



Welcome to Tree of Life Lutheran Church

Pentecost
May 23, 2021
Congregational Bulletin

Responses of assembly **in bold**

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...the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider, **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.**

We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.

We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Beloved people of God...you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG ELW 400 God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind (Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923)

1 God of tempest, God of whirlwind, as on Pentecost descend! Drive us out from sheltered comfort; past these walls your people send! Sweep us into costly service, there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!

2 God of blazing, God of burning, all that blocks your purpose, purge! Through your church, Christ's living Body, let your flaming Spirit surge! Where deceit conceals injustice, kindle us to speak your truth, kindle us to speak your truth!

3 God of earthquake, God of thunder, shake us loose from lethargy! Break the chains of sin asunder, for earth's healing set us free! Crumble walls that still divide us; make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!

4 God of passion, God unsleeping, stir in us love's restlessness! Where the people cry in anguish, may we share your heart's distress. Rouse us from content with evil; claim us for your kingdom's work, claim us for your kingdom's work!

SONG OF PRAISE He Is Exalted (Text and music: Twila Paris)

He is exalted The King is exalted on high I will praise Him He is exalted, forever exalted
And I will praise His name

He is the Lord Forever His truth shall reign Heaven and earth Rejoice in His holy name
He is exalted The King is exalted on high

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

Alleluia

version II

Composed by
Min. D.D. Dillard

Voice

Al-le - u - ia Al-le - u - ia Al-le - u - ia glo-ry to God! A - le -

5 u - ia Al-le - u - ia Al-le - u - ia Glo-ry to God A - le God! For the

10 Lord Most High is *rit.* wor-thy of glo-ry and praise Al - le u - ia Al-le -

15 u - ia Al-le - u - ia glo-ry to - God! A - le - u - ia Al-le - u - ia Al-le -

20 u - ia Glo - ry 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 ELW 396 Spirit of Gentleness (Text: James K. Manley, b. 1940)

Refrain Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;

Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep, then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep; and over the eons you called to each thing: "Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." *Refrain*

2 You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand, and you goaded your people with a law and a land; and when they were blinded with idols and lies, then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. *Refrain*

3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill, then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still; and down in the city you called once again, when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. *Refrain*

4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes. From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams; our women see visions, our men clear their eyes. With bold new decisions your people arise. *Refrain*

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 Bless we the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

OR Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

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.

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, holy, holy Lord, 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.**

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ invites us to this table. **Come, eat and be satisfied.**

COMMUNION

Lamb of God (Communion)

Duane D. Dillard

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. **Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.**

THE SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG NWS 38 I am Thine, O Lord (Text: Fanny J. Crosby; 1820-1915)

1 I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice, And it told Thy love to me;
But I long to rise in the arms of faith, And be closer drawn to Thee.

Refrain Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, To the cross where Thou hast died;
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, To Thy precious, bleeding side.

2 Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord By the pow'r of grace divine;
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, And my will be lost in Thine. *Refrain*

3 O the pure delight of a single hour That before Thy throne I spend,
When I kneel in prayer, and with Thee, my God, I commune as friend with friend! *Refrain*

4 There are depths of love that I yet may know Ere Thee face to face I see;
There are heights of joy that I yet may reach Ere I rest in peace with Thee. *Refrain*

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. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God**