



# Welcome to Tree of Life Lutheran Church

Christmas 2021-2022  
Congregational Bulletin

Responses of assembly in **bold**      ↑ indicates to please stand as able

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.*

### ↑ **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who sends the word with angels, who is made flesh among all peoples, and who breathes peace on all the earth.

**Amen.**

In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**we confess our sin before you. We replace compassion with competition.**

**We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek. We are quick to anger but slow to forgive. We have not put on love in harmony with you.**

**Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word. Swaddle our hearts with your peace, that all we do, in word or deed, may reflect your love born among us. Amen.**

I bring you good news...clothed in peace. **Amen.**

↑ GATHERING SONG *see hymn board*

↑ SONG OF PRAISE NWS 18 This is the Day

This is the day This is the day That the Lord has made That the Lord has made  
We will rejoice We will rejoice And be glad in it And be glad in it This is the day that  
the Lord has made We will rejoice and be glad in it This is the day This is the day  
That the Lord has made.

↑ 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 (words and music by Duane D. Dillard)

**Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia Glory to God! Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia Glory to God!  
For the Lord most high is worthy of glory and praise.  
Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia Glory to God! Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia Glory to God!**

↑ GOSPEL *see Celebrate insert*

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

JP & HIS FRIENDS

↑ SONG OF THE DAY *see hymn board*

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 Merciful God, receive our prayer. OR** Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great. OR Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

*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.*

↑ OFFERING PRAYER Let us pray together. **Gracious God, your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth. As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

↑ 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 Lord

Duane D. Dillard

$\text{♩} = 116$

Voice

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MIGHT HEA - VEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLO - RY HO -

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COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD HO - SA NA IN THE

HIGH - - - - EST

↑ LORD'S PRAYER

↑ INVITATION TO COMMUNION In Christ's manger, at Christ's table, **come, see what God makes known for you.**

## COMMUNION

### Lamb of God (Communion)

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LAMB OF GOD YOU TAKE A - WAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD \_\_\_ HAVE  
5 MER - CY ON US MER - CY ON US MER - CY ON US LAMB OF GOD YOU  
10 TAKE A - WAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD \_\_\_ HAVE MER - CY ON US MER - CY ON US  
15 MER - CY ON US LAMB OF GOD YOU TAKE A - WAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD  
20 GRANT US PEACE

↑ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Let us pray together. **We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus, God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine. As we have shared this feast of love, strengthen us to share your love with all the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

#### THE SENDING

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

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

↑ SENDING SONG *see hymn board*

↑ 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

Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Sends us back into the world to live out our calling as children of God.