



Welcome to Tree of Life Lutheran Church

Easter Season
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**

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Trusting in the forgiveness won through Christ's death and resurrection, let us now confess our sins in the presence of God and one-another: *Brief silence for self-reflection.*

Most merciful God: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God...and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

↑ **GATHERING SONG** *see hymn board*

↑ **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.**

↑ **SONG OF PRAISE** NWS L2 This is the Feast (*Music can be found at NWS 2*)

Chorus: This is the feast of victory for our God. Allelu, alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Amen. Amen.

Verse 1: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor and blessings and glory are his. Chorus

Verse 2: Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of creation: Blessing, honor, wisdom and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Chorus

Verse 3: For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Chorus

↑ **PRAYER OF THE DAY** *see Celebrate insert*

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

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** *(Music can be found at NWS L3)*

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.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

↑ **SONG OF THE DAY** *see hymn board*

↑ **NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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** *OR* God of grace, **hear our prayer.** *The presiding minister concludes the prayers: Amen.*

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

THE MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

↑ **OFFERTORY**

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.

↑ **OFFERING PRAYER** Let us pray together. **Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

↑ **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:

↑ **SANCTUS** *(Music can be found at NWS L5)*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

↑ **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

↑ 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 Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

All the baptized who believe that Christ is truly present in the Holy Communion, are welcome to commune. We commune with wine and white grape juice in the individual cups. Wine is in the common cup. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

COMMUNION (*Music can be found at NWS L7*)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Let us pray together. **Almighty and ever-living Father, in the mystery of your Son's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

THE SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

↑ BENEDICTION

↑ 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; share the Good News! Alleluia, alleluia! **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

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