

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.



DECEMBER 14, 2008



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**YEAR OF JUBILEE:
CELEBRATE THE JUBILEE OF JESUS!**

Good morning!

As with all the Old Testament ceremonies, the Year of Jubilee pointed forward to it's New Testament fulfillment in Christ. Jesus is our Jubilee as he cancels our debt of sin, frees us from the slavery of sin and promises to bring us to our homeland of heaven. Our children proclaim in word and song our worship today: Jesus is our Jubilee. God bless you as you worship today!

Pre-Service Music“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”
Alex Tyler & Philip Williams, Clarinet Duet Dawn Williams– Keyboard

CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Choir“We Wait in Hope”
Words & Music by Joel Raney

All creation lies in waiting, in the stillness of the night,
with hope anticipating the Advent of Eternal Light.

LITANY- SPOKEN RESPONSIVELY

M: Advent is a time to prepare.
C: Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight the way for our God.
M: During Advent we prepare our eyes to see the light of Christ.
C: Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight the way for our God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“PROCLAIM A YEAR OF JUBILEE!”

A series to celebrate the debt Jesus paid to buy us back from sin.
Dec 21: “Celebrate the Jubilee of Our Savior!”



JUBILEE OFFERING:

All members have received a special envelope in their mailboxes in which you may desire to give a special gift toward the “Year of Jubilee” offering. These gifts can be placed in the offering plate and will be sent to WELS collectively or you may send yours independently

CHOIR REHEARSAL:

December 21st

Choir rehearsal will be held for those singing on Christmas Eve. Meet in sanctuary 10 minutes after church ends.



GIFTS for JESUS:

As we have done in the past, a bulletin board in the entry area contains ideas to buy a “gift for Jesus.” Many of these items are not included in the 2009 budget, but would be assets for future ministry. Gifts can be brought through December 24th. They will be opened after the Christmas Eve worship service.



STORAGE NEEDED:

Our Christmas decorations and Virtual Bethlehem items have been stored in the basement of Star of Bethlehem Lutheran in Winston-Salem. The space is needed for their teen program so we need to remove our items from there. If anyone has a lead on free or reasonable storage space (about 300-500 sq ft.), please speak to Roy Stolpa or Pastor Geiger.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING UPDATE:

- Election of Leadership Team for 2009-10:**
- Adoption of 2009 Budget – \$171,500 (includes \$4,000 to support applying for a Vicar for 2009-10)
 - Adoption of 2009 Goals with priority on involving members in Bible Study, improving our current worship opportunity and adding a second service. Emphasizing personal evangelism and developing our community awareness are also goals in 2009.
- Beginning 2nd Year:**
- Evangelism – Kem Ahlers (2009)
 - Church Development – Roy Stolpa (2009)
 - Secretary – Bob Englander (2009)
 - Treasurer – Mike Tyler (2009)

DECEMBER 14, 2008
THE WEEK AHEAD

Today! **WELCOME! THANK YOU** for joining us this morning!
We pray that you were blessed by your time with us!

- 12:30 PM Pioneer Christmas Party



Monday

- 7:30 PM Wings & the Word @ Rudino's: *(Galatians 6)*

Tuesday

- 7:00 PM Bible Information Class

Wednesday

- 9:30 AM Ladies' Wed. AM Bible Study *(Book of Job)*
- 6:00 PM Advent Dinner
- 7:00 PM Advent Worship: *"God so loved the world that he GAVE... a Proclamation!"*

Next Sunday

- 9:00 AM Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Bible Class
- 10:30 AM Worship w/Communion
- 11:30 AM Choir Rehearsal will be held for those singing on Christmas Eve. Meet in sanctuary 10 minutes after church ends.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Worship at ToL @7PM
- Dec. 25th Christmas Day Worship at Gethsemane Lutheran @ 10:30AM
- Dec 31st New Year's Eve Worship @ Gethsemane Lutheran @ 7 PM

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK:

KEYBOARDIST / MUSIC Lisa Lucht– Sun
 Sarah Neuman– Wed

REFRESHMENTS
 Collins Family & Englander Family

NURSERY Bible Study Dori Collins
 Worship Holly Hamilton

CHURCH CLEANING
 Side A J. Schmitt & C. Simon
 Side B Sevier Family

GREETERS
 Door Greeter Kem Ahlers
 Worship Greeter.....

