

**TRINITY  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

5:00 PM

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2026

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3701 Jefferson Ave Midland, MI 48640  
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## PRELUDE

Jonathan Lonsway, piano

## WELCOME

## CALL TO WORSHIP

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

**Amen.**

Come, people of God. Come, you who have known both joy and sorrow, faith and doubt, courage and fear.

**We come seeking the One who calls us by name.**

In Christ, we have been buried in the waters of death.

**In Christ, we have been raised to walk in newness of life.**

The old stories that bind us do not have the final word.

**God is writing a new story of grace within us.**

Do not be afraid.

The one who counts every hair on your head holds your life in steadfast love.

**We come to worship with open hearts, ready to lose ourselves in order to find our life in Christ.**

**Let us worship God.**

## GATHERING HYMN

ELW #876

### Let the Whole Creation Cry



1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"  
2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,  
3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"  
those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.  
and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;  
Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;  
from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.  
all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"  
"Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

Text: Stopford A. Brooke, 1832–1916, alt.  
Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of resurrection, you meet us at the waters where old selves are drowned and new life begins. You call us beyond fear, beyond comfort, beyond the illusion that we belong only to ourselves. When we cling to what is fading, teach us to trust your promises. By your Spirit, awaken us to the life that is truly life, that we may follow Jesus with whole hearts, take up the cross with hope, and discover again the joy of belonging to you. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7-13

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*Jeremiah accuses God of forcing him into a ministry that brings him only contempt and persecution. Yet Jeremiah is confident that God will be a strong protector against his enemies and commits his life into God's hands.*

*The reading is concluded:*  
Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 69:7-10, 16-18

<sup>7</sup> Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach,  
and shame has covered my face.  
<sup>8</sup> **I have become a stranger to my own kindred,  
an alien to my mother's children.**  
<sup>9</sup> Zeal for your house has eaten me up;  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.  
<sup>10</sup> **I humbled myself with fasting,  
but that was turned to my reproach.**  
<sup>16</sup> Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind;  
in your great compassion, turn to me.  
<sup>17</sup> **Hide not your face from your servant;  
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.**  
<sup>18</sup> Draw near to me and redeem me;  
because of my enemies deliver me.

## SECOND READING: Romans 6:1b-11

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*In baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ's death and resurrection. We have been made new in Christ through his death and resurrection to live freed from sin.*

*The reading is concluded:*  
Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

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

## GOSPEL: MATTHEW 10:24-39

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*The mission of Jesus' followers is to continue the mission of Jesus himself. Here, he instructs his first disciples as to how they might proclaim the gospel through their words and deeds.*

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

## SERMON

Vicar Tim Jordan

## How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said  
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.  
 Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of grace,  
 hear our prayer.

## LITANY FOR FATHER'S DAY

*(Silent prayers may follow each petition)*

For our fathers, who have given us life and love,  
 and increased the joy of our lives,  
 that we may show them respect and love,  
 we pray to the Lord...

For fathers who have lost a child through death,  
 that their faith may give them hope,  
 and their family and friends support and console them,  
 we pray to the Lord...

For men, though without children of their own,  
 who like fathers have nurtured and cared for us,  
 we pray to the Lord...

For those who are grieving the loss of their father  
 or who are facing the imminent loss of a father,  
 may they find comfort in their grief, hope in their despair,  
 courage in the love that their fathers have given them.  
 we pray to the Lord...

For fathers, who have been unable to be a source of strength,  
 who have not responded to their children  
 and have not sustained their families.  
 For those whose father has been a source of hurt and pain,  
 may their wounds be healed,  
 we pray to the Lord...

God, in your wisdom and love, you made all things.

Bless these individuals so that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let  
 the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and  
 daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this  
 through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

*Offer a sign of peace with those around you*

## GATHERING OF GIFTS FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

### OFFERTORY

### OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, everything we have comes from your hand. Receive these gifts, and receive our lives as well. Take our fears and transform them into courage. Take our comfort and transform it into compassion. Take our possessions, our abilities, and our hearts, and use them for the work of your kingdom. May these offerings bear witness to the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, through whom all things are being made new. **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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This is the table where Christ makes us one.  
Here, we who are many are gathered into one body.  
Here, grace is given freely, and all are welcome.  
Come, for Christ holds us together.

## 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.*

## LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## COMMUNION SONGS

See next page

## Children of the Heavenly Father

*Truggare kan ingen vara*



*Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,*  
 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.  
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil-dren sev - er;  
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak-eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



*stjär-nan ej på him-la - fäs - tet, få-geln ej i kän-da näs - tet.*  
 nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
 his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958  
 Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune  
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## 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."

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937  
 Music: WATERLIFE, John C. Ylvisaker  
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## SENDING OF VICAR TIM

Today we give thanks for Vicar Tim, for the ways God has shaped him among us,  
 and for the ways God has worked through him to bless this congregation.

Tim, you have shared Christ's love in worship and service, in learning and leading,  
 in moments of joy and moments of grief. You have walked beside us as a servant of  
 Jesus, and for your ministry among us, we are grateful.

As you enter this next chapter of ministry, remember: You are not sent alone. The Spirit goes before you. Christ walks beside you. God's grace surrounds you.

Preach the Gospel. Love the people. Serve with humility. Lead with courage. And trust the one who has called you and goes with you.

People of Trinity, will you continue to support Tim with your prayers, encouragement, and love? Will you release him to go where God sends him?

**We will, and we ask God's help and guidance.**

Let us pray, gracious God, we thank you for Tim, for the gifts you have nurtured within him, and for the ministry he has shared among us. Bless him as he goes forth from this place. Give him wisdom, courage, joy, and deep trust in your promises. May his life proclaim the love of Christ, and may he always know the prayers and affection of this congregation that has come to love him. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

Go now in the peace of Christ.

God, who knows you completely, walks beside you.

Christ, who gave his life for you, goes before you.

The Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead lives within you.

And may the blessing of the Father, the Son, ☩ and the Holy Spirit be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

ELW #810

### O Jesus, I Have Promised



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;  
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.  
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still  
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.  
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.  
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.  
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,  
My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.  
but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.  
now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.  
oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt.  
Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Take up your cross and follow Jesus.

Live the new life God has given you.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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