



The Burning Bush

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

Odessa, Delaware

October 7, 2018

Today's
Hymns
520
656
464/471
840

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 and all. Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world.



“Therefore, what God has joined together, let no man separate”

Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well.

What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

- *sundaysandseasons.com*



Today's flowers are donated by Rick and Jean Mullen
in celebration of their anniversary



It is easy to donate altar flowers

Sign up for a Sunday of your choice at the desk near Fellowship Hall, put \$25 in one of the envelopes there (Make your check payable to Tree of Life LC.) with your name and date of the Sunday you are paying for, and place it in the offering plate. **After service, the flowers are yours to take and enjoy. Please leave the silver container and the vase - which belongs to the florist - on the kitchen counter.** You can take your flowers home in a vase located in the lower cabinet to the left of the stove.

Let us pray for ... Amanda Campbell, Eric Harmon, Lorraine Mills, Arnold Toller, Keith Rayher, Patricia Parker, Dallas Dean, Danny Matz, Elizabeth Schreppler, Dale Schreppler, Elizabeth Zaiser, Erika Zaiser, Ronald Rollerson, Danielle Fangman, Patrick Pileggi; for those who serve and have served in our military; disaster victims and victims of violence everywhere; and for discernment and the Spirit's guidance as we search for a permanent pastor.

Please submit any names of those you wish to add to our Prayer List to Jean Mullen at jaramullen1@gmail.com or treeoflifelc@verizon.net; or you may fill out a prayer card (find them on the Ushers Table) and place it in the offering plate. Please also let her know when to take someone off the list.

First Holy Communion classes October 14, 21 and 28

Pastor Johnson will be holding First Holy Communion classes after worship on the Sundays listed above for any young members and their families, whether the youth are taking communion now or not. The classes will be 40 minutes in length. On Sunday, October 28, Reformation Sunday, families will come together to the altar and the young Communicants will be recognized. For more information, see page 3 of the October *Leaflet*.

Thanksgiving meal donations being accepted now

Instant mashed potatoes, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce.... Any donations will help make our monthly food boxes in November more special. Just leave them on the kitchen counter. Thank you!

Weekly financial update: *How are we doing with our weekly offerings?*

Our offering last Sunday totaled \$1,320.00. The average weekly offering for the month of September was \$2,126.00. To be able to call a full-time pastor, we need to average \$3,000/week, an amount we do not yet reach consistently. If you would like to reconsider your pledge amount for 2018, pledge forms are on the Ushers Table, or you can talk to Gene Zaiser, our treasurer.

Second Annual TOL "Clothing Plus Giveaway," October 20, 10am

There is an area in the Narthex for your contributions of clothing and household goods, jewelry, tools or toys. We will have a community give-away Saturday, October 20. During the week of October 14, we will be sorting the clothes. *Questions?* Able to help sort during the week of October 14 or help with the community give-away on October 20? See Sylvia Schill. Thank you!

Annual "Blessing of the Animals" next Sunday October 14, 2pm

It is that time again to bring your pets to the dog park on Levels Road for a blessing.
"The Lord is good to all, compassionate to every creature." - Psalm 145:9

Mark your calendar, volunteer, participate!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
OCT. 7 9:00am Bible Study 10:30 Worship Service Jim Guldner to preside Choir rehearsal	OCT. 8	OCT. 9 9:30am Grocery sorting	OCT. 10 10am Quilting 6-7:30pm 	OCT. 11 Noon - OWLS luncheon at Grain H2O in Summit	OCT. 12	OCT. 13 2pm Baking communion bread - No experience needed!
OCT. 14 9:00am Bible Study 10:30 Worship Service 11:45 Holy Communion Class and Choir rehearsal 2pm Blessing of the animals	OCT. 15	OCT. 16	OCT. 17 6-7:30pm 	OCT. 18 3-5pm Grocery distribution	OCT. 19	OCT. 20 10am - noon Clothing Plus Giveaway

Serving today....

Presiding and preaching: Jim Guldner
Musician: Duane Dillard
Usher: George Matz
Acolyte: Sam Lintz
Worship Assistant: Jim Pileggi
Communion Assistant: John Baker
Altar Guild: Gene Zaiser
Offering Counter: Maxine Campbell
Fellowship: Irene Soucy



Dust Busters: Cilento and Collett families
Altar Flowers: Dot Schreppler
Office Manager: Jean Mullen
Worship Folder: Gail Russell
Burning Bush: Pam Nichols
The Leaflet: Donna Parks
Webmaster: Jeff Russell
Facebook: Jean Mullen
Nursery: Tell the Usher that you have a child for the Nursery and an adult volunteer will be summoned



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