USHERS
 Head Usher John Schmitt
 Assistant Usher: Rex Mautbe& Philip Williams
 Acolyte Liz Manthe & Chris Swift

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 Lisa Lucht– Wed

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 Geiger Family & Larsen Family

NURSERY Bible Study Shauna Ramft
 Worship Leanna Small

CHURCH CLEANING
 Side A Small Family
 Side B Stolpa Family

GREETERS
 Door Greeter
 Worship Greeter..... Heather Ogonowski

USHERS
 Head Usher Jack May
 Assistant Usher: Mike Malone& Bob Englander
 Acolyte Cori May & Michael May

M: During Advent we prepare our hearts to receive the Word of Christ.

C: Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight the way for our God.

M: During Advent we prepare to share the joy of Christ.

C: Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight the way for our God.

M: During Advent we prepare to embrace the promise of Christ.

C: Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight the way for our God.

THIRD ADVENT CANDLE IS LIT

M: *(spoken)* This morning we light three candles. The **first candle** reminds us that Advent is a time to wait upon the Lord. We wait for the unfolding of God's plan in accordance with God's time. The **second candle** reminds us that Advent is also a time to watch. During Advent, we eagerly watch for God's presence and work in our world. As we light the **third candle** we also remember that Advent is a time to prepare. During Advent, we prepare ourselves in heart, soul and strength to welcome our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who was, and is, and is to come. Let each of us ask God to prepare us to celebrate the glory of Christmas.

“Choir We Wait in Hope” *(Refrain)* Choir & Congregation

We prepare in hope for the morning Light,
 For the love of Christ to illuminate the night.
 We prepare with joy for the Savior's birth;
 We prepare in hope for Peace on earth, Peace on earth.

M: *(spoken)* God in heaven, as we continue our Advent journey, help us to be people who wait for you, watch for you, and through your Spirit be prepared for you. Continue to shine your light in our lives as we look at all you have done, all you are doing and all you will do.
 AMEN.

JESUS IS OUR JUBILEE

A Christmas Program for Children, Choir and Congregation

PART 1: THE YEAR OF JUBILEE

CHILDREN **“JUBILEE”**

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Anna: Hey, what's all the commotion?

Jacob: I have no idea. It's hurting my ears.

Steven: Trumpets, shouting, "Liberty" "Freedom" "Jubilee." What's up with that?

Anna: Look at that man over there – let's go ask him.

Jacob: Excuse me, sir.

Pastor: Yes, can I help you?

Steven: We walked by and heard all this commotion. Singing. People shouting "Liberty" "Freedom" "Jubilee". What's going on?

Pastor: I'm glad you asked... let me tell you.
Today we are remembering the Year of Jubilee. Every 50 years God directed his people Israel to celebrate a special year called the Year of Jubilee.
Here is what God told his people to do: (Based on Leviticus 25:8-12)

Sammy: Every 50 years, on the Day of Atonement, the trumpets sounded throughout the land.

Marybeth: And amazing things took place!

CONGREGATION & CHILDREN **“JUBILEE”**

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The Lord provided for a time for the slaves to be set free
For the debts to all be canceled so his chosen ones could see
His deep desire was for forgiveness, He longed to see their liberty
And his yearning was embodied in the year of Jubilee

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At the Lord's appointed time his deep desire became a man
The heart of all true jubilation and with joy we understand
In his voice we hear a trumpet sound that tells us we are free
He is the incarnation of the year of Jubilee

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Children participating in today's service include: Tyler Collins, Mikylie Geiger, Marybeth Hamilton, Thomas Ranft, Sammy Lucht, Stephen Lucht, Jordyn Strack, Roman Gross, RT Gross, Andrew Lucht, Anna Ablers, Jacob Mauthe and Steven May.

Anna: That must have been a wonderful year for those people

Jacob: Yeah, to have their debts forgiven

Steven: And to get their piece of property back.

Pastor: You're right, but just think, the joy that those people experienced for a year, is ours to experience for an eternity because of what Jesus did for us. Listen to what Jubilee there will be in heaven when we see Jesus!
Revelation 7:9-17 (NIV)

Andrew: ⁹ After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, stand before the throne and in front of the Lamb.

RT: They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.

Roman: ¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice:

ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

Stephen L: ¹¹ All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures.

