



# The Burning Bush

News and information about growing God's children at  
**Tree of Life Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Odessa, DE

February 18, 2024

## HYMNS

319

517

471/481

618

**This is Christ's church. There is a place for you here.**

We share a living, daring confidence in God's grace. Liberated by our faith, we embrace you

as a whole person -- questions, complexities all. Join us as we do God's work for the life of the world.



*Preparing for worship*

## Today is the first Sunday of LENT

On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism.

First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.

- [sundaysandseasons.com](http://sundaysandseasons.com)



## You are welcome here

Please sign in to let us know who you are - especially if you are visiting - so we can welcome you properly. Please feel free to take a face mask available at the sign-in area. During our "sharing of the peace," please do not feel obligated to shake hands: those who simply wave are also sharing the peace.

ALL baptized Christians are welcome to participate in Communion here at Tree of Life. And please join us for Fellowship for a snack and coffee or tea following the postlude.

## Are you called to serve?

To volunteer to serve during worship, see Gene Zaiser. We thank today's worship assistants: Carolyn Lewis, usher; Gene Zaiser, worship assistant and offering counter; Olivia Brill, acolyte; Nicky Zaiser, alter preparer; and Carla Fiske, fellowship provider.

## Thank you for your stewardship

The offering for last Sunday, February 11, was \$5,328.33. The average weekly offering for January was \$2,222.00.

## Ongoing community outreach opportunities:

**\*\* Knot Quilters and Project Linus Blankets** - 10am to noon, second Wednesdays. See Nicky Zaiser and Janet Adams, respectively. **\*\* Seamans Center** - Donations of toiletries, snacks, socks, etc. *Questions?* See Gene Zaiser **\*\* Pill bottle ministry** - Place your clean, empty pill bottles in the box underneath the sign-in table. *Questions?* See Pam Nichols. **\*\* Donations for "Our Daily Bread"** - Pick up a bag and list of food products in the closet behind the Ushers Table. *Questions?* See Sylvia Schill. Thank you!



Today we are excited to welcome Jeffrey Hillwig and Linda Klein as members of the Tree of Life family

They have already donated their time and talent to Tree of Life, most recently preparing and cooking delicious pancakes at our Pancake Supper. They live here in Odessa, operating the Bed and Breakfast at the Miller Dunham House on High Street. Welcome Jeff and Linda!

## Let us pray for ...

Amanda Campbell, Annalise Fratta, Anya Smith, Bill Glass, Carolyn Winiarski, Christine K., Grace Cilento and family, Dale & Clara Newcomb, Dallas Dean, Danielle Fangman, Elizabeth Schreppler, Elizabeth Zaiser, Erica Zaiser, Grace Haviland, Jack Barilla, Kenneth LaMar, Marilyn Brill, Mercedes Fisher, Pam Baker, Patrick Pileggi, Richard Jackson and Sarah Schreppler.

**Let us also pray for** those who serve and have served in our military; disaster victims and victims of violence and injustice everywhere; the health of our members and the world; our volunteers, church leaders, and Church Council; the people of Ukraine; the Israelis, Palestinians, hostages, civilians and everyone grieving — may warfare and hate give way to peace and justice.

**If you would like to add someone** to our Prayer List, please leave a message at 302-378-3345 or email your request to [treeoflifec@verizon.net](mailto:treeoflifec@verizon.net). Please include the full name of the person to be included, as well as yours. It is also important to notify the church office when this person can be taken off the list. Non-Tree of Life members will remain on the list for two weeks unless someone asks that they remain.

### *Lent, a season of preparation*

### Gather for soup and discussion of what the Bible tells us about grief and sorrow

We will explore how God has inspired faithful figures throughout the Bible to express sorrow and grief, and how God brought them comfort and hope. Members from St. Paul's United Methodist Church will join us over a soup lunch on Wednesdays during Lent, beginning February 21 at noon.

*Questions?* See Pastor Robbie.

Participate, volunteer, serve!						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thurs- day	Friday	Saturday
<b>FEBRUARY 18</b>  9:00am Adult Bible Study on Book of Job  10:30am Worship Service	<b>FEB 19</b>  1:00-4:00pm Maria Gue in office	<b>FEB 20</b>  10:00am- 1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office	<b>FEB 21</b>  <b>Noon— Lenten soup and discussion here at TOL</b>	<b>FEB 22</b>	<b>FEB 23</b>  No Kingdom Kids  Pastor Robbie on vacation	<b>FEB 24</b>  Pastor Robbie on vacation
<b>FEBRUARY 25</b>  10:30am Worship Service The Rev. Gordon Simmons preaching and presiding  Pastor Robbie on vacation	<b>FEB 26</b>  1:00-4:00pm Maria Gue in office	<b>FEB 27</b>	<b>FEB 28</b>  <b>Noon— Lenten soup and discussion here at TOL</b>	<b>FEB 29</b>	<b>MARCH 1</b>  No Kingdom Kids	<b>MARCH 2</b>

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