



Welcome to Tree of Life Lutheran Church

PENTECOST 2020
August 9, 2020

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...generation to generation. **Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reconciling God,

**we confess that we do not trust your abundance,
and we deny your presence in our lives.**

We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts.

We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.

We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.

We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us.

We sin in thought, word, and deed.

**By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us;
and in your Spirit, lead us;**

so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Beloved of God...through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" Lyrics & Music by Thomas A. Dorsey

Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand
I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm alone. Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light. Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

When my way grows drear precious Lord linger near. When my light is almost gone
Hear my cry, hear my call. Hold my hand lest I fall. Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near and the day is past and gone.
At the river I stand guide my feet, hold my hand. Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home.

GREETING

SONG OF PRAISE

His name is wonderful; His name is counselor; His name the mighty God, Jesus my Lord.
A child and son is He; Eternal Father He; the prince of peace to me, Jesus my Lord.
Praise the Creator, Jesus our Savior, life giving spirit now.
In spirit worship Him, love and adore Him; His name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *See Celebrate insert.*

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song

The readings and Psalm are included in the Celebrate insert.

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

PSALM

GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to ... **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

JP & HIS FRIENDS

SONG OF THE DAY God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

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!

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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.

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

**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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Friends of Jesus, come to the table. **Receive nourishment for your journey.**

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.
**God of the welcome table, in this meal we have feasted on your goodness
and have been united by your presence among us.
Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighborly
love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life. Amen.**

THE SENDING

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

Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opportunities for the Assembly and individuals to participate in God's mission to the world.

Please stand as able.

BLESSING

SENDING SONG I Love to Tell the Story Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911

I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

Refrain

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!

I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy word. *Refrain*

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.

And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. *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. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

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