

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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Second Sunday After Pentecost

Offered during the 11:00 AM Worship Service from the Sermon to the end of the Service:
Kid's Church- for children 3 years to 2nd grade
Staffed Nursery- for babies who can sit on their own to toddlers 3 years old and under

JUNE 14, 2009
PRAISE THE LORD FOR HIS HOUSE!

Good Morning!

As we gather together today for worship, we praise God that he has blessed us with a place to gather with fellow Christians as we worship Him.
May God bless our worship this morning!

Opening Hymn "Father, We Praise You"
Christian Worship Hymn 581

Father, we praise you, now the night is over.
Active and watchful, standing now before you,
Singing, we offer prayer and meditation;
Thus we adore you.

Monarch of all things, fit us for your mansions;
Banish our weakness, health and wholeness sending.
Bring us to heaven, where your saints united
Joy without ending.

All-holy Father, Son, and equal Spirit,
Trinity blessed, send us your salvation;
Yours is the glory, gleaming and resounding
Through all creation.

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Closing Hymn "To God Be The Glory"
Christian Worship Hymn 399

To God be the glory; great things he has done!
He so loved the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!

Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give him the glory -- great things he has done!

Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!

Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give him the glory -- great things he has done!

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our joy and our wonder when Jesus we see.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!

Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give him the glory -- great things he has done!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O God, you rule over all things in wisdom and kindness. Take away everything that may be harmful and give us whatever is good; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *(spoken)* **AMEN.**

“Prayer for Grace” *Yellow Booklet, page 32*

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

M: *(sung)* Let us praise the Lord.

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

“Blessing” *Yellow Booklet, page 33*

(sung)

M: The Lord bless and keep you

C: **Amen.**

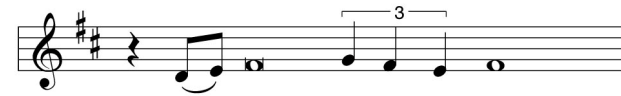
M: The Lord’s face ever shine upon you.

C: **Amen.**

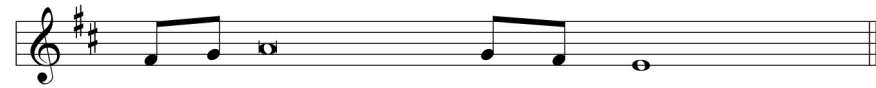
M: The Lord grant you peace for all your days.

C: **Amen.**

Morning Praise *Yellow Booklet, page 22*



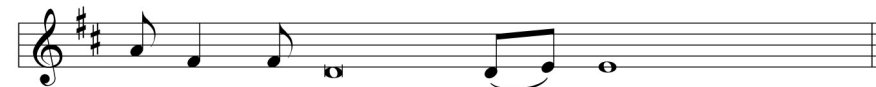
L O Lord, o-pen my lips.



C And my mouth shall de-clare your praise.



L Hasten to save me, O God.



C O Lord, come quickly to help me.



L Give glory to God, our light and our life.



C Come, oh, come, let us wor - ship.

Song of Praise:“Come, Oh Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord”
Yellow Booklet, page 23

M: Refrain Come, oh, come let us sing to the Lord,
let us shout for joy to our saving Rock;
come, enter in with our songs of praise,
come enter in with thanksgiving.

C: Refrain

M: Verse 1 You are a great and a wondrous God,
cupping in your hands all the depths of earth.
You made the hills and the mountains high,
you made the seas and the dry land.

C: Refrain

M: Verse 2 Come, let us worship and, bowing low,
kneel before the One who has made us all.
You are the God whom we call our own,
we are the flock that you shepherd.

C: Refrain

FIRST LESSON
1 SAMUEL 21:1-6

“This lesson provides the background for Jesus' words in our Gospel lesson.”

¹ David went to Nob, to Ahimelech the priest. Ahimelech trembled when he met him, and asked, "Why are you alone? Why is no one with you?"

² David answered Ahimelech the priest, "The king charged me with a certain matter and said to me, 'No one is to know anything about your mission and your instructions.' As for my men, I have told them to meet me at a certain place.

³ Now then, what do you have on hand? Give me five loaves of bread, or whatever you can find."

⁴ But the priest answered David, "I don't have any ordinary bread on hand; however, there is some consecrated bread here—provided the men have kept themselves from women."

