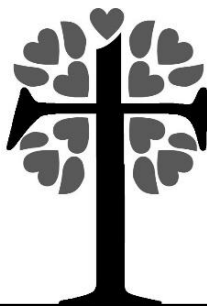


# Welcome to Tree of Life Lutheran Church



November 17, 2024 ~ 26th Sunday after Pentecost

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

↑ means stand as you are able

**Restrooms** are by the kitchen and by the Wiggle Room

**Wiggle Room** is available for anyone needing a brief break from worship, at the end of the piano wing of the sanctuary

**WiFi** is available: Look for TOL-GUEST; password is OdessaTOL1

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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

“Jesus Still Lead On”

RED HYMNAL #624

## ↑ 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



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



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



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



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



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



Life - giv - ing Spir - it now.



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



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: Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## We Hear God's Word

### FIRST READING: Daniel 12:1-3

A reading from Daniel:

<sup>1</sup> "At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. <sup>2</sup> Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup> Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

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

### PSALM: Psalm 16

<sup>1</sup> Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

<sup>2</sup> **All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.**

<sup>3</sup> But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

<sup>4</sup> **I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,  
never take their names upon my lips.**

<sup>5</sup> O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

<sup>6</sup> **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

<sup>7</sup> I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

<sup>8</sup> **I have set the Lord always before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

<sup>9</sup> My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.

<sup>10</sup> **For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.**

<sup>11</sup> You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
**and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

## SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:11-14, 19=25

A reading from Hebrews:

<sup>11</sup> Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup> But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” <sup>13</sup> and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” <sup>14</sup> For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

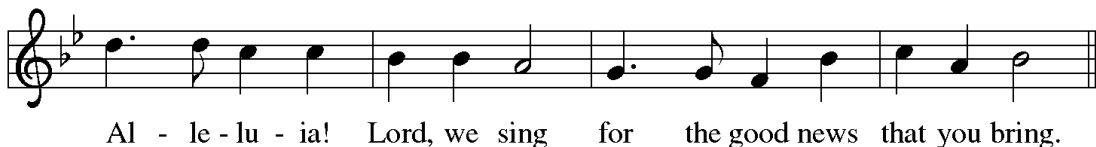
<sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

RED HYMNAL pg. 205



## ↑ **GOSPEL: Mark 13:1-13**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” <sup>2</sup> Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

<sup>3</sup> When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup> “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” <sup>5</sup> Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup> Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup> When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup> For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

<sup>9</sup> “As for yourselves, beware; for they will hand you over to councils; and you will be beaten in synagogues; and you will stand before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them. <sup>10</sup> And the good news must first be proclaimed to all nations. <sup>11</sup> When they bring you to trial and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say; but say whatever is given you at that time, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. <sup>12</sup> Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; <sup>13</sup> and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

### **SERMON**

#### ↑ **HYMN**

**“Power Of Your Love”**

**BLACK BINDER #17**

## **BLESSING OF 'LINUS PROJECT' BLANKETS**

United with all the baptized in the Body of Christ, we are joined in God's mission for the life of the world. We are called to that mission in our daily lives and in the ministries we share as the church of God. Today we give thanks and seek God's blessing upon these blankets prepared for Project Linus, which will send them to children near and far who are ill, traumatized or in other need.

*A brief description of the blankets may be offered.*

Let us pray: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You made the whole earth for your glory, and you provide care for all your children. Bless these blankets that we set apart today for the care of children in need. Accept our thanksgiving for all the love and labor that went into their preparation. May those who receive them find strength in spirit and in body, and find comfort and love in their warmth. May they be a sign of your love to all people. In the name of the Father, and the +Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## **↑ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Gathered by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all people according to their need:

Almighty God and Father, you promise that the dark mortal night of suffering and persecution will give way to a new dawn of life and salvation. Strengthen your Church around the world to remain steadfast in its faith, to resist the allure of false prophets, and to proclaim the Gospel to all nations. Be with those who are persecuted for their faith today. Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

You give a land of plenty to all your creatures. Bring relief from our drought, from nearby wildfires, from earthquakes and famines, and from all natural disasters. Grant that a bountiful fall harvest might provide for all people through the winter months. Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

You bring the assurance of peace, even amidst wars and rumors of wars. Lead the nations of the world in your peace, accompanied by justice and freedom. Help all who are affected by warfare or violence. Bless our country and its newly elected leaders, and continue to heal our partisan divisions. Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

You protect all who take refuge in you. Bring healing and wholeness to those who suffer in mind, body or spirit. We especially pray for Amanda, Annalise, Anya, Bill, Cecelia, Christine, Cindy, Clara, Dale, Danielle, Elizabeth, Erica, Gail, Grace, Kenneth, Kimberly, Marilyn, Mercedes, Pam, 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 inspire us to lives of love and good deeds. Help us at Tree of Life to be generous with what you have given us, so that the ministry of this church might be a living testimony to your goodness. Support and inspire the work of Project Linus, our Knot Quilters and all our service ministries. Bless our bishops, Elizabeth and William; our pastor, Robbie; St. Stephen's Lutheran Church and its pastor Sue, and Lutheran Campus Ministries and its chaplain, Mindy. Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

You bring everlasting life to all whom you have chosen. Accept our thanksgiving for the saints who rest in your care and will awaken in your glory. Sustain our hope, until that day when we are all reunited in your eternal 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: **Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## ↑ GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures. The music is written in treble clef.

*The thanksgiving continues with the preface for the day. The congregation responds:*

## ↑ SANCTUS

RED HYMNAL pg. 207

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in B-flat major (two flats). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff has four measures, the second and third have four measures each, and the fourth has four measures. The music is written in treble clef.



## ↑ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## ↑ 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

The gifts of God for the people of God. **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

RED HYMNAL pg. 208



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## **HYMNS**

**“Bread Of Life From Heaven”  
“Come To The Table Of Mercy”**

**RED HYMNAL #474  
RED HYMNAL #481**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray together: **Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **God Sends Us in Mission**

## **STEWARDSHIP PRESENTATION**

Gene Zaiser, Stewardship Chair

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **↑ BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. 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**

**“Just A Closer Walk With Thee”**

**RED HYMNAL #697**

### **↑ 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.*



# MOT COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Immanuel UMC  
209 Main St.  
Townsend, DE 19734-  
Tuesday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> 7pm

Join Bethesda UMC, Friendship UMC,  
Immanuel UMC, St. Paul's UMC, Summit UMC  
and Tree of Life Lutheran Church to  
celebrate Thanksgiving.

\*Church choirs will combine to offer  
special music.

\*Please bring a canned good.

\*A special offering will be taken for  
Neighborhood House.

\*Fellowship will follow the service.



# How is God Calling You to Give?

Stewardship is using what God has given us as best we can, in line with God's will. On November 24, at the time of the offering, we will come to the altar to give our gifts and promises for 2025, a small portion of what God has placed in our keeping. This is our opportunity to acknowledge that God is in charge, and has assigned us to safeguard and use what He has entrusted to us to further His Kingdom.

Please plan to be present on November 24 and, in the meantime, to prayerfully consider your 2025 Stewardship commitment.



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