

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).

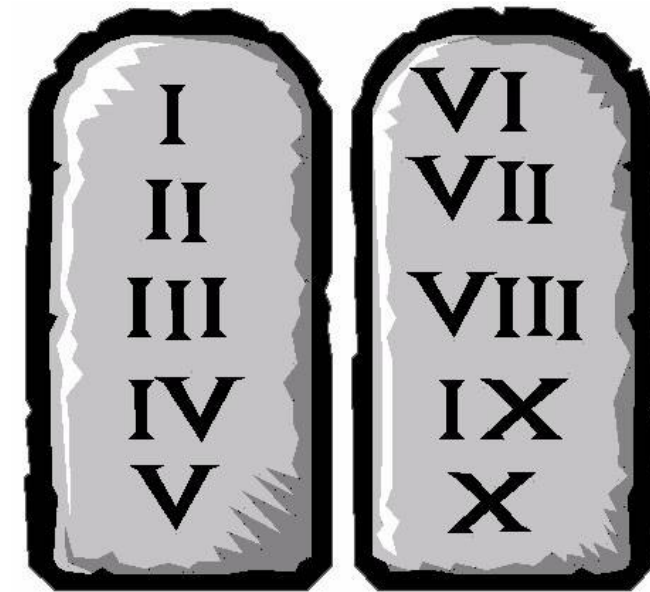
As congregation of this synod we are striving to be a family where God is glorified and his saving message is shared with all people.

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.

God's Top Ten: #2



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**GOD'S TOP TEN:
DON'T MISUSE GOD'S NAME!**

Good morning! How easy it is to let profanities fly and let God's name be used for frivolous cursing or swearing. God's name is all he has revealed about himself. When we again appreciate all he has done for us, we can instead use his name to pray, praise and give thanks!
God bless us as we worship in his name!

Opening Hymn..... "Jesus, Name Above Names"
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Verse 1	Verse 2	Verse 3
Jesus, name above all names, Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord, Immanuel, God is with us, Blessed Redeemer, living Word.	Jesus, loving Shepherd, Vine of the branches, Son of God, Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor, Lord of the universe, Light of the World.	Jesus, Way of salvation, King of kings, Lord of lords, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, Mighty Creator, my Savior and friend.

Closing Hymn "All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name"
Christian Worship Hymn 370

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown him Lord of all.

Hail him, ye heirs of David's line, Whom David Lord did call,
The God incarnate, Man divine, And crown him Lord of all.
The God incarnate, Man divine, And crown him Lord of all.

Sinners whose love can ne'er forget The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at his feet And crown him Lord of all.
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Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe On this terrestrial ball
To him all majesty ascribe And crown him Lord of all.
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Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song And crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song And crown him Lord of all.

“Thank The Lord” *Christian Worship page 36*

Thank the Lord and sing his praise.
Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re-joyce
and proud-ly bear his name.

He re-news his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth
in joy with shouts of thanks-giv-ing.

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *(sing)* Amen.

BLESSING

Christian Worship page 37

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 OF SINS

M: Hear, O people of God, the LORD your God, the LORD is one. He has given his commands to his people for them to know, understand and follow. As we look at the commandments he gave, we realize we have not been perfect as he is perfect. We recognize that he is a jealous God and has every right to punish those that break his law. With humble hearts, we confess our sins against his commands and plead for his mercy.

C: *(sing)* “The Ten Commandments Are The Law”
Verse 1 *Christian Worship Hymn 285*

The Ten Commandments are the law

Which Israel heard in holy awe.

In smoke and fire from Sinai

The voice of God shook the sky. Have mercy, Lord!

C: Dear LORD, our God, we confess that we have not always honored your name or used it to call upon you in every trouble. We have not prayed to you, praised you or given you thanks as often as we should. By our neglect we have misused your name. For these, and for all our sins we do not deserve to be called your children. But trusting in Jesus, who kept your commands perfectly in our place, we pray: Have mercy, Lord!

C: *(sing)* “The Ten Commandments Are The Law”
Verses 3, 11 & 12 *Christian Worship Hymn 285*

“In what you speak bring me no shame;

Do not misuse my holy name,

But call on me in troubled days;

Give me your thanks, prayers, and praise.”
Have mercy, Lord!

God gave these laws to show therein,

O child of man, your life of sin,

And help you rightly to perceive

How unto God you should live. Have mercy, Lord!

