

**TRINITY
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

9:30 AM

MAY 31,
2026

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Trinity Lutheran Church - Holy Trinity

3701 Jefferson Ave Midland, MI 48640

May 31, 2026, 9:30 am

PRELUDE

Exuberant Exultation

Kurt Meyer
JuBELLation

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Amen.

In the beginning, before mountains rose or oceans formed,
the Spirit of God moved over the waters,
and God spoke creation into being.

The earth was filled with beauty, blessing, and life.

And when the disciples gathered on the mountain,
the risen Christ came among them and said:

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.”

Christ is with us still—leading, teaching, and calling us forward.

Jesus sends us into the world to share good news, embody love,
and make disciples of all nations.

We are baptized into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The God who created the stars, the Savior who walks beside us,
and the Spirit who breathes life into the church is with us here today.

**We come to worship the Holy Trinity—one God, overflowing in love,
creating, saving, and sustaining all things.**

Come, let us worship the Triune God!

Amen!

GATHERING HYMN

ELW #413

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.
Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

All Creatures of Our God and King

Verse 1

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him, alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him, O praise Him
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Verse 2

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along
O praise Him, alleluia
Thou rising moon in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening find a voice
O praise Him, O praise Him
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Verse 3

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him, alleluia
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit three in One
O praise Him, O praise Him
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Ending

O alleluia, alleluia
O alleluia, alleluia
O alleluia, a alleluia
O alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

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William Henry Draper
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy Trinity, in the beginning, your love moved over the waters and brought forth life. In Jesus, you came near to us with grace and truth. Through your Holy Spirit, you continue to create, renew, and send your people into the world. Draw us deeper into your life of love, that we may reflect your mercy, share your welcome, and bear your hope to all people. Shape us into a community that lives for others and trusts your presence in every season. Through Jesus Christ, we pray. **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: Genesis 1:1—2:4a

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At the beginning of time, God the Creator, God the powerful Word, and God the life-giving Spirit form the earth and all its inhabitants. God sees that all this created work is good and then rests on the seventh day.

The reading is concluded:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

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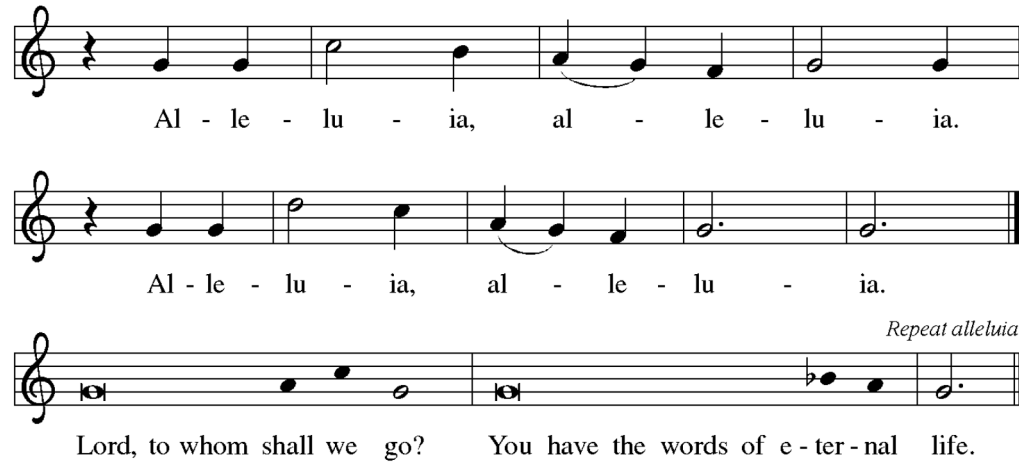
Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, and the Spirit's partnership.

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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 Matthew, the 28th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20

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After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

After the reading:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Vicar Tim Jordan

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW #673

God, Whose Almighty Word



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man - kind let there be light.
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Text: John Marriott, 1780-1825, alt.

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

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**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.

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. 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

Joy in the Morning

Martha Lynn Thompson
JuBELLation

OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, receive these gifts and receive our lives as signs of gratitude and trust. Use what we offer to welcome the stranger, feed the hungry, bring healing to the hurting, and share the good news of your love with the world. Send us out in

the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, to live as your faithful and joyful people. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

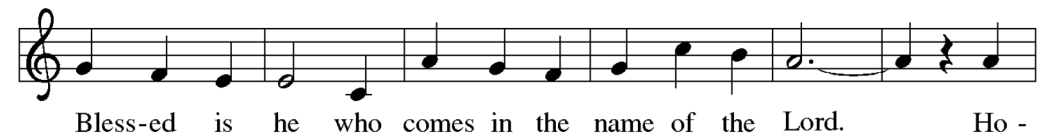
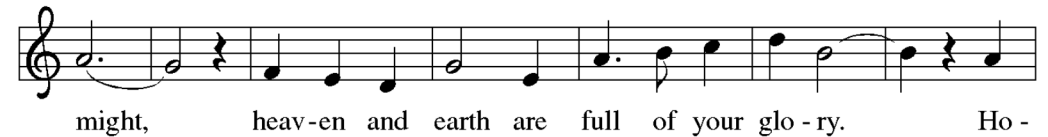
Lift up your hearts.

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



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.

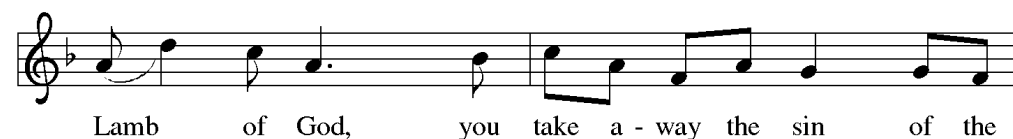
Here, grace is given freely, and all are welcome.

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



COMMUNION SONGS

Praise the Father, Praise the Son

Verse 1

O sov'reign God O matchless King
The saints adore the angels sing
And fall before the throne of grace
To You belongs the highest praise

Verse 2

These sufferings this passing tide
Under Your wings I will abide
And ev'ry enemy shall flee
You are my hope and victory

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Chorus 1

(Oh) praise the Father praise the Son
(And) praise the Spirit Three in One
Clothed in power and in grace
The name above all other names

Verse 3

To the valley for my soul
Thy great descent has made me whole
Your word my heart has welcomed home
Now peace like water ever flows

Chorus 1 2X

Bridge

Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the power
Yours is the glory forever
Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the power
Yours is the glory forever

Chorus 2

Praise the Father praise the Son
And praise the Spirit Three in One
Clothed in power and in grace
The name above all other names
The name above all other names

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Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth



1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright
2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing
3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of



morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - 'ry
me your food of light, grain . . . of life, and grape of
pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and



breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.
grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

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Glorify Thy Name

Verse 1

Father, we love You
We worship and adore You
Glorify Thy name in all the earth
Glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Verse 2

Jesus, we love You
We worship and adore You
Glorify Thy name in all the earth
Glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Verse 3

Spirit, we love You
We worship and adore You
Glorify Thy name in all the earth
Glorify Thy name
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BLESSING AND SENDING OF GRADUATES

Dear graduates, today we honor your hard work, perseverance, learning, and growth. We celebrate your accomplishments, and we give thanks to God who walks with you into your future. This congregation has prayed for you, taught you, and walked with you. And now, we bless you as you go forward in faith.

Hear these words from holy scripture.

¹¹For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

¹²Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you.

¹³When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart,

¹⁴I will let you find me, says the LORD" (*Jeremiah 29:11–14a*)

Let us pray

Gracious God, we thank you