

## 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](http://www.wels.net)).

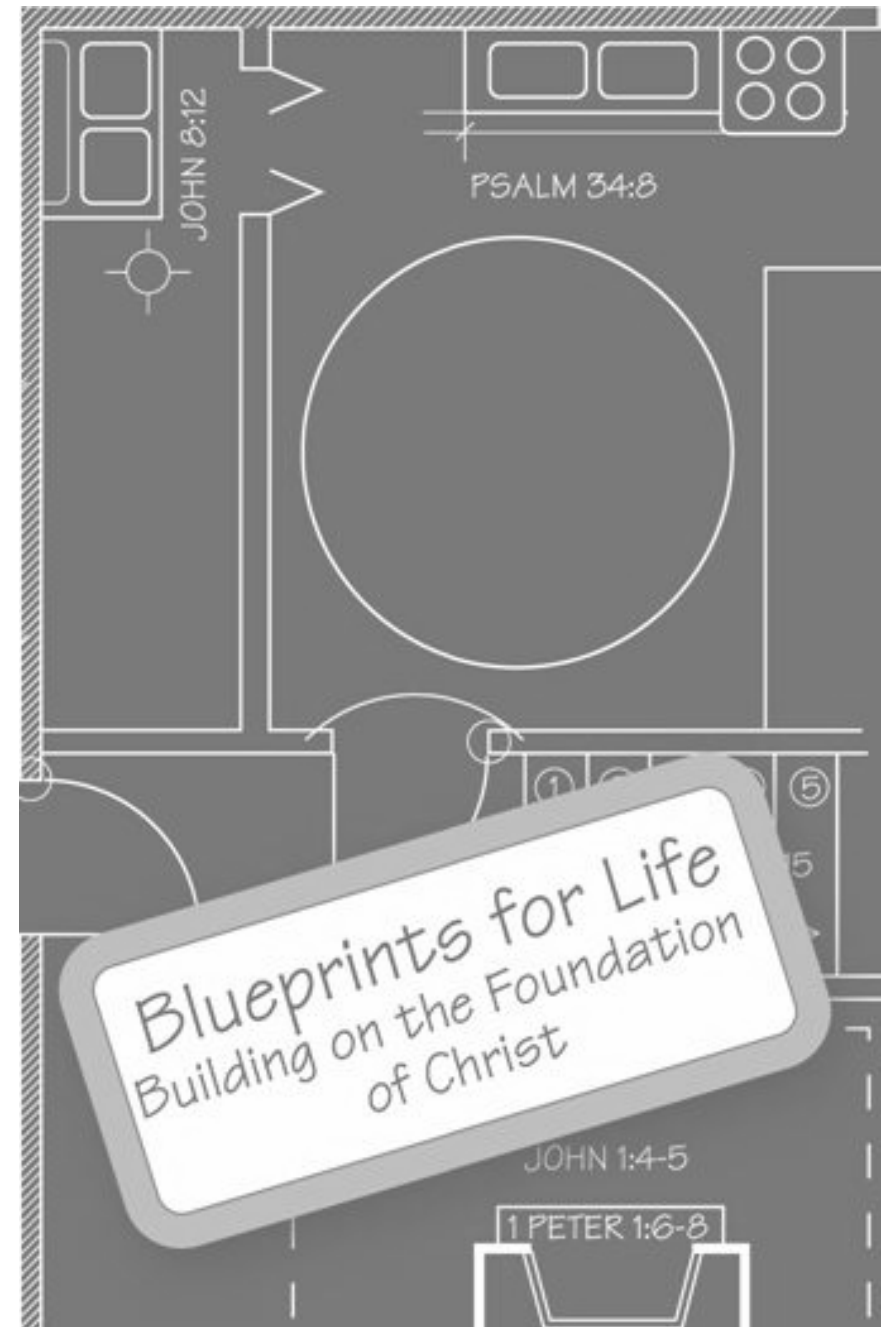
As congregation of this synod we are striving to be a family where God is glorified and his saving message is shared with all people.

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.

## Father's Day Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



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**BLUEPRINTS FOR LIFE:**

**THE FAMILY ROOM**

**Good morning! Happy Father's Day!**

What a special day that we have the opportunity to reflect on the blessings we have experienced through our earthly fathers, but more importantly rejoice in the blessing we have to call the Almighty God, Father. May we learn from him today the blueprint for the family room of our lives. May his design be our reality!

God bless us as we worship him this morning.