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“Lord, Have Mercy” *Yellow Booklet, page 31*



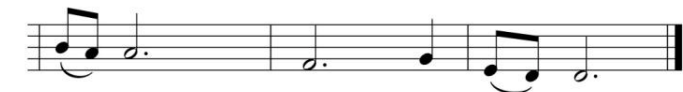
L In the morn - ing, O Lord, I call to you;



be mer - ci - ful to me and hear my prayer.



C Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have



mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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.

“You Are God; We Praise You” (Te Deum): *Yellow Booklet page 28-29*

(Sung)

M: You are God; we praise you.
You are Lord; we acclaim you.
To you, O Father holy,
all creation offers praise.

Refrain

C: You are God; we praise you.
You are Lord; we acclaim you.
To you, O Father holy,
all creation offers praise.

Verse 1

M: With the angels in heaven,
C: We praise you, we praise you!
M: With the cherubim and seraphim,
C: We praise you, we praise you!
M: With apostle and prophets,
C: We praise you, we praise you!
M: With the martyrs and your holy
Church,
C: We sing in endless praise!

Refrain

C: You are God; we praise you.
You are Lord; we acclaim you.
To you, O Father holy,
all creation offers praise.

Verse 2

M: Creator of all things,
C: We praise you, we praise you!
M: O Jesus Christ, the Son of God,
C: We praise you, we praise you!
M: O Spirit, most holy,
C: We praise you, we praise you!
M: To the Trinity most blessed,
C: We sing in endless praise!

C: You are God; we praise you.
You are Lord; we acclaim you.
To you, O Father holy,
all creation offers praise.

Verse 3

M: O Christ, King of glory,
C: We praise you, we praise you!
M: You became a man to set us free;
C: We praise you, we praise you!
M: You have risen to free us;
C: We praise you, we praise you!
M: And with all your saints in glory,
C: We sing in endless praise!

Final Refrain

C: You are God; we praise you.
You are Lord; we acclaim you.
To you, O Father holy,
all creation offers praise,
all creation offers praise,
all creation offers praise.

⁵ David replied, "Indeed women have been kept from us, as usual whenever I set out. The men's things are holy even on missions that are not holy. How much more so today!" ⁶ So the priest gave him the consecrated bread, since there was no bread there except the bread of the Presence that had been removed from before the LORD and replaced by hot bread on the day it was taken away.

PSALM OF THE DAY

“Psalm 122” *Christian Worship Supplement*

Refrain

I re-joiced with those who said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

Psalm Tone

I rejoiced with those who said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”
Our feet are standing in your gates,
O Jerusalem.

For the sake of my brothers and friends,
I will say, “Peace be within you.”
For the sake of the house of the LORD
our God,
I will seek your prosperity.

Refrain

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
“May those who love you be secure.
May there be peace within your walls
and security within your citadels.”

**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
COLOSSIANS 2:13-17

"The reality of all we do in worship is found in Christ."

¹³When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

¹⁶Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. ¹⁷These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.

M: Alleluia. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. Alleluia.
(Psalm 119:105)

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GOSPEL LESSON
MARK 2:23-28

"Jesus reminds us of the true meaning of the Sabbath."

²³One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. ²⁴The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?"

²⁵He answered, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? ²⁶In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions."

²⁷Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

Hymn "Built On The Rock"
Christian Worship Hymn 529

Built on the Rock the Church shall stand
Even when steeples are falling.
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land;
Bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest,
But above all the soul distressed,
Longing for rest everlasting.

Here stands the font before our eyes,
Telling how God did receive us.
Th' altar recalls Christ's sacrifice
And what the sacrament gives us.
Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim
Christ yesterday, today, the same,
And evermore, our Redeemer.

Surely in temples made with hands
God, the Most High, is not dwelling;
High above earth his temple stands,
All earthly temples excelling.
Yet he who dwells in heav'n above
Chooses to live with us in love,
Making our bodies his temple.

Grant then, O God, your will be done,
That, when the church bells are ringing,
Many in saving faith may come
Where Christ his message is bringing:
"I know my own; my own know me.
You, not the world, my face shall see.
My peace I leave with you always."

We are God's house of living stones,
Built for his own habitation.
He through baptismal grace us owns
Heirs of his wondrous salvation.
Were we but two his name to tell,
Yet he would deign with us to dwell
With all his grace and his favor.

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KID'S CHURCH

"Isaac Marries Rebekah"- Genesis 24:1-67
11 AM Service- Children ages 3 years to 2nd grade

PRAISE THE LORD
FOR HIS HOUSE!

Psalm 122
Vicar Steve Neuman