

**TRINITY
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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.

Beloved of God, come and gather.

**We come with our doubts and your dreaming,
our broken pieces and your hope not yet extinguished.**

Come like Abraham and Sarah,
trusting promises that seem too beautiful to be true.

**We come believing that God still brings life out of barrenness,
hope out of despair,
and futures out of what feels impossible.**

Here, the weary are welcomed.

Here, the sinner and the saint sit side by side.

Here, faith is born again in hearts that had nearly given up.

For the God who raised Jesus from the dead
is still breathing life into this world.

Still calling disciples.

Still creating community.

Still making all things new.

Come, people of promise.

Come, people of grace.

Come, let us worship the living God!

GATHERING HYMN

ELW #858

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly reign - ing
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
if with his love he be - friend you.
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Erneuertem Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Merciful Christ, you called the outsider, touched the hurting, welcomed the forgotten, and brought hope where death and despair had settled in. Draw near to us again this day. Heal what is wounded within us, strengthen our faith when we are afraid, and teach us to embody your compassion in the world. Open our hearts to follow where you lead, trusting that your mercy is greater than our fear and your love stronger than death itself. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Hosea 5:15—6:6

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Because the people have trusted in military powers and not God, God decides to withdraw from the scene until Israel acknowledges its guilt and seeks God's face. The response of the people does not acknowledge this guilt and is as fickle as fog or dew burned away quickly by the sun. God desires loyalty rather than words or meaningless deeds.



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

PSALM 50:7-15

- ⁷ "Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you;
for I am God, your God.
⁸ **I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;**
your burnt offerings are always before me.
⁹ I will not accept a calf from your stalls,
nor goats from your pens;
¹⁰ **for all the wild animals of the forest are mine,**
the cattle on a thousand hills.
¹¹ I know every bird of the mountains,
and the creatures of the fields are mine.

- ¹² **If I were hungry, I would not tell you,**
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.
¹³ Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls,
or drink the blood of goats?
¹⁴ **Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving**
and make good your vows to the Most High.
¹⁵ Call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.

SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25

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Paul presents Abraham as a living model of right relationships. For Abraham and for us, a right relationship with God involves trusting that God's promises will be fulfilled because God makes the dead alive and calls into existence what otherwise does not exist.



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GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 9th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

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Jesus demonstrates God's mercy and power, accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable. Even the dead receive new life.



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

Jeff Gramza

ELW #798

Will You Come and Follow Me
The Summons



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
your name? Will you care for cruel and
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
your name? Will you quell the fear in -
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
kind and nev - er be the same?
free and nev - er be the same?
side and nev - er be the same?
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
world a - round, through my sight and touch and
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
pray'r in you and you in me?"
mean in you and you in me?"
sound in you and you in me?"
grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949
Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional
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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy and compassionate God, who meets us in our brokenness and calls us beloved. Jesus shared tables with sinners, touched the suffering, and drew near to the forgotten. Yet too often we close ourselves off from God and one another. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Loving God, we confess that we have not loved as you love.

We have judged others instead of showing mercy.

We have ignored pain instead of drawing near.

We have hidden behind fear, pride, and self-protection.

Like the crowds in the gospel,

we sometimes laugh at hope, resist change,

and fail to trust your power to bring life from brokenness.

Forgive us. Heal us.

Call us again by grace, and teach us to follow Jesus with courage and compassion.

Hear the good news: Jesus came not for the righteous, but for sinners; not for the strong, but for those in need of healing. In Christ, your sins are forgiven, your life is renewed, and your future is held in mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

Offer a sign of peace with those around you

GATHERING OF GIFTS FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

OFFERTORY

OFFERING PRAYER

God of mercy and healing, you gather the lost, lift the suffering, and bring life where hope has faded. Receive these gifts and receive our lives. Use them to feed the hungry, welcome the lonely, care for the hurting, and proclaim your grace to the world. Make us a people who follow Jesus not only with our words, but with our compassion, generosity, and love. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & 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

Have No Fear, Little Flock

ELW #764

There Is a Balm in Gilead

ELW #614

BENEDICTION

May God the Creator, who brought life from barrenness and hope from impossibility, strengthen your faith for the journey ahead.

May Jesus Christ, who was handed over in love and raised in glory, fill you with courage to trust grace more than fear.

And may the Holy Spirit breathe endurance into your weary places, awaken joy where hope has grown dim, and send you into the world as people of promise and peace.

Go, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the ✠ Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

ELW #836

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flow-'ry mead-ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

DISMISSAL

Go now in peace—held in grace, renewed by mercy,
and sent into the world as bearers of compassion and life.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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