**Opening Hymn** ..... "Our Father, By Whose Name"  
*CW Hymn 501*

Our Father, by whose name All fatherhood is known,  
In love divine you claim Each fam'ly as your own.  
Bless mothers, fathers, guarding well,  
With constant love as sentinel,  
The homes in which your people dwell.

O Christ, yourself a child Within an earthly home,  
With heart still undefiled You did to manhood come.

Our children bless in ev'ry place  
That they may all behold your face  
And, knowing you, may grow in grace.

O Holy Spirit, bind Our hearts in unity,  
And teach us how to find The love from self set free.

In all our hearts such love increase  
That ev'ry home by this release  
May be the dwelling-place of peace.

**Closing Hymn** ..... "Fear Not"  
*Tree of Life Song Book*

**Verse 1:** Fear not, all my children, for I will always stay  
in all of your tomorrows, and I'm with you today.  
Fear not, all my children, I'll always be with you  
in ev'ry moment of your life in ev'rything you do.

**Chorus:** For I love you this much my arms are opened wide,  
for I love you this much I bled for you and died.  
For I love you this much there's nothing you can do  
to take away the love that I have for ev'ry one of you.

**Verse 2:** Fear not, all my children, don't ever be dismayed,  
for all your pain and sorrows, the price has all been paid.  
Fear not, all my children, courageous ever strong,  
for I'll not fail you or forsake you all your whole life long.

**Chorus:** For I love you this much my arms are opened wide,  
for I love you this much I bled for you and died.  
For I love you this much there's nothing you can do  
to take away the love that I have for ev'ry one of you.

**Verse 3:** Fear not, all my children, I won't leave you alone,  
I will prepare a mansion, right at my Father's throne.  
Fear not, all my children, I'll rise up from the dead,  
I am God's Son; the vict'ry's won, remember what I've said:

**Chorus:** For I love you this much my arms are opened wide,  
for I love you this much I bled for you and died.  
For I love you this much there's nothing you can do  
to take away the love that I have for ev'ry one of you.  
To take away the love that I have for ev'ry one of you.

DISTRIBUTION

C: "Give Thanks"..... *Tree of Life Song Book*

Verse 1

Give thanks with a grateful heart; Give thanks to the Holy One.

Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart; Give thanks to the Holy One.

Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.

Verse 2

And now let the weak say "I am strong," let the poor say "I am rich"  
because of what the Lord has done for us.

And now let the weak say "I am strong," let the poor say "I am rich"  
because of what the Lord has done for us.

Final Ending: Give Thanks.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good

C: *(spoken)* and his mercy endures forever.

M: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *(spoken)* AMEN

BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

C: *(sing)* Amen. Amen. Amen.

CONFESSION FOR FATHER'S DAY

PLEASE STAND

P: We begin our time of worship in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: God invites us as his precious children to confess our sins to him to receive the assurance of forgiveness. As families of God, let us confess our sins individually and collectively.

Children: Father in heaven, I haven't always been the son or daughter you would like me to be. I've talked back to my parents, yelled at my brothers or sisters and complained when asked to help around the house. I've taken my parents for granted and failed to show them that I appreciate them. Forgive me, Jesus.

Single Men & Women: Father, our lives are filled with studies and work, activities and athletics, friendships and relationship. Forgive us for times where you have taken a lower priority than the other things of our lives. As we seek our way in life, forgive us for at times holding a self-centered focus. Strengthen us to keep our thoughts pure and our actions in line with your commands. Forgive us when we fail.

Men: Father, you have exemplified for me the role of father and husband. I have fallen way short. I haven't loved my wife as you loved me. I have been selfish and thought only of my own needs. I have at times set unreasonable demands of my children and wife. I have placed my job and it's demands over the spiritual nurture of my family. Father, forgive me.

Women: Lord, you have given me a privileged role of woman, wife, and mother. At times I have resented these roles and failed to see them as honorable. I have gotten angry with my children and become impatient with my husband. I have neglected my own spiritual growth and have failed to love my family as you have loved me. Forgive me, Lord.

ALL: Our families are bombarded by Satan. Forgive us, protect us, and renew us with the promises you give in baptism. Give us strength each day to drown Satan's influence and let the new life empowered by your resurrection shine through.

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P: God, our heavenly Father, has heard our plea for forgiveness and in Christ assures us of our forgiveness. Our guilt is washed clean and we are renewed to love and serve him. Be assured of God's promise to you as well, your sins are forgiven. You are a family belonging to God!

