

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

**TRINITY
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

11:00 AM

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Trinity Lutheran Church - Third Sunday in Lent

3701 Jefferson Ave Midland, MI 48640

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Amen.

Come to the well where grace waits patiently.

Come to the rock that breaks open with mercy.

Come to the place where God meets thirsty hearts.

We come thirsting for living water.

BENEDICTION

Go now, carried by the love of the Creator who brings water from rock and makes a way through every wilderness.

Go now, renewed by the grace of Christ, who meets you at the well, knows your story, and fills you with living water that never runs dry.

Go now, empowered by the Spirit, flowing like a hidden spring within you, giving courage for the journey, compassion for the world, and joy that spills over into new life.

And may the blessing of the Father, the Son, and the ✠ Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you, now and always.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

Thrive

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DISMISSAL

Go now, drink deeply from the grace of Christ,
and let living water flow through you to a dry and
weary world. Go refreshed, renewed, and sent in love.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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

All Who Are Thirsty

Verse

All who are thirsty
All who are weak
Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the stream of life
Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of His mercy
As deep cries out to deep
(We sing)

Chorus 1

Come, Lord Jesus, come
Come, Lord Jesus, come
(REPEAT)

Verse

Chorus 1

Chorus 2

Holy Spirit, come
Holy Spirit, come
(REPEAT)

Interlude

As deep cries out to deep
As deep cries out to deep
As deep cries out to deep we sing

Chorus 1

Ending

Come, Lord Jesus, come

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In deserts of fear and wandering, God brings streams.
In moments of weariness, Christ speaks our name.
Nothing is hidden; nothing is beyond redemption.
We come to be known and loved.

Here, the ordinary becomes holy ground.
Here, strangers become witnesses.
Here, the Spirit flows like water that never runs dry.
Fill us, O God, with living water.

Let us worship the One who refreshes the weary,
who calls us from dryness into life.
We worship in spirit and in truth.

GATHERING SONGS

Have Mercy

Chorus 1

Have mercy on me
Have mercy on me
O Lord have mercy
O Lord have mercy

Chorus 2

Oh help my unbelief
Oh help my unbelief
O Lord have mercy
O Lord have mercy

Chorus 1

Chorus 3

Hmm
Hmm hmm
Hmm hmm
Have mercy
Have mercy

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Living Waters

Verse 1
Are you thirsty
Are you empty
Come and drink these living waters
Tired and broken
Peace unspoken
Rest beside these living waters

Chorus

Bridge
Ooh Ooh Ooh
Ooh Ooh Ooh

Verse 2
Christ is calling
Find refreshing
At the cross of living waters
Lay your life down
All the old gone
Rise up in these living waters

Verse 4
Are you thirsty
Are you empty
Come and drink these living waters
Love forgiveness
Vast and boundless
Christ He is our living waters

Chorus
There's a river that flows
With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God
There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters

Chorus

Ending
There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters

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Verse 3
Spirit moving
Mercy washing
Healing in these living waters
Lead your children
To the shoreline
Life is in these living waters

Bridge
This my story this my song
Born of Spirit washed in blood
This my story this my song
In my Savior I belong
(REPEAT)

Chorus

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OFFERING PRAYER

God of mercy and transformation, we bring these gifts as signs of lives being re-shaped by your grace. In this season of repentance and renewal, take what we offer — our resources, our hopes, our imperfect hearts — and use them to bring living water to a thirsty world. Where there is scarcity, create abundance. Where there is fear, awaken generosity. Where there is wandering, lead us toward your way of life. Receive our offerings for the sake of Christ our Lord.

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.**



Hear the good news: Christ meets us where we are — not where we pretend to be. The one who knew the woman at the well completely loved her fully and sent her out renewed. So it is with you. In Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven, your thirst is met with grace, and your life is made new.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

Offer a sign of peace with those around you

GATHERING OF GIFTS FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

OFFERTORY SONG

Blessed Assurance

Verse 1
Come Holy Spirit my soul assure
Relieve my fears that I no more
May doubt the love of Christ for me
That my debt is paid that I've been made free
O Comforter in me reside
When the tempter speaks
be my faithful Guide
Show Your promise is for me secured
For the battle be my heav'nly sword

Chorus
Blessed assurance Jesus is mine
Oh what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation purchase of God
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

Verse 2
Illumine me
with the Savior's light
To dispel my thoughts
in the blackest night
In darkest hour to my soul reveal
The wounds which all
my sorrows heal
Impress that seal His image leave
And by Your pow'r
to His grace I'll cleave
Until faith be sight
and prayer be praise
When beholding Jesus
face to face (*Chorus*)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Living God, you meet us in the wilderness places of our lives when our spirits run dry, bringing water from the rock and hope where we least expect it. At the well, Christ offered living water that turns thirst into new life and strangers into witnesses of your grace. Come to us again, O Lord; break open the hard places within us, quench our deepest thirst, and fill us with your Spirit, that we may worship in spirit and in truth and go out renewed to share your love with a thirsty world; through Jesus Christ, our living water and our hope. **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.*

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7

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Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put God to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to God. God commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—"Is the LORD among us or not?"—received a very positive answer.

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

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 4th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 4:5-42

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Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.

After the reading:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



SERMON

Jeff Gramza

HYMN OF THE DAY

Graves Into Gardens

Verse 1

I searched the world but it couldn't fill me
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade
Are never enough
Then You came along
and put me back together
And every desire is now satisfied
here in Your love

Chorus

Oh there's nothing better than You
There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing
Nothing is better than You

Verse 2

I'm not afraid
to show You my weakness
My failures and flaws
Lord You've seen them all
And You still call me friend
'Cause the God of the mountain
Is the God of the valley
There's not a place
Your mercy and grace
won't find me again

Chorus 2x

Bridge 1

You turn mourning to dancing
You give beauty for ashes
You turn shame into glory
You're the only one who can
(REPEAT)

Bridge 2

You turn graves into gardens
You turn bones into armies
You turn seas into highways
You're the only one who can
(You're the only one who can)

Chorus 2x

Bridge 2 (2x)

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Jesus meets us at the well —not when we are polished or prepared, but when we are thirsty, weary, and carrying the stories we would rather hide. In honesty and hope, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Silence for reflection.

Merciful God,

**we confess that we often come to the well with empty hands
and guarded hearts.**

We thirst for meaning, yet seek quick comfort.

We long to be known, yet hide behind masks.

**We avoid the deep places where healing begins,
choosing familiarity over transformation.**

**Forgive us for the ways we turn away from you
and from one another.**

**Speak truth to us, even when it is uncomfortable.
Meet us again with living water.**