Tanner: They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,
¹²saying:

ALL: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!"
Debts forgiven
Slaves set free
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Sammy: Debts were canceled! Slaves were set free.

Marybeth: It was a once-in-a-lifetime occasion!

Sammy: It was a special year among special years.

Marybeth: It was a holy year.

CHILDREN "JUBILEE"

Children: Chorus

Alyssa Tyler:(solo) Verses

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Alyssa: The Lord provided for a time for the slaves to be set free
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PART 2: HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Anna: Why did God want his people to celebrate this Year of Jubilee?

Pastor: The year of Jubilee was a reminder to God's people of what God had done for them.

Jacob: What had God done for his people, the Israelites?

Pastor: The Israelites had been slaves in Egypt for more than 80 years. They were not free and had few things that they owned. God used Moses to set the Israelites free from slavery.

Steven: Where did the Israelites go once they were set free?

Pastor: They were in the desert for quite a long time. When they reached the land that God had promised them, Joshua divided the land among the tribes and their families. So, each adult male had his own land. This land was a permanent possession that could never depart from his family because of the Year of Jubilee.

Anna: What exactly happened on the first day of this Year of Jubilee?

Jacob: It was the Day of Atonement and Moses said to sound the trumpet throughout the land!

Steven: Why on the Day of Atonement?

Pastor: It was a very special day for God's people. Listen...

Andrew: "God commanded his people, "Atonement is to be made once a year for all the sins of the Israelites." (Lev 16:34) On this special day, the high priest had the chance to go into the most holy place of the temple.

Roman: But before he could go into the presence of God, he had to make a sacrifice of a bull on the altar.

RT: Then he took two goats and chose one to sacrifice to the Lord and one to be the scapegoat.

Jordyn: The one goat was sacrificed and its blood sprinkled before the LORD seeking his forgiveness for the sins of the people.

Andrew: Then the priest put his hand on the other goat and confessed the sins of all the people of Israel.

Stephen L: Someone then took the goat with all the sins of the people transferred to it and led it into the desert to die.

Anna: That sounds pretty gross!

Jacob: And mean!

Steven: Why would God do that?

CONGREGATION & CHILDREN "GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN"

Children sing Chorus; Congregation sings verses Christian Worship Hymn 57

Children: Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills, and ev'rywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born.

Congregation: While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens There shone a holy light.

Children: Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills, and ev'rywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born.

Congregation: The shepherds feared and trembled When lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth.

Children: Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills, and ev'rywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born.

Congregation: Down in a lowly manger The humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn.

Children: Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills, and ev'rywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born.

Friendship Registers

Gathering of the Offering: *Including special Year of Jubilee offerings*

Offering Music: *"The First Noel" Anna Ahlers (Flute)*
"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" Steven May (Flute)

Jubilee Prayer

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.

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Anna: So did the Jubilee end when Jesus left the earth?

Pastor: No not at all! We don't have to wait 50 years for to celebrate Jesus dying on the cross for our sin. We are no longer slaves to sin.

Jacob: Yeah! What Jesus did for us is a good reason to have a Year of Jubilee every year!

Steven: Absolutely! But what about those that don't know Jesus is their Jubilee?

Pastor: Maybe we should be like the shepherds. Do you remember what they did?

Jordyn: ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told. (Luke 2:20)

Pastor: The Day of Atonement was a day that God reminded his people how serious sin was. No matter how big or small the sin was, it had to be paid for. The blood and the animals were reminders to the people how serious their sin was and how much they needed a Savior.

Anna: What happened after the Day of Atonement during the Year of Jubilee?

Pastor: Listen...

RT: If someone had bought a piece of land, they had to give it back to the family that originally owned it.

Roman: If someone owed another person money, the debt was forgiven and they didn't have to pay it.

Marybeth: If someone was a slave, they were told they were free.

Mikylie: If someone was a farmer, they didn't plant anything.

Sammy: The land would rest and the family would trust that God would provide for them.

Anna: It sounds like every 50 years, things started over.

Jacob: Like everybody got a fresh start.

Pastor: That's right. The land would get a time to rest and then get a fresh start. People who had to sell themselves into slavery because of debt would be set free and the debt forgiven. It was a Year of Jubilee. A Year of rejoicing and reflection on all that God had done for his people Israel.

Steven: What a special year!

