

Welcome to Tree of Life!

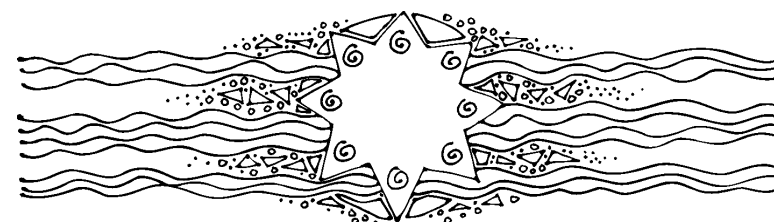
The members of Tree of Life extend to you a hearty welcome! We are a congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS: www.wels.net).

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 Transfiguration Of Our Lord

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“CALLED TO GLORY!”

Good morning!

Jesus in all his glory! What a sight to behold as we are reminded of the suffering that would come. Yes, Jesus would suffer, but ultimately he would be glorified.

As we end the Epiphany season and move into Lent, allow this glory of the transfiguration to remain with you as we walk the journey to the cross and the empty tomb. May God bless our worship of him this morning!

Opening Song..... “Better is One Day”
Tree of Life Song Book

Verse 1

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord almighty.
For my soul longs and even faints for You.
For here my heart is satisfied, within Your presence.
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

Chorus (*Sing twice*)

Better is one day in Your courts,
Better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere.

Verse 2

One thing I ask and I would seek, to see Your beauty
To find You in the place Your glory dwells.
One thing I ask and I would seek, to see Your beauty
To find You in the place Your glory dwells.

Closing Song “Shine, Jesus Shine”

Verse 1

Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us, set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me:

Chorus

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father’s glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

Verse 2

As we gaze on your kingly brightness, to our faces display your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me:

Chorus (*Sing twice*)

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Song “Come to the Mountain”
Tree of Life Song Book

Verse 1

Jesus took Peter, James, and John up to the mountain to be alone.
While they were watching, Jesus was changed; and they saw Moses face to face.

Chorus

Come to the mountain to see the light.
Come to the mountain to hear God’s word.
Go to the valley, it is your home.
Go to the valley to serve the Lord.

Verse 2

“This is my Son!” said a voice from the cloud. “Listen to him and do what he says!”
Soon as it came that vision was gone, and they saw Jesus standing alone.

Chorus

Verse 3

We will be changed like Jesus our Lord, and live with him in heaven above.
But while we live on this earthly home, our work as servants never is done.

Chorus

Text: Scott Tunseth; **Music:** Kathy Donlan Tunseth

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: *(Spoken)* Amen.

Chorus *(Sing twice)*

Bridge

My heart and flesh cry out for You, the living God.
Your Spirit’s water to my soul.
I’ve tasted and I’ve seen. Come once again to me.
I will draw near to You, I will draw near to You, to You.

Bridge 2 *(Sing twice)*

Better is one day, better is one day, better is one day than thousand elsewhere

Chorus *(Sing twice)*

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M: As we gather in your courts this morning, open our eyes to see the truth of
your word. Open our minds to understand your truth. Open our hearts to
believe your truth.

Song “Open the Eyes of My Heart”
Tree of Life Song Book

Chorus *(Sing twice)*

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You, I want to see You.

Verse

To see You high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out your power and love
As we sing “Holy, holy, holy.”

Chorus

Verse

Tag *(Sing three times)*
Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy.
I want to see You.

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CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Dear friends in Christ:
Today's service points our eyes to the mountain of transfiguration where we
see Jesus glorified along with Moses and Elijah. This glimpse of glory is to
stay with us as we walk through the season of Lent pondering the suffering
and death that our sins caused our Savior to go through. Let humility and
awe fill our hearts as we fall before our holy God and confess our sins.

Song “Lord Have Mercy On Us”

Lord, have mercy on us, come and heal our land.
Cleanse with Your fire, heal with Your touch.
Humbly we bow and call upon You now.
O Lord, have mercy on us. O Lord, have mercy on us

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M: Let us repent of our sins, rejoice in the comfort of God’s abundant pardon,
and recommit ourselves to living for him.

