

## 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.*



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**INVOLVED IN A MIRACLE,  
SET ON A MISSION**

**Good morning!**

We thank Pastor Gary Baumler for being with us and encouraging us with the Word of God today! May God bless us as we worship!

**Morning Praise** ..... *Christian Worship page 45*  
*STAND*

**Morning Hymn** ..... "Father, We Praise You"

Fa-ther, we praise you, now the night is o-ver,  
Ac-tive and watch-ful, stand-ing now be-fore you.  
Sing-ing, we of-fer prayer and med-i-ta-tion;  
Thus we a-dore you.

Mon-arch of all things, fit us for your man-sions;  
Ban-ish our weak-ness, health and whole-ness send-ing.  
Bring us to heav-en, where your saints u-nit-ed.  
Joy with-out end-ing.

All-ho-ly Fa-ther, Son, and e-qual Spir-it,  
Trin-i-ty bless-ed, send us your sal-va-tion.  
Yours is the glo-ry, gleam-ing and re-sound-ing  
Through all cre-a-tion.

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M: O Lord, open my lips.

**C:** *(sung)* **And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

M: Hasten to save me, O God.

**C:** *(sung)* **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

M: The spirit of the Lord fills the world: let us worship him.

**Song of Praise** ..... “Oh, Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord”  
*Christian Worship page 46*

Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal-va-tion.  
Let us come into his presence with thanks-giv-ing,  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.

For the Lord is a great God and a great king a-bove all gods.  
The deep places of the earth are in his hand;  
the heights of the hills are al-so his.  
The sea is his, for he made it, and his hand formed the dry land.

Oh, come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the Lord our mak-er.  
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand.

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*BE SEATED*

**FIRST LESSON**  
**EXODUS 33:12-23**

*“A glimpse of God's glory!”*

12 Moses said to the LORD, "You have been telling me, 'Lead these people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, 'I know you by name and you have found favor with me.' 13 If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people."

14 The LORD replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

15 Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. 16 How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?"

17 And the LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name."

18 Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory."

19 And the LORD said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. 20 But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live."

21 Then the LORD said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. 22 When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. 23 Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen."

**Psalm** ..... "From All That Dwell Below The Skies"  
*Christian Worship Hymn 250*

From all that dwell below the skies  
Let the Creator's praise arise.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Let the Redeemer's name be sung  
Through ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Eternal are your mercies, Lord;  
Eternal is your glorious Word.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore  
Till suns shall rise and set no more.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Now is the time! How fast the moments fly!  
How soon each hour is gone!  
You virgins, hear and heed the midnight cry;  
Look for the break of dawn.  
The Bridegroom comes; prepare to greet him.  
Rise! Trim your lamps! Go out to meet him!  
Now is the time! Now is the time!

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**Prayer for Grace** ..... *Christian Worship* page 50

M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

M: Let us praise the Lord.

**C: (sung) Thanks be to God.**

**Blessing**..... *Christian Worship* page 51

M: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all..

**C: (sung) Amen.**

**Closing Hymn** ..... “There Still Is Room”  
*Christian Worship Hymn 565*

There still is room! His house is not yet filled;  
Not all the guests are there.  
Oh, bring them in! Their hunger shall be stilled  
With bread, yes, bread to spare.  
Go, call them from the lanes and byways,  
From winding roads and crowded highways.  
There still is room! There still is room!

There still is time! The Master's voice still rings,  
And all his heralds plead:  
"Oh, hide beneath the shelter of his wings  
Against the time of need."  
The gracious call is still extended;  
The day of grace is not yet ended.  
There still is time! There still is time!

**SECOND LESSON**

**JOHN 1:1-14**

*“Jesus is the Light that shines for all to see.”*

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning.

3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

6 There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. 8 He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. 9 The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. 11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. 12 Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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

**Hymn** ..... “Jerusalem The Golden”  
*Christian Worship Hymn 214*

Jerusalem the golden, With milk and honey blest --  
The sight of it refreshes The weary and oppressed.  
I know not, oh, I know not What joys await us there,  
What radiancy of glory, What bliss beyond compare.

They stand, those halls of Zion, All jubilant with song  
And bright with many an angel And all the martyr throng.  
The Prince is ever in them; The daylight is serene;  
The pastures of the blessed Are ever rich and green.

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There is the throne of David, And there, from care released,  
The shout of them that triumph, The song of them that feast;  
And they who with their leader Have conquered in the fight  
Forever and forever Are clad in robes of white.

Oh, sweet and blessed country, The home of God's elect!  
Oh, sweet and blessed country That eager hearts expect!  
Jesus, in mercy bring us To that dear land of rest;  
You are with God the Father And Spirit ever blest.

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**INVOLVED IN A MIRACLE,  
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*Revelation 21:22-27*

*STAND*

“We Praise You, O God,” ..... Te Deum  
*Christian Worship pages 48-49*

We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord;  
all creation worships you, Father ev-er-last-ing.

To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,  
cherubim and seraphim, sing in end-less praise:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of heav'n-ly hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of proph-ets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the ho-ly Church ac-claims you:

Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and only Son,  
and the Holy Spirit, ad-vo-cate and guide.

You, Christ, are the King of glo-ry,  
the eternal Son of the Fa-ther.

When you became man to set us free,  
you humbled yourself to be born of a vir-gin.

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You overcame the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be-liev-ers.  
You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fa-ther.  
We believe that you will come to be our judge.  
Come then, Lord, and help your peo-ple,  
bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints  
to glory ev-er-last-ing.

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**Offering**

**Friendship Registers**

*STAND*

“Lord, Have Mercy” ..... *Christian Worship page 50*

M: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

**C: (sung) Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

**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.