# Welcome to Tree of Life Lutheran Church



October 20, 2024 ~ 22nd 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.

#### ↑ CONFESSION 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.

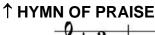
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the  $\pm$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

**↑ HYMN** 

"Lord Speak To Us That We May Speak" RED HYMNAL #676

#### **↑ 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.** 





#### ↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray: Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

# We Hear God's Word

#### FIRST READING: Isaiah 53:4-12

A reading from Isaiah:

<sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. <sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

<sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. <sup>8</sup>By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. <sup>9</sup>They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

<sup>10</sup>Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. <sup>11</sup>Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. <sup>12</sup>Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### **PSALM: Psalm 91:9-16**

- <sup>9</sup>Because you have made the Lord your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,
- <sup>10</sup>no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.
- <sup>11</sup>For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.
- <sup>12</sup>Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.
- <sup>13</sup>You will tread upon the lion cub and viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent.
- <sup>14</sup>I will deliver those who cling to me;
  - I will uphold them, because they know my name.
- <sup>15</sup>They will call me, and I will answer them;
  - I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.
- <sup>16</sup>With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

#### **SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:1-10**

A reading from Hebrews:

<sup>1</sup>Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup>He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; <sup>3</sup>and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

<sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you;" <sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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.



#### ↑ GOSPEL: Mark 10:35-45

The holy gospel according to Mark.

# Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>35</sup>James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory."

<sup>38</sup>But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" <sup>39</sup>They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

<sup>41</sup>When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup>So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>43</sup>But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

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

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

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**↑ HYMN** 

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

**RED HYMNAL #659** 

#### **↑ 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:

God our Father, your Son gave his life as a ransom for us all. Grant that your Church in all times and places might praise his name, bear witness to his grace, and follow his ways. Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.** 

God our Creator, you daily nourish and sustain all creatures out of your love. Bring a favorable harvest this year, that we and all creatures might be fed. Care for those affected by recent hurricanes and natural disasters. Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.** 

God our Lord, you defy the ways of tyranny and selfish power, for the sake of selfless service. Change the hearts of earthly tyrants, and inspire the leaders of the world to pursue justice, peace and freedom for all. Bless our nation, all who serve it, all candidates for public office and all voters, that we may live by integrity and humility. Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.** 

God our Comforter, you are the refuge of all who are afraid, and the habitation for all who are in need. Send your angels to guard us in all our ways, and to tend those 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.** 

God our Redeemer, you call us to turn away from the fool's gold of worldly glory, and promise an everlasting glory that the world cannot give. Help Tree of Life to set aside our selfish ambitions and power struggles, so that we may humbly serve you and our neighbors. Bless our bishops, Elizabeth and William; our pastor, Robbie; Reformation Evangelical Lutheran Church and its pastors Eric and Paige; and Hilltop Lutheran Community Center. Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.** 

God our Savior, you promise to show life and salvation to all your people. Accept our thanksgiving for the saints who now rest in your glory. Sustain us in the hope of the resurrection, until we are all united in Paradise. 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**

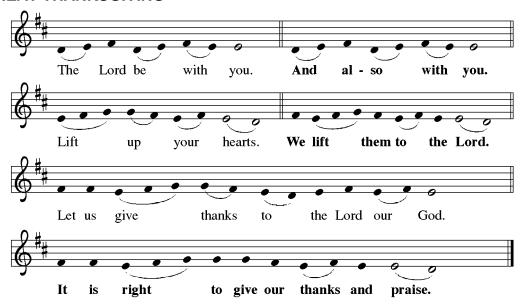
**RED HYMNAL #884** 

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

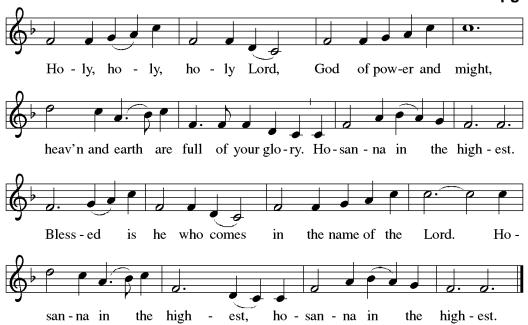
#### **↑ OFFERING PRAYER**

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



# ↑ 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,

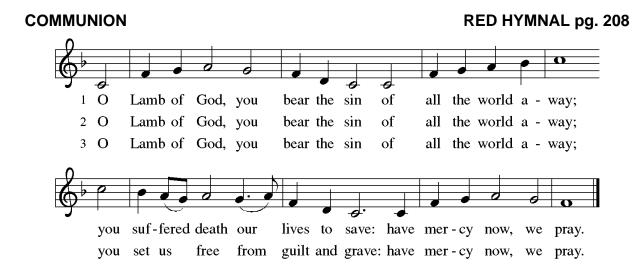
forever and ever. Amen.

#### ↑ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

peace with

All baptized Christians are welcome to commune. Wine and white grape juice are in the individual cups. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.



**HYMNS** 

"Change My Heart O God"
"Spirit Song"

God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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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** 

"I Am Thine O Lord"

**BLACK BINDER #38** 

#### ↑ 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.



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

THE TOWN OF ODESSA'S

# HALLOW FE 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