M: For apathy in our commitment to you and your work.

C: (Sung) O Lord, have mercy on us. O Lord, have mercy on us

M: For taking your precious Word and Sacraments for granted.

C: (Sung) O Lord, have mercy on us. O Lord, have mercy on us

M: For failure to show our thankfulness by the priorities we set in our lives.

C: (Sung) O Lord, have mercy on us. O Lord, have mercy on us

Silence for reflection

M: Holy and merciful Father,

C: I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

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.

Offering

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.

“Holy Is the Lord” Sung by the Praise Band during the gathering of prayer requests.
Congregation may join in as comfortable.

Verse

We stand and lift up our hands,
For the joy of the Lord is our strength.
We bow down and worship Him now.
How great, how awesome is He.
And together we sing, everyone sing.

Chorus

Holy is the Lord God Almighty.
The earth is filled with His glory.
Holy is the Lord God Almighty.
The earth is filled with His glory.
The earth is filled with His glory.

Verse

Chorus

Bridge

It is rising up all around.
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown.
It's rising up all around.
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown.
And together we sing, everyone sing.

Chorus

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Sharing of Prayer Requests

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.

KID'S CHURCH

Families Together

CALLED TO GLORY!

2 Kings 2:1-12a
Vicar Steve Neuman

STAND

Statement of Belief Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

BE SEATED

Song of Praise "This Is The Day"

Verse 1

This is the day that the Lord has made, I will rejoice and be glad in it;
Oh, this is the day that the Lord has made, I will rejoice and be glad in it.

Chorus

Rejoice in the Lord, rejoice in the Lord.

Verse 2

Celebrate the presence of the Lord, for He is worthy to be praised;
Celebrate the presence of the Lord, for He is worthy to be praised.

Chorus (*Sing twice*)

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (*spoken*) AMEN.

FIRST LESSON
2 CORINTHIANS 4:3-6

*"The light of Christ's glory shines in our heart and the world.
Unfortunately unbelief prevents one from seeing this glory."*

³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

PSALM OF THE DAY

“Come and See” *with*
“How Great Is Our God”

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Chris Tomlin | Ed Cash | Jesse Reeves

Verse 1

Come and see the glory of the Lord, come behold the Lamb.
Come and see the mercy of the King, bowing down before Him

Chorus

For He is Lord above the heavens, Lord in all the earth.
Lord of all the angels, Worthy to be served.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Verse 2

Come and give thanks unto the Lord. Come, behold the Lamb.
Come and sing the praises of the King, bowing down before Him.

Chorus

Chorus 2 *(Sing twice)*

How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God.

SECOND LESSON

MARK 9:2-9

“Jesus gives Peter, James and John a glimpse of their future glory.”

²After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. ³His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁶(He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.) ⁷Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!” ⁸Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

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⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

“Lead Us Up the Mountain” *with*
“Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain”

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Jaroslav J. Vajda and Carl Schalk

Interlude

Lead us up the mountain. Lead us to the place Your glory dwells;
Lead us up the mountain. Lead us to the place Your glory dwells.

Verse 1

Jesus, take us to the mountain, where, with Peter, James, and John,
We are dazzled by your glory, light as blinding as the sun.
There prepare us for the night, by the vision of that sight.

Verse 2

What do you want us to see there, that your close companions saw?
Your divinity revealed there fills us with the self-same awe.
Clothed in flesh like ours you go, matched to meet our deadliest foe.

Interlude

Verse 3

What do you want us to hear there, that your dear disciples heard?
Once again the voice from heaven says of the incarnate Word:
“Listen, listen, ev’ry one; this is my beloved Son!”

Verse 4

Take us to that other mountain where we see you glorified,
Where you shouted, “It is finished!” Where for all the world you died.
Hear the stunned centurion: “Truly this was God’s own Son!”

Interlude

Verse 5

We who have beheld your glory, risen and ascended Lord,
Cannot help but tell the story, all that we have seen and heard.
Say with Peter, James, and John: “You are God’s beloved Son!”

Interlude