

Welcome to Tree of Life!

The members of Tree of Life extend to you a hearty welcome! We are a congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS: www.wels.net).

As congregation of this synod we are striving to be a family where God is glorified and his saving message is shared with all people.

We don't claim to be the only saving church, but we do strive to preserve and pass on the truth as it's found in the Bible. We at Tree of Life believe and teach that...

1. The Bible is the inspired Word of God, with no mistakes and no errors, his unchanging message to all people of all times: **"Men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit." (2 Peter 1:21)**
2. God created people holy and without sin, but by their own choice they disobeyed God and brought sin upon the whole human race: **"Sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned." (Romans 5:12)**
3. The final result of sin is not only the end of our earthly life, but eternal death and separation from God in the agony of hell:
"The wages of sin is death." (Romans 6:23)
4. The main and central message of the Bible is the gospel - the good news that:
"God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him will not perish, but has eternal life." (John 3:16)
5. Jesus lived a perfect, sinless life in the place of every human being, and Jesus suffered the punishment of hell for the whole human race when he died on the cross: **"The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23)**
6. God the Holy Spirit creates and strengthens saving faith in Jesus Christ through the message about him in the Bible, in Baptism, and in the Lord's Supper:
"Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the words of Christ." (Romans 10:17)
7. Christians do good works, not in order to earn a place in heaven, but out of love and thanks to God who has already given them eternal life as a free gift through Jesus: **"I run in the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free." (Psalm 119:32)**
8. Christians will want to gather together regularly around the Word of God for the strengthening of their own trust in Jesus and for encouraging each other in the faith: **"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another, and all the more as you see the (final) Day approaching." (Hebrews 10:25)**
9. Christians want to carry out the Lord's great commission to spread the good news about Jesus to others: **"Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation." (Mark 16:15)**
10. When the Lord returns in judgment on the last day, he will raise all the dead and give the full glory of everlasting life in heaven to all who trusted in him as Savior:
"When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory." (Colossians 3:4)

We invite you to worship with us again and we sincerely hope that you will accept this invitation. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.



The Holy Trinity

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A GOD LIKE NO OTHER!

Good morning! A person on a search to know God, will probably at one point or another pull up short, frustrated by the many options available to them. A closer look at the God of the Bible reveals a God unlike any other.
Today we have the opportunity to worship him!
May we be blessed as we do!

Opening Song “He Is Exalted”
Tree of Life Song Book

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise Him.
He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise His name.

Jesus is Lord, forever His truth shall reign;
heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.*

Repeat once from the beginning

*Final Ending He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

Song “We Bow Down”
Tree of Life Song Book

You are Lord of creation and Lord of my life,
Lord of the land and the sea.
You were Lord of the heavens before there was time,
and Lord of all lords you will be.

Prayer Requests Offered

“Prayer for Grace” *Yellow Booklet, page 32*

“Blessing” *Yellow Booklet, page 33*

Closing Hymn “Glorify Thy Name”
Tree of Life Song Book

Verse 1

Father we love You,
We worship and adore You,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Verse 2

Jesus we love You,
We worship and adore You,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Verse 3

Spirit we love You,
We worship and adore You,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

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KID'S CHURCH

Children ages 3 years to 2nd grade

**WE HAVE A GOD
LIKE NO OTHER!**

2 Corinthians 13:11-14

STAND

“You Are God, We Praise You” Te Deum
Yellow Booklet, pages 28-29

BE SEATED

Offering

Friendship Registers

Thank you for joining us this morning! Please take a moment to make a record of your time with us! Please check any boxes that apply.

Gathering of Prayer Requests

The congregation is invited to submit their prayer requests on the index cards that are handed out by the ushers. Once you have printed your request, please hand them to an usher.

STAND

“Lord, Have Mercy” *Yellow Booklet, page 31*

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 forever. Amen.

We bow down and we worship you, Lord;
we bow down and we worship you Lord;
we bow down and we worship you, Lord;
Lord of all lords you will be.*

Repeat once from the beginning

*Final Ending

We bow down and we worship you, Lord;
we bow down and we worship you, Lord;
we bow down and we worship you, Lord;
Lord of all lords you will be.
Lord of all lords you will be.

Morning Praise *Yellow Booklet, page 22*

Song of Praise “Come, Oh Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord”
Yellow Booklet, page 23

FIRST LESSON

GENESIS 1:1-2, 26- 2:1

“The Trinity is eternal. The three persons already at work at Creation.”

- 1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
- 2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.
- 26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."
- 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.
- 28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."
- 29 Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. 30 And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food." And it was so.

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31 God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.
1 Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

Psalm 63 *Yellow Booklet, pages 24- 26*

SECOND LESSON
MATTHEW 28:16-20

“At the heart of saving activity is the Trinity.”

16 Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

M: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia!

“Holy Is Our God Medley” *with the hymn “Holy, Holy, Holy”*
Tree of Life Song Book

“Holy Is Our God”

Chorus

Holy is our God, whose name we praise forever.
Glory to the Son, who reigns in majesty!
Come, Spirit, come and fill our hearts with wisdom,
that we may long to worship You alone.

Verse 1

Our Father is the great Creator
Of all we have and all we see.
He made us in His image
that we may honor and worship Him.

Chorus

Verse 2

For Jesus is the Father’s only Son,
Given in love for ev’ryone.
Lamb of sacrifice, a humble King,
He gave His life so we might live.

Chorus

Verse 3

Oh Spirit, come and unite us
in one communion with our Lord.
Free us from the chains that bind us,
for the Comforter has come.

Chorus

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Verse 1

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Verse 2

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Interlude: Praise Team

“Jesus You Are My Guide and Wisdom”

*Jesus, You are my guide and wisdom.
Jesus, You are the strength that I need.
Jesus, You are my reason for living.
Jesus, You are all that I need.*

(Repeat once)

Verse 3

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!