸Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

↑ HYMN

"Lift High The Cross"

RED HYMNAL #660

↑ APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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

Gathered by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all people according to their need:

Almighty God and Father, your Son is the King of all and head of the Church. Bind your Church to Christ in all times and places. Make it unswerving in faith, radiant in holiness, abounding in love and bold in witness. Draw all people to acclaim Christ as Lord, King and Savior. Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

Your Son is the King of creation. Accept our thanksgiving for recent rainfall, and continue to bring relief from drought and wildfire. Grant that all your creation might lift up its voice in praise. Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

Your Son in the King of Kings. Grant wisdom to the leaders of the world, so that all rulers might reflect your freedom, justice and peace. Bless our nation and all who serve it, and help all people to place their ultimate trust in you alone. Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

Your Son abounds with love and mercy. As our nation gives thanks this week, inspire us to recognize all the gifts you provide. Make us thankful not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving ourselves to your service and by following your ways of holiness and righteousness all our days. Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

Your Son is our healer and our hope. Be with all who are oppressed, poor, sick or in any need of body, mind or spirit. We especially pray for Amanda, Annalise, Anya, Bill, Cecelia, Christine, Cindy, Clara, Dale, Danielle, Elizabeth, Erica, Gail, Grace, Kenneth, Kimberly, Marilyn, Mercedes, Pam, Patrick, Paul, Richard, Sarah and those we name with our lips or in our hearts... (*Time for personal petitions*) Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

Your Son is our everlasting Lord. Grant that in all we do, Tree of Life might act in accordance with your will and as faithful disciples of your Son. Make us good and generous stewards of all that you have given us, so that this congregation might be a strong earthly outpost of your Kingdom. 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. Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

Your Son is the King of Heaven. Accept our thanksgiving for Michael and all the saints who now sing of your majesty in the eternal choir. Join our voices with theirs in praise to the one who loves us and frees us from sin. Lord, in your mercy...

Hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we lift up all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

↑ **PEACE**

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

We Share God's Holy Meal

CONSECRATION SUNDAY PRAYER

Almighty God, in your love you have given us gifts of abundance beyond what our forebears could know or imagine. Our table is richly furnished, our cup overflows, and we live in safety and security. Make us worthy stewards of all that you have entrusted to us. Use us, along with our offerings and pledges today, to carry out your mission in this place, always to your glory and the welfare of your people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERING AND PLEDGES

As you are able and as you wish, you may come forward to place your offerings and pledges in the plate before the altar table.

↑ **OFFERTORY**

RED HYMNAL #884

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye Heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost**

↑ **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together: **Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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 musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and uses mostly quarter and eighth notes with slurs. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

The thanksgiving continues with the preface for the day. The congregation responds:

↑ SANCTUS

RED HYMNAL pg. 207

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in F major (one flat). The melody is simple and uses mostly quarter and eighth notes with slurs. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

↑ EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

↑ 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

The gifts of God for the people of God. **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

RED HYMNAL pg. 208



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

HYMNS

**“Bread Of Life From Heaven”
“Come To The Table Of Mercy”**

**RED HYMNAL #474
RED HYMNAL #481**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together: **Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

God Sends Us in Mission

ANNOUNCEMENTS

↑ BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and the +Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

↑ HYMN

“This Little Light Of Mine”

RED HYMNAL #677

↑ 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.

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MOT COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Immanuel UMC
209 Main St.
Townsend, DE 19734-
Tuesday, Nov. 26th 7pm

Join Bethesda UMC, Friendship UMC,
Immanuel UMC, St. Paul's UMC, Summit UMC
and Tree of Life Lutheran Church to
celebrate Thanksgiving.

*Church choirs will combine to offer
special music.

*Please bring a canned good.

*A special offering will be taken for
Neighborhood House.

*Fellowship will follow the service.



Advent and Christmas at Tree of Life

Advent Calendars and Devotionals

Deepen your daily prayer life this season; see the sanctuary entryway for items

Donate Gifts for Families in Need

Help families through Neighborhood House; see the display in the Fellowship Room

December 1: 1st Sunday of Advent

9 a.m. – Adult Bible Study on the Magi
10:30 a.m. – Holy Communion, with special choir anthem

December 5: OWLS Holiday Luncheon

RSVP to Dee Matz by December 1

December 8: 2nd Sunday of Advent

9 a.m. – Adult Bible Study on the Magi
10:30 a.m. – Holy Communion, with special choir anthem

December 15: 3rd Sunday of Advent

9 a.m. – Adult Bible Study on the Magi
10:30 a.m. – Holy Communion, with special choir anthem

December 21: Live Nativity

1 p.m. – Farm animals arrive
1:30 p.m. – Experience the Christmas story through a live re-enactment!

December 22: 4th Sunday of Advent

10:30 a.m. – Holy Communion, with special choir anthem
3 p.m. – “Blue Christmas” Worship at St. Paul’s UMC, Odessa

December 24: Christmas Eve

7 p.m. – Candlelight Communion and Worship

December 29: Service of Lessons and Carols

10:30 a.m. – Praise the newborn Savior through Scripture and song, and New Year’s blessing