**Song of Praise** ..... "Step by Step"  
*Tree of Life Song Book*

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.	O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.	O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways, and step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.	I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways, and step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days, and I will follow you all of my days, and I will follow you all of my days, and step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

M: Let us pray.

M: O God, you rule over all things in wisdom and kindness. Guide us each day by your word so that our homes are built on you, our solid foundation. Take away everything that may be harmful and give us whatever is good; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** *(spoken)* **AMEN.**

*BE SEATED*

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore with all the saints on earth and host of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**C: "Holy, Holy, Holy"** ..... *Tree of Life Song Book*

"Holy, holy, holy," angel host are singing.  
"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord our God  
Holy, holy, holy is God, the Lord of might.  
Your glory fills the heavens; your glory fills the earth."  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna is our song.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** *(spoken)* **AMEN**

**C: "Lamb of God"** ..... *Tree of Life Song Book*

**Verse 1**

Your only Son no sin to hide,  
But you have sent him from your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod  
And to become the Lamb of God

**Verse 2**

Your gift of live they crucified;  
They laughed and scorned him as he died;  
The humble King they named a fraud  
And sacrificed the Lamb of God.

**Refrain**

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O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God.  
Oh, wash me in his precious blood,  
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

**Verse 3**

I was so lost I should have died,  
But you have brought me to your side  
To be led by your staff and rod  
And to be called a Lamb of God.

**Refrain**

**Offering**

**Friendship Registers**

**Prayer of the Church**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

<p>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,</p>	<p>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.</p>
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**THE SACRAMENT**

**The Celebration of Holy Communion**

*At Tree of Life, we desire to have all commune with us at the Lord's Table. However, since the Scripture encourages us to "recognize the body and blood of the Lord," "examine ourselves," and join together as "one body," we ask those who are visiting with us this morning to take the time to understand these teachings and establish a unity of beliefs with us before partaking of this act of fellowship. By this practice of close communion, we are in no way judging your personal faith and relationship with Jesus, we just ask for an opportunity for us to share our beliefs with you so that together we can make a true expression of oneness at the Lord's Table.*

M: The Lord be with you.  
**C: (spoken) And also with you**

M: Lift up your hearts  
**C: (spoken) We lift them up unto the Lord**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.  
**C: (spoken) It is good and right so to do.**

**FIRST LESSON  
2 TIMOTHY 3:10-17**

*"From infancy we are to know the truths of the inspired Scripture."*

10 You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, 11 persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. 12 In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, 13 while evil men and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. 14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, 15 and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**Psalm 119b** ..... *Christian Worship page 110*

**Refrain: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**

<p>Teach me, O LORD, to follow `your          decrees;*          then I will keep them `to the end.</p>	<p>Turn my eyes away from `worthless things;*          preserve my life according `to your          Word.</p>
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<p>Give me understanding, and I will `keep          your law*          and obey it with `all my heart.</p>	<p>Fulfill your promise to your `servant,*          so that you `may be feared.</p>
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<p>Direct me in the path of `your          commands,*          for there I `find delight.</p>	<p>How I long for your `precepts!*          Preserve my life in your `righteousness.</p>
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**Refrain**

**Glory be to the Father and `to the Son  
and to the Holy `Spirit,  
as it was in the be`ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. `Amen.**

**Refrain**

**SECOND LESSON**  
**LUKE 10:38-42**

*"In the business of life, Mary chose the one thing needful."*

38 As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. 39 She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. 40 But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

41 "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, 42 but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

**Hymn** ..... "Oh, Blest The House, Whate'er Befall"  
*Christian Worship Hymn 506*

Oh, blest the house, whate'er befall, Where Jesus Christ is all in all! A home that is not wholly his -- How sad and poor and dark it is!	Blest such a house; it prospers well. In peace and joy the parents dwell, And in their children's lives is shown How richly God can bless his own.
Oh, blest that house where faith you find And all within have set their mind To trust their God and serve him still And do in all his holy will.	Then here will I and mine today A solemn promise make and say: Though all the world forsake his Word, I and my house will serve the Lord!
Oh, blest the parents who give heed Unto their children's foremost need And weary not of care or cost. May none to them and heav'n be lost!	

**KID'S CHURCH**

*Children ages 3 years to 2nd grade*

**KEEP A FAITH-FOCUSED FAMILY!**

*Deuteronomy 11:18-21, 26-28*

**Statement of Belief** ..... Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*BE SEATED*