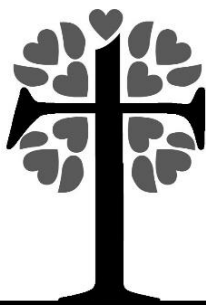


# Welcome to Tree of Life Lutheran Church



October 6, 2024 ~ 20<sup>th</sup> 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

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## 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

**"All Are Welcome"**

**RED HYMNAL #641**

## ↑ 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

### Glory to God

RED HYMNAL pg. 204



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## ↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Let us pray: Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## We Hear God's Word

### **FIRST READING: Genesis 2:18-24**

A reading from Genesis:

<sup>18</sup>The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.

<sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken."

<sup>24</sup>Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 8**

<sup>1</sup>O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

<sup>2</sup>**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens  
out of the mouths of infants and children;  
you have set up a fortress against your enemies,  
to silence the foe and avenger.**

<sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

**<sup>4</sup>what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,  
human beings that you should care for them?**

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less than divine;  
with glory and honor you crown them.

**<sup>6</sup>You have made them rule over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet:**

<sup>7</sup>all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

**<sup>8</sup>the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

**<sup>9</sup>O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

## **SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12**

A reading from Hebrews:

<sup>1</sup>Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup>He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

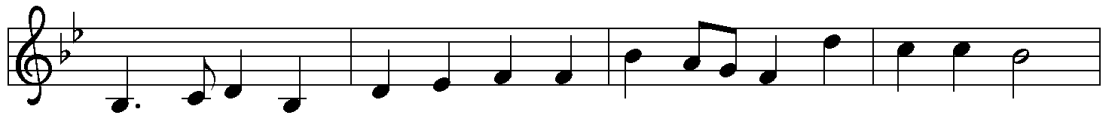
<sup>5</sup>Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. <sup>6</sup>But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? <sup>7</sup>You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, <sup>8</sup>subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,<sup>9</sup>but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

<sup>10</sup>It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup>For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup>saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



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 10:2-16

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>2</sup>Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” <sup>3</sup>He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” <sup>4</sup>They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.”

<sup>5</sup>But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ <sup>7</sup>For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

<sup>10</sup>Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup>He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; <sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

<sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” <sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### SERMON

#### ↑ HYMN

**“Blest Be The Tie That Binds”**

**RED HYMNAL #656**

#### ↑ 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 Father, you have spoken your powerful Word through your Son, who is above all things and yet who makes us his brothers and sisters. Grant that your holy Church in all times and places might unite in praise of his name and obedience to his will. Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

Your glory shines forth from the moon and the stars you have set in their courses, and is seen in the beasts of the field and the birds of the air. Make us good stewards of all that you have made. Help those affected by natural disaster, especially in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene. Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

You embrace those whom society overlooks. Send your justice, peace and freedom to all the nations of the world. Bless our nation and those who govern it. Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

You show us perfect love. Sustain family relationships that are healthy and loving, help couples in crisis to heal, and be with those who have been affected by divorce. Grant healing to all who suffer in 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 call us to live in relationship with one-another, as you are in perfect relationship with us. Help Tree of Life to be a kind and caring family to all who are here. Bless our bishops, Elizabeth and William; our pastor, Robbie; Hope Lutheran Church and its pastor, Mark; and Lutheran Community Services. Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

You have prepared a place in your Kingdom for Janet Adams' brother-in-law Brian Fluck, and all who die in the faith. Sustain us in the hope of the resurrection until the day when we feast with the saints forever. 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**

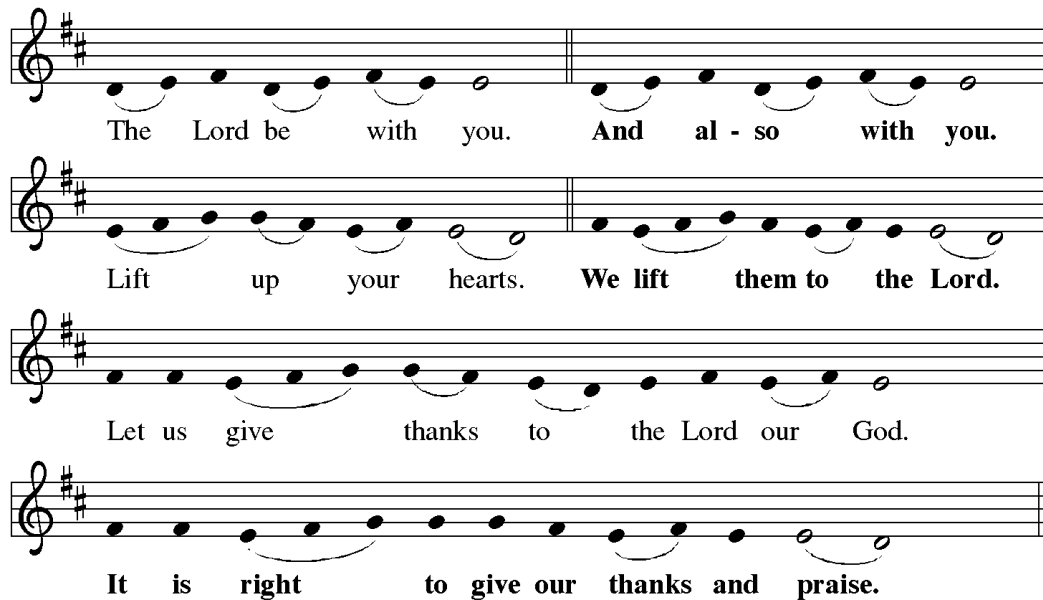
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye Heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost**

**RED HYMNAL #884**

## ↑ 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.

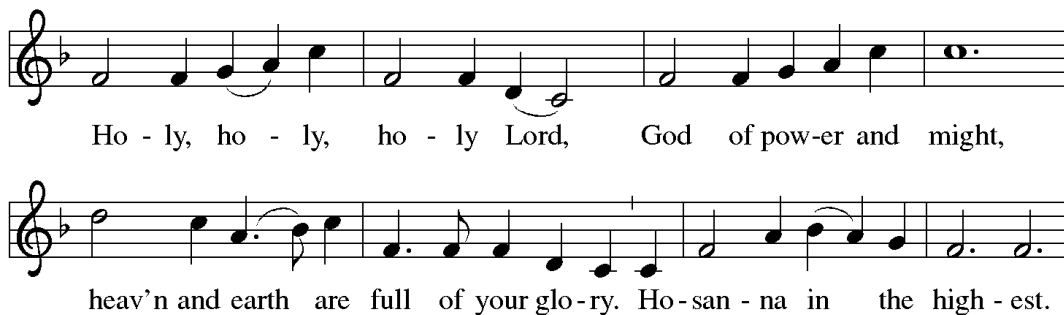
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*The 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.

### ↑ 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**

**“Change My Heart O God”  
“Spirit Song”**

**BLACK BINDER #4  
BLACK BINDER #6**

**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

**"Let Us Talents And Tongues Employ" RED HYMNAL #674**

### ↑ 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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**Tree of Life will have a table  
and hand out candy at**

THE TOWN OF ODESSA'S

# HALLOWEEN *in the Park*

Saturday  
10.26

2pm-4pm

Odessa Memorial Park  
623 Main Street, Odessa, DE

**Want to help? Talk to Sylvia Schill or Pr. Robbie**  
Organized by Outreach Committee