Pastor: God was also giving his people a special way to look ahead to another period of time when debt would be forgiven, slaves would be set free and it would be a reason for Jubilee.

Anna: When was that?

Pastor: I'm glad you asked. Listen...

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PART 3: JESUS’ BIRTH

(Luke 2:1-19)

Andrew: ¹ In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)

Roman: ³ And everyone went to his own town to register.

RT: ⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.

Marybeth: ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

Mikylie: ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born,

Tyler: ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son.

Sammy: She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

CONGREGATION & CHILDREN... “WHERE SHEPHERDS LATELY KNELT”

Verses 3 & 4

Christian Worship Hymn 54

How should I not have known Isaiah would be there,
His prophecies fulfilled? With pounding heart I stare:
A child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me,
A child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me.

Can I, will I forget how Love was born, and burned
Its way into my heart unasked, unforced, unearned,
To die, to live, and not alone for me,
To die, to live, and not alone for me?

Steven: So Jesus is our Jubilee because he cancels the debt I have because of my sin.

Pastor: Exactly! He didn't have to, but God loved us too much NOT to!

Anna: Jesus is like that scapegoat on which all the sins were laid.

Jacob: Jesus is like the other goat that was sacrificed for my sins.

Steven: Jesus is the one who says to me, "Your debt is forgiven!"

Pastor: That's right!

CONGREGATION & CHILDREN... “WHERE SHEPHERDS LATELY KNELT”

Verses 1 & 2

Christian Worship Hymn 54

Where shepherds lately knelt and kept the angel's word,
I come in half-belief, a pilgrim strangely stirred;
But there is room and welcome there for me,
But there is room and welcome there for me.

In that unlikely place I find him as they said:
Sweet newborn babe, how frail! and in a manger bed,
A still, small voice to cry one day for me,
A still, small voice to cry one day for me.

Anna: So the baby born in Bethlehem was going to do all that? Why?

Pastor: The Bible says, "Surely I've been a sinner from birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me." So, we are all sinners. Sin creates debt that we owe to God and it has to be paid back. However, our sin is too great and we would never be able to pay it back.

Jacob: So how would we ever get out of debt?

Pastor: Isaiah told about what God would do to Jesus. He would make Jesus pay the debt for us. Listen... (Isaiah 53:4-6)

Roman: ⁴ Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows,

Andrew: yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.

RT: ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities;

Andrew: the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

Roman: ⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way;

RT: and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

CHOIR AND CHILDREN “FAR DISTANT STABLE”

Tanner: ⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

Stephen L: ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

Jordyn: ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

Thomas: ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

Jordyn: ¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

ALL: ¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.”

CHILDREN “GLORY HALLELUJAH”

Children: Chorus

Alyssa Tyler:(solo) Verses

Andrew: ¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

Tanner: ¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

Stephen L: ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

Jordyn: ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

FINGERPLAY

Tyler Collins, Mikylie Geiger, Marybeth Hamilton, Thomas Ranft

On the very first Christmas night,
A wondrous star shone big and bright.
It marked the spot where the baby lay,
So kings and wise men could come to pray.

CONGREGATION: **“JOY TO THE WORLD”**

Christian Worship Hymn 62

Philip Ahlers– Trumpet; Matthew Ahlers– Tuba; Pastor Geiger- Trombone

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.

PART 4: JESUS IS OUR JUBILEE

- Anna: So how was Jesus the Jubilee?
- Pastor: Well, remember the main events of the Year of Jubilee? Debts forgiven. Slaves set free?
- Jacob: Sure. Did Jesus go around and tell people they didn't owe any more money?
- Steven: Or go tell slaves they could go free?
- Pastor: No, not exactly. Jesus came to take care of the debt we owed caused by sin. John the Baptist first came to prepare the way. In Malachi 3:1 it says,
- Roman: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way."
- RT: A voice of one calling in the desert: Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.(Isaiah 40:3)
- Andrew: And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." (Mark 1:4)
- Stephen L: One day when John saw Jesus coming to him he said, "Look the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29)
- Tanner: One day Jesus stood up in the synagogue and read from the Prophet Isaiah,
- Jordyn: "The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
- Roman: to proclaim freedom for the captives
- RT: and release from darkness for the prisoners,
- Andrew: to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor. (Isaiah 61:1&2) Jesus finished reading this and said, "Today this is fulfilled in your hearing."