

TRINITY
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CHURCH

Confirmation Sunday

11:00 AM

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Trinity Lutheran Church - Fourth Sunday of Easter

3701 Jefferson Ave Midland, MI 48640

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2026 Confirmands

<u>Name</u>	<u>Baptismal Date</u>	<u>Confirmation Verse</u>
Zachary Mark Gracias	01/08/2012	Isaiah 40:31
Nora Joy Lonsway	08/30/2015	Luke 10:42
Lucas Joseph Lykowski	10/20/2012	Philippians 4:13
Aaron Dorsey Tate	08/26/2012	Philippians 4:13



PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Pastor: In the beginning, the Spirit of God moved over the waters.
In the wilderness, God brought water from the rock.
In the Jordan, Jesus was baptized, and the heavens were opened.

Confirmands (together): Today, we stand at the water—
where God has already named us,
already claimed us,
already called us beloved.

Pastor: Here at this font, promises were spoken over you
before you could speak them yourself.
Here, grace was given—freely, abundantly, forever.

Confirmands: (touch the water and trace the sign of the cross on their foreheads)
I am baptized. I am marked with the cross of Christ forever.
We remember who we are.

Congregation: **We remember.**

Leader: People of God, this is the day the Lord has made—
a day of promise, a day of blessing, a day of new beginnings.
Come, let us worship the God who calls us by name,
who gathers us in love, and who sends us out in faith.

Congregation: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

GATHERING SONG

Borning Cry



1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Good Shepherd, you call us by name and we are yours. In the noise of this world and the wandering of our hearts, your voice still reaches us—steady and sure. Lead us, gather us when we stray, and restore us when we are weary. Walk with us through every valley and guide us into your peace. Teach us to trust your voice above all others and shape us into a people who follow and love as we have been loved, reflecting your mercy in all we do. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

KIDS' PRAISE

*At this time children age 3 – grade 5 are now dismissed,
at the parent's discretion, to the Chapel.*

PSALM 23

- ¹ The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.
- ² **The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**
- ³ You restore my soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.
- ⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear
no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
- ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- ⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 10th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

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*Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership.
Those who listen to Jesus are led to abundant life.*

After the reading:
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Vicar Tim Jordan

HYMN OF THE DAY

Shepherd Me, O God

Refrain
Shepherd me, O God,
beyond my wants,
beyond my fears,
from death into life.

Verse 1
God is my shepherd,
so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows
of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.
(Refrain)

Verse 2
Gently you raise me
and heal my weary soul,
you lead me by pathways
of righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing
the music of your name.
(Refrain)

Verse 3
Though I should wander
the valley of death,
I fear no evil,
for you are at my side,
your rod and your staff,
my comfort and my hope.
(Refrain)

Verse 4
You have set me a banquet of love
in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love
beyond my pow'r to hold.
(Refrain)

Verse 5
Surely your kindness
and mercy follow me
all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house
of my God forevermore.
(Refrain)

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

These siblings have been instructed in the Christian faith and now desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

Let us pray.
Merciful God, we thank you for *these siblings*,
whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.
You have called *them* to yourself,
enlightened *them* with the gifts of your Spirit,
and nourished *them* in the community of faith.

Uphold your *servants* in the gifts and promises of baptism,
and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.

We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: **I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

AFFIRMATION

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support *these siblings* and pray for *them* in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Parents are invited to join the Confirmands at the front.

Spirit Of The Living God

Chorus

Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me

Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me

Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me

Daniel Iverson

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Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, in the waters of their Baptism, you called each of these your children. Through parents they have been nurtured in your word, they have experienced your love in relationship, have been fed at your table and have enjoyed the fellowship of your body the church, we give you thanks for these parents, who have bore witness to your call, and who have followed you into a life of discipleship. Bless these families with the joy of living out their Baptisms, as a sign of your covenant... Marked with the sign of the cross, and sealed with the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

Stir up in (name) the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Let us rejoice with these siblings in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.v**

SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

Offer a sign of peace with those around you

GATHERING OF GIFTS FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

OFFERTORY

Who You Say I Am

Verse 1

Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me

Chorus 1

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

Verse 2

Free at last
He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

Chorus 2

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am
In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

Bridge 2x

I am chosen not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me
I am who You say I am

Tag

(Oh) (Yes) I am who You say I am

Chorus 2

Bridge 3x

Tag

(Oh) (Yes) I am who You say I am

Chorus 2

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OFFERING PRAYER

Good Shepherd, all that we have comes from your gracious hand: your care that provides, your love that sustains, your voice that calls us by name. Receive these gifts as signs of our trust in you. Take what we offer and use it to tend your flock, to seek the lost, to bind up the broken, and to lead others into your green pastures of peace. **Amen.**

COMMUNION PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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 ever. Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion will be distributed by coming forward and receiving the bread and wine. The center cups (white) are non-alcoholic grape juice. Upon receiving, please put empty cups in baskets provided. If you prefer gluten free, please ask Pastor who is distributing. Please proceed up the center aisle returning to your seat via the side aisles.

COMMUNION SONG

I Will Follow

Intro

Where You go I'll go
Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move
I will follow
Oh oh oh

Verse 1

All Your ways are good
All Your ways are sure
I will trust in You alone
Higher than my sight
High above my life
I will trust in You alone

Chorus

Where You go I'll go
Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move
I will follow You
Whom You love I'll love
How You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose
I will follow (You)

Interlude

Yeah I will follow You yeah

Verse 2

Light into the world
Light into my life
I will live for You alone
You're the One I seek
Knowing I will find
All I need in You alone
In You alone

Chorus

Bridge

In You there's life everlasting
In You there's freedom for my soul
In You there's joy unending joy
And I will follow

Chorus 2x

Ending

Yeah I will follow You yeah
I will follow You yeah
I will follow You yeah

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BENEDICTION

May God the Father, our faithful Shepherd,
provide for you, protect you, and lead you beside still waters.

May Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, call you by name,
walk with you through every valley, and lay down his love around you.

May the Holy Spirit, the breath of life,
guide your steps, tune your heart to the Shepherd's voice,
and send you out with courage and peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Thrive

Intro

Oh oh

Verse 1

Here in this worn and weary land
Where many a dream has died
Like a tree planted by the water
We never will run dry

Pre-Chorus

So living water flowing through
God we thirst for more of You
Fill our hearts and flood our souls
With one desire

Chorus

Just to know You and to make You known
We lift Your name on high
Shine like the sun
make darkness run and hide
We know we were made
for so much more
Than ordinary lives
It's time for us to more than just survive
We were made to thrive

Interlude

Oh oh

Verse 2

Into Your Word we're digging deep
To know our Father's heart
Into the world we're reaching out
To show them who You are

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Bridge

Joy unspeakable
Faith unsinkable
Love unstoppable
Anything is possible
(SING 4X)

Chorus

Interlude

Oh oh
Oh oh

Ending

We were made to thrive

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DISMISSAL

Go now as those who are known and loved by the Good Shepherd.
So go in peace, to love and serve in Jesus' name.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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