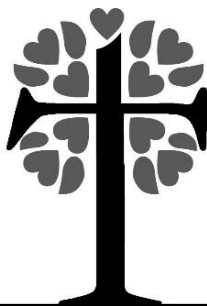


Welcome to Tree of Life Lutheran Church



November 10, 2024 ~ 25th Sunday after Pentecost

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

"Take My Life That I May Be"

RED HYMNAL #685

↑ 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: O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

We Hear God's Word

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 17:8-16

A reading from 1 Kings:

⁸The word of the Lord came to [Elijah,] saying, ⁹“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²But she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.”

¹³Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.” ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

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

PSALM: Psalm 146

¹ Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

² **I will praise the Lord as long as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³ Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴ **When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

- ⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
 whose hope is in the Lord their God;
- ⁶ **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
 who keeps promises forever;**
- ⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.
 The Lord sets the captive free.
- ⁸ **The Lord opens the eyes of the blind;
 the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.**
- ⁹ The Lord cares for the stranger;
 the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- ¹⁰ **The Lord shall reign forever,
 your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 9:24-28

A reading from Hebrews:

²⁴ Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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

↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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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: Mark 12:38-44**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸As [Jesus] taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

⁴¹He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

↑ **HYMN**

“Just As I Am, Without One Plea”

RED HYMNAL #592

RECOGNITION OF VETERANS AND DEDICATION OF FLAG

Brothers and sisters in Christ, God calls and equips us for many and various vocations, both in the Church and in the world. As our nation gives thanks to those who have served in military service this weekend, it is our joy today to also recognize those veterans in our congregation, and to dedicate a flag in their honor.

The folded flag is presented.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You alone reign over all things, but you also provide us with earthly protection through those who serve justly in civil and military vocations. We give you thanks, O God, as we dedicate this flag in honor of those who have served our nation, in the name of the Father, and the +Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Veterans are invited to rise as able.

Let us pray: Almighty and ever-living God, we give you thanks for the men and women who have served and defended our country, and the values of freedom and justice we hold so dear. Help us be mindful of the sacrifices they made and the hardship endured by their families and friends, so that we never take for granted the privileges they have secured for us. Hear us, we pray, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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, you lead your Church in righteousness. Inspire your people in all times and places to be your Son's faithful disciples and witnesses, in all they say and in all they do. Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

You made the earth, the seas and all that is in them. Sustain all your creation. Bring relief from our drought, and provide for us and for all creatures in the coming winter months. Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

You rule over the nations. Help people to never put ultimate trust in mortal rulers, but in your divine governance. Bring your justice, freedom and peace to all people. Bless our country and all newly elected leaders, and bring reconciliation after a tense election year. Help our nation's veterans who are in need of any healing, care or support. Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

You bring joy to those who trust in you. Tend the poor, give rest to the weary, heal the sick, and help anyone in any trouble 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.**

You desire humble service and selfless sacrifice. Make us at Tree of Life generous with all we have, so that we may serve our community, our church and our neighbors. Bless our bishops, Elizabeth and William; our pastor, Robbie; Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd and its pastor Kathy, and Lutheran housing projects throughout Delaware. Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

You sent your Son for our forgiveness, and promise his coming again to fulfill our eternal salvation. Accept our thanksgiving for all the faithful ones who praised you in this life, and who now praise you before your heavenly throne. Sustain our hope, as we eagerly wait for you. 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

OFFERING

↑ 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) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a line of lyrics. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and eighth notes with various phrasings.

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

↑ SANCTUS

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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 for 'Sanctus' is in G minor (two flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The melody is more complex than the Thanksgiving hymn, featuring dotted rhythms and longer note values. The lyrics are printed below each staff.

↑ 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

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- 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

“Just A Little Talk With Jesus”

BLACK BINDER #8

↑ 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.

How is God Calling You to Give?

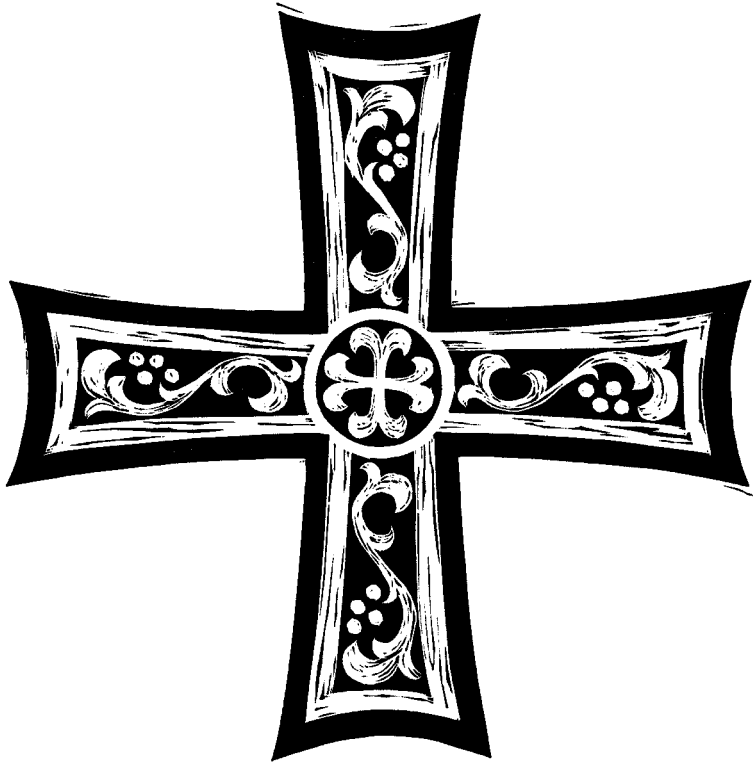
Stewardship is using what God has given us as best we can, in line with God's will. On November 24, at the time of the offering, we will come to the altar to give our gifts and promises for 2025, a small portion of what God has placed in our keeping. This is our opportunity to acknowledge that God is in charge, and has assigned us to safeguard and use what He has entrusted to us to further His Kingdom.

Please plan to be present on November 24 and, in the meantime, to prayerfully consider your 2025 Stewardship commitment.



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

7 p.m. Tuesday, November 26
Immanuel United Methodist Church
209 Main St., Townsend



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