

**TRINITY
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

8:45 AM

MAY 10,
2026

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Dir. of Music

Trinity Lutheran Church - Sixth Sunday of Easter

3701 Jefferson Ave Midland, MI 48640

May 10, 2026, 8:45 am

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on "Engelberg"

Aaron David Miller

Charly Sly, organ

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Amen.

Jesus says, "I will not leave you orphaned."

We come longing to be held in love that does not let go.

The Spirit comes to dwell within us—
not distant, not absent, but alive in every breath.

We come to receive the presence of God among us.

Like a mother who gathers, comforts, and nurtures,
God's love surrounds us and sustains us.

We come to rest in that love and rise in its strength.

Come, children of God—beloved, known, and never alone.

We come to worship with open hearts.

GATHERING HYMN

ELW #408

Come, Thou Almighty King



1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;
2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful, might - y Lord;
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be



help us to praise; Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
in this glad hour! Thou who al - might - y art, rule now in
hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign maj - es - ty may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.
ev - 'ry heart, nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

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Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

Mothers' Day Liturgy

Lord, on this day set aside to honor and remember mothers, we give you thanks for our mothers. We are grateful that you chose to give us life through them, and that they received the gift of life from your hands, and gave it to us. Thank you for the sacrifices they made in carrying us and giving us birth.

We thank you for the women who raised us, who were our mothers in childhood. Whether birth mom, adopted mom, older sister, aunt, grandmother, stepmother or someone else, we thank you for those women who held us and fed us, who cared for us and kissed away our pain. We pray that our lives may reflect the love they showed us, and that they would be pleased to be called our moms.

We pray for older moms whose children are grown.
Grant them joy and satisfaction for a job well done.

We pray for new moms experiencing changes they could not predict.
Grant them rest and peace as they trust you for the future.

We pray for pregnant women who will soon be moms.
Grant them patience and good counsel in the coming months.

We pray for moms who face the demands of single parenthood.
Grant them strength and wisdom.

We pray for moms who enjoy financial abundance.
Grant them time to share with their families.

We pray for moms who are raising their children in poverty.
Grant them relief and justice.

We pray for step-moms.
Grant them patience and understanding and love.

We pray for moms who are separated from their children.
Grant them faith and hope.

We pray for moms in marriages that are in crisis.
Grant them support and insight.

We pray for moms who have lost children.
Grant them comfort in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We pray for moms who gave up their children for adoption.
Grant them peace and confidence as they trust in your providence.

We pray for adoptive mothers.
Grant them joy and gratitude for the gift you have provided.

We pray for girls and women who think about being moms.
Grant them wisdom and discernment.

We pray for women who desperately want, or wanted, to be moms.
Grant them grace to accept your timing and will.

We pray for all women who have assumed the mother's role in a child's life.
Grant them joy and the appreciation of others.

We pray for those people present who are grieving the loss of their mother in the past year.
Grant them comfort and hope in Christ's resurrection.

Gentle Christ, you promise we are never alone, not abandoned, not forgotten, not left to find our own way. You come to us in love that lingers, in presence that abides, in a Spirit that breathes life into weary hearts. Make us bearers of your love in the world, that no one we meet would feel alone or unseen. For you are with us—always. **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.*

ANTHEM

Order My Steps

Glenn Burleigh
arr. Jack Schrader
Chancel Choir
True Spirit Singers

FIRST READING: ACTS 17:22-31

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In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the “unknown god” whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

The reading is concluded:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 66:8-20

Tess Hamilton, cantor

Refrain



Bless our God, you peo - ples; let the sound of praise be heard.

- ⁸ Bless our God, you peoples;
let the sound of praise be heard.
⁹ Our God has kept us among the living
and has not allowed our feet to slip. **R**
¹⁰ For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

- ¹¹ You brought us into the net;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
¹² You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
¹³ I will enter your house with burnt offerings
and will pay you my vows—
¹⁴ those that I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
¹⁵ I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams;
I will give you oxen and goats. **R**
¹⁶ Come and listen, all you who believe,
and I will tell you what God has done for me.
¹⁷ I called out to God with my mouth,
and praised the Lord with my tongue.
¹⁸ If I had cherished evil in my heart,
the Lord would not have heard me;
¹⁹ but in truth God has heard me
and has attended to the sound of my prayer.
²⁰ Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld unfailing love from me. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