Our works cannot salvation gain;

They merit only endless pain.

Forgive us, Lord! To Christ we fly,

Our mediator on high.
Have mercy, Lord!

M: Not only does the Lord threaten to punish those that disobey his commands, he also promises to show love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments. The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love and mercy. For the sake of Jesus, who obeyed every law of God perfectly in our place, God forgives our sins and does not count our sin against us. As Moses had the privilege of proclaiming God's mercy to Israel, I proclaim, as God's servant, that all your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(spoken)* AMEN.

M: In the peace of this full and free forgiveness, let us praise the LORD!

Song of Praise "Jesus Sinners Does Receive"
Verses 6 & 7 *Christian Worship Hymn 304*

Oh, how blest is it to know,	Jesus sinners does receive.
Were as scarlet my transgression,	Even I have been forgiven.
It shall be as white as snow	And when I this earth must leave,
By your blood and bitter passion,	I shall find an open heaven.
For these words I do believe	Dying, still to him I cleave
Jesus sinners does receive.	Jesus sinners does receive.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Father, name above all names, you are the creator and Father of all. You are the one who has privileged us to pray, "Our Father." Jesus, name above all names, you are the power for salvation, for all who call on your name will be saved. Holy Spirit, name of infinite power and gifts, by you sinful hearts are made alive and gifts given for the advancement of the Gospel message. Triune God, hear our prayers and empower us to never take your precious name in vain.

C: *(spoken)* AMEN.

BE SEATED

"Holy, Holy, Holy" *Christian Worship page 34*

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo-ry.

You are my God, and I will ex-alt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have be-come my sal-va-tion.

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo-ry.

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, when ever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

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

C: *(sing)* Amen.

"O Christ, Lamb Of God" *Christian Worship page 35*

*O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us.*

*O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us.*

*O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace.*

A-men.

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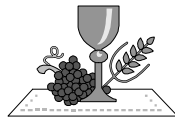
LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE SACRAMENT

The Celebration of Holy Communion *Christian Worship* pages 33-36



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: (sing) **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: (sing) **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: (sing) **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing.

He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak..

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

FIRST LESSON ROMANS 10:9-17

"There is no other name by which we must be saved."

9 That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. 11 As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame." 12 For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, 13 for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

14 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? 15 And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

16 But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" 17 Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 8 *Christian Worship* page 67

Refrain: *I will Praise your name forever, my King and my God.*

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name
in `all the earth!*

You have set your glory above the `heavens.

When I consider your `heavens,*
the work of your `fingers,

what is man that you are mind`ful of him,*
the Son of Man that you `care for him?

You made him ruler over the works `of your
hands;*

you put everything un`der his feet.

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

Refrain

Refrain

SECOND LESSON
MATTHEW 5:33-37

“God's name is for salvation, not frivolous cursing and swearing.”

33 But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven.

34 "Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. 35 For I have come to turn " 'a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law- 36 a man's enemies will be the members of his own household.'

37"Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me;

Hymn “How Sweet The Name Of Jesus Sounds”
Christian Worship Hymn 358

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds By you my prayers acceptance gain
In a believer's ear! Although with sin defiled;
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, Satan accuses me in vain
And drives away all fear. For God calls me his child.

It makes the wounded spirit whole O Jesus, Shepherd, Guardian, Friend,
And calms the heart's unrest; My Prophet, Priest, and King,
'Tis manna to the hungry soul My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
And to the weary, rest. Accept the praise I bring.

Dear name! The rock on which I build, I praise in weakness from afar
My shield and hiding place, How cold my warmest thought!
My never-failing treasury filled But when I see you as you are,
With boundless stores of grace. I'll praise you as I ought.

Till then I would your love proclaim
With ev'ry fleeting breath;
And may the music of your name
Refresh my soul in death.

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2ND COMMANDMENT:
WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Exodus 34:5-7

Statement of Belief: THE SECOND COMMANDMENT w/“What does this mean?”

C: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

M: What does this mean?

C: We should fear and love God that we do not use his name to curse, swear, lie, or deceive, or use witchcraft, but call upon God's name in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

M: What does God say about all these commandments?

C: He says, “I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations who love me and keep my commandments.”

M: What does this mean?

C: God threatens to punish all who transgress these commandments. Therefore we should fear his anger and not disobey what he commands. But he promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore we should love and trust him and gladly obey what he commands.

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