

# Welcome to Tree of Life Lutheran Church



July 14, 2024 ~ 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Leader in regular type, **congregation in bold type**

↑ means stand as you are able

Restrooms are located by the kitchen and at the end of the piano wing of the sanctuary by the Wiggle Room.

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## We Gather as God's People

### PRELUDE

*You can use this time for quiet reflection, prayer and preparation for worship.*

### ↑ CONFESSON 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 † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### ↑ HYMN

**"Faith of Our Fathers"**

**RED HYMNAL #812**

## ↑ 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.**

## ↑ HYMN OF PRAISE

### “His Name is Wonderful”

1. His Name is Won der ful; His Name is Coun sel or;

His Name The Might y God, Je - sus my Lord.

9 A Child and Son is He; E - ter - nal Fath er He;

9 The Prince of Peace to me, Je - sus my Lord.

17 Praise the Cre - at - or, Je - sus our Sav - ior,

Life - giv - ing Spir - it now.

25

F C/E Dm F/A Gm Gm/B $\flat$  C

In spir - it wor ship Him, Love and a - dore Him;

Am/C D<sup>7</sup> Gm F/C C<sup>7</sup> B $\flat$ /F F

His Name is Won der ful, Je - sus my Lord.

### ↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Let us pray: O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## We Hear God's Word

### FIRST READING: Amos 7:7-15

A reading from Amos:

<sup>7</sup>This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; <sup>9</sup>the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

<sup>10</sup>Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup>For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" <sup>12</sup>And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and

prophesy there; <sup>13</sup>but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

<sup>14</sup>Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, <sup>15</sup>and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 85:8-13**

<sup>8</sup>I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;  
for you speak peace to your faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to you.

<sup>9</sup>**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

<sup>11</sup>**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

<sup>12</sup>The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,  
and our land will yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup>**Righteousness shall go before the LORD  
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

### **SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14**

A reading from Ephesians:

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

<sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel

and will, <sup>12</sup> so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup> this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Composed by 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 *rit.*

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

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: Mark 6:14-29**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup> King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup> But others said, "It is Elijah." And

others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup> But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

<sup>17</sup> For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. <sup>18</sup> For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup> And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, <sup>20</sup> for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him.

<sup>21</sup> But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. <sup>22</sup> When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." <sup>23</sup> And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup> She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." <sup>25</sup> Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter."

<sup>26</sup> The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup> Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, <sup>28</sup> brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup> When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

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↑ HYMN

**"Praise My Soul the God of Heaven"**

**RED HYMNAL #864**

## ↑ 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:

Eternal Father, you bless the Church throughout all times and places. Give your people the courage to proclaim your Word, even when it carries risk. Sustain those worldwide who are persecuted for the faith. Keep them steadfast in belief, bold in witness, patient in suffering, and joyful in hope. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

From before the foundation of the world, you are God. Grant that your lands might yield in abundance, so that all your creatures are nourished. Bring relief to those affected by hurricane, storm and flood, extreme heat and wildfire. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You seek justice, freedom and peace for all people. Give the rulers of this and every nation humble hearts, so that selfish ambition and vainglory might always give way to wise and right conduct. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your steadfast love and faithfulness are everlasting. Bring healing to those in need, hope to those in despair, and comfort to those who grieve. We pray especially for Amanda, Annalise, Anya, Bill, Brian, Cecelia, Christine, Cindy, Clara, Dale, Danielle, Dallas, Elizabeth, Erica, Grace, Kenneth, Kimberly, Marilyn, Mercedes, 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.**

You adopt us as your beloved children. Guide Tree of Life by your Law and Gospel. Challenge us to more fully obey your commandments, and save us by the grace given through your Son. Bless our bishops, Elizabeth and William; our pastor, Robbie; Grace Lutheran Church and its pastor Tara, and Lutheran Volunteer Corps. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You have destined us for everlasting glory in your presence. Accept our thanksgiving for the faithful who now rest in you. In the fullness of time, gather us with all your saints in light. 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: **Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here: your body for the life of the world. 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 congregation responds:*

## ↑ SANCTUS

*Composed by D.D. Dillard*

Voice

HO - LY HO - LY HO - LY LORD GOD OF POW'R AND

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

SA - NA IN - THE HIGH - EST BLESS - ED IS HE - WHO

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

HIGH - - - - EST

## ↑ 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

Taste and see that the Lord is good. **Thanks be to God.**

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

## COMMUNION

Composed by D.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

**HYMNS**

**“Bread of Life From Heaven”  
“One Bread One Body”**

**RED HYMNAL #474  
RED HYMNAL #496**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray together: **We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **God Sends Us in Mission**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **↑ BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. 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**

**“Sent Forth by God's Blessing”**

**RED HYMNAL #547**

### **↑ 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.*

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# Hymn-Sing *Sundae!*

**July 28 ~ 10:30 a.m.**

Special Worship through Hymns and Spiritual Songs

Ice Cream Social to Follow!

**Invite your friends!**



Out of this World Vacation Bible School set for August 5-9, 6:30pm - 8:30pm Calling all Pre-K through Pre-teen kids to our 2024 Vacation Bible School in partnership with St. Paul's UMC. Find flyers and registration

forms in the back of the Sanctuary. As is our custom, Friday, as usual, will feature a field trip. Details to come soon. If you'd like to help, please see Pastor Robbie or Pam Nichols.