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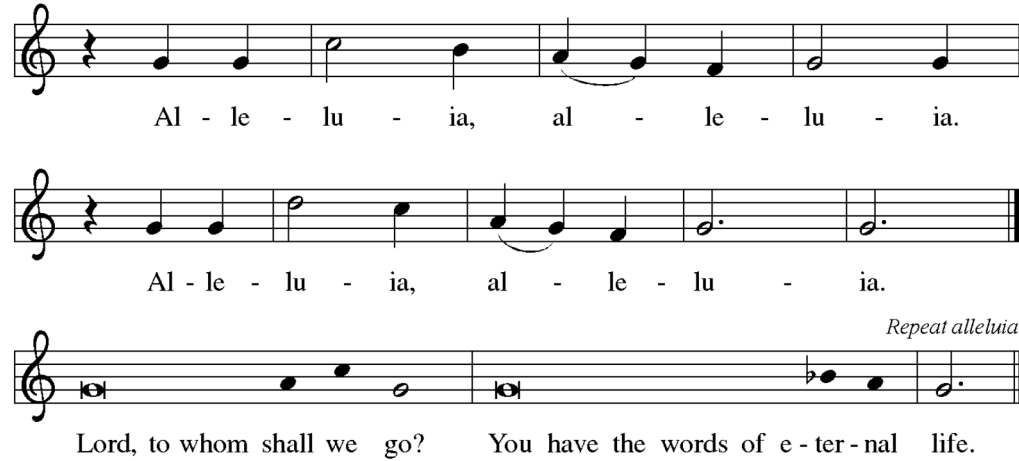
The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 14th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

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n final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

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

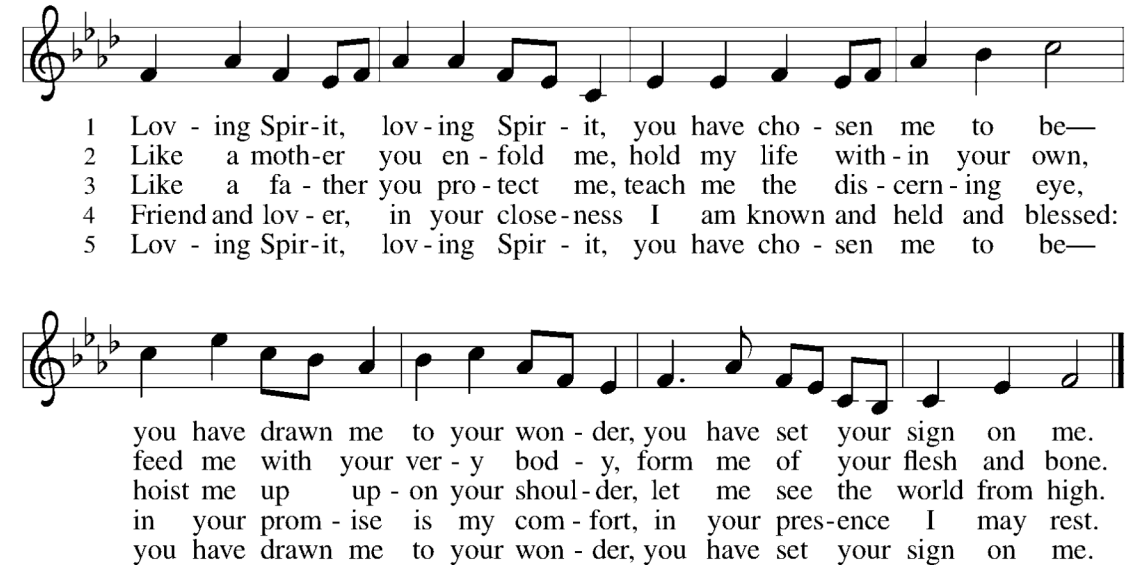
SERMON

Jeff Gramza

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW #397

Loving Spirit



1 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—
 2 Like a moth - er you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own,
 3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing eye,
 4 Friend and lov - er, in your close - ness I am known and held and blessed:
 5 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—

you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.
 feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.
 hoist me up up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.
 in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres - ence I may rest.
 you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

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 Music: RESTORATION, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

Offer a sign of peace with those around you

GATHERING OF GIFTS FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

OFFERTORY

Come, Holy Ghost, In Love

Leland B. Sateren
Chancel Choir

OFFERING PRAYER

God of abiding love, you have given us more than we could ever earn, your presence, your Spirit, your very life within us. Receive these gifts we offer, and use them to nurture hope, to comfort the lonely, and to remind the world that no one is left orphaned in your care. Send us as bearers of your love, tender and strong, that through us, others may know they are held, seen, and never alone. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **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.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and



might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.**

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



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Children of the Heavenly Father

ELW #781

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

ELW #392

BENEDICTION

May God the Creator, whose love gives us life and holds us fast, bless you with deep peace.

May Jesus Christ, who promises never to leave you, abide in your heart and guide your way.

May the Holy Spirit, who dwells within you, fill you with courage, compassion, and love.

✠ Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

ELW #449

We Know That Christ Is Raised



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows

Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.

and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:

Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: John B. Geyer, b. 1932
Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are not alone, Christ lives in you.

Go and share that love with the world.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Hyfrydol

June Nixon
Charly Sly, organ

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