

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.



TREE OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Holy Trinity

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PRAISE THE LORD FOR WHO HE IS: THE TRIUNE GOD!

Good Morning!

We worship and praise our Lord for who he is: the Triune God.
God revealed himself to us as the Trinity, not that we might rationally understand this doctrine, but rather that we might believe it and praise Him.
May God bless our worship of him this morning!

11:00 AM Worship Service

*Staffed Nursery is available for babies who can sit on their own to toddlers 3 yrs. old and under.
Kid's Church is available for children 3 years to 2nd grade.*

Opening Hymn "This Day At Your Creating Word"
Christian Worship Hymn 229

This day at your creating word
First o'er the earth the light was poured:
O Lord, this day upon us shine
And fill our souls with light divine.

This day of light and life and grace
We gather in our worship-place:
This holy hour, blest gift of love,
Give we again to God above.

This day the Lord for sinners slain
In might victorious rose again:
O Jesus, raise your people, too,
From death of sin to life in you.

All praise to God the Father be,
To Christ, who set his people free,
Whom with the Spirit we adore
Forever and forevermore.

This day the Holy Spirit came
With fiery tongues of cloven flame:
O Spirit, fill our hearts this day
With grace to hear and grace to pray.

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Service of Word and Sacrament *Christian Worship page 26*

STAND

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

STAND

"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!

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: *(sung)* **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

Closing Hymn "Father Most Holy, Merciful, And Tender"
Christian Worship Hymn 191

Father most holy, merciful, and tender;
Jesus, our Savior, with the Father reigning;
Spirit of comfort, Advocate, Defender,
Light never waning;
Trinity sacred, Unity unshaken;
Deity perfect, giving and forgiving;
Light of the angels, Life of the forsaken;
Hope of the living;

Maker of all things,
all your creatures praise you;
All for your worship were and are created.
Hear us, Almighty, hear us as we give you
Our adoration.
To the all-ruling triune God be glory,
Highest and greatest, over all exalted;
We, too, would praise you,
giving honor to you
Now and forever..

“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, 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, whenever 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.

BE SEATED

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CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, 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.

Prayer and Praise “Lord, Have Mercy”
Christian Worship page 27

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: *(sing)* **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: *(sing)* **Christ, have mercy.**

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: *(sing)* **Lord, have mercy.**

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

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

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious: his name is worthy of praise.

C: "Alleluia! Let Praises Ring"..... *Christian Worship Hymn 241, verse 4*

<p>Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto our triune God we sing; Blest be his name forever! With angel hosts let us adore And sing his praises more and more For all his grace and favor.</p>	<p>Singing, Ringing: Holy, holy, God is holy. Spread the story Of our God the Lord of glory!</p>
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ: in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever.

C: (sung) **AMEN.**

BE SEATED

**FIRST LESSON
ISAIAH 6:1-8**

"Isaiah saw a vision of our Triune God and was reminded of God's mercy."

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³ And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

⁴ At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵ "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty."
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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. In perfect unity with his Son and the Holy Spirit, he is the source, guide, and goal of our lives now and always. 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 for ever and ever.

KID'S CHURCH

"God Tests Abraham: Genesis 22
11 AM Service Children ages 3 years to 2nd grade

**PRaise THE LORD FOR WHO HE IS:
THE TRIUNE GOD!**

Psalm 150
Pastor Mike Geiger

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS
11:00 AM SERVICE**

Cole Leitch by Profession of Faith
Pat Leitch by Adult Confirmation

Statement of Belief "We All Believe In One True God"
Christian Worship Hymn 270

We all believe in one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Ever-present help in need, Praised by all the heav'nly host,
By whose mighty pow'r alone All is made and wrought and done.

We all believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's Son,
Who descended from his throne And for us salvation won,
By whose cross and death are we Rescued from all misery.

We all confess the Holy Ghost, Who from both fore'er proceeds,
Who upholds and comforts us In all trials, fears, and needs.
Blessed, holy Trinity, Hear our praise eternally!

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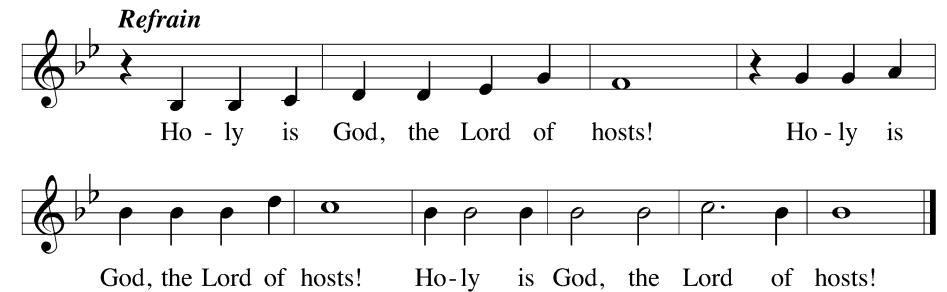
Prayer of the Church

⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."
⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

PSALM OF THE DAY

"Psalm 150" *Christian Worship Supplement*

Refrain



Ho - ly is God, the Lord of hosts! Ho - ly is
God, the Lord of hosts! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of hosts!

Psalm Tone



Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty <u>heavens</u> .	praise him with the clash of <u>cymbals</u> , praise him with resounding <u>cymbals</u> .
Praise him for his acts of <u>power</u> ; praise him for his surpassing <u>greatness</u> .	Let everything that has breath <u>praise</u> the LORD. Praise <u>the</u> LORD.

Refrain

Praise him with the sounding of the <u>trumpet</u> , praise him with the <u>harp</u> and lyre, praise him with tambourine and <u>dancing</u> , praise him with <u>strings</u> and flute,	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
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SECOND LESSON
ROMANS 8:12-17

"God has made us his children and heirs of eternal life."

¹²Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation—but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. ¹³For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, ¹⁴because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." ¹⁶The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. ¹⁷Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

C: *(sing)* **Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!**
These words are writ-ten that we may be-lieve
that Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

STAND

GOSPEL LESSON
JOHN 3:1-17

"Jesus shows us the love of our Triune God."

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. ²He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him."

³In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."

⁴"How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!"

⁵Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. ⁶Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' ⁸The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

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⁹"How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰"You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? ¹¹I tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹²I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. ¹⁴Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

After the reading of the Gospel Lesson:

C: *(sing)* **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

BE SEATED

Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"
Christian Worship Hymn 195

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise
to thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness
hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory
may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside
thee,

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down be-
fore thee,
Who was and is and evermore shall be.

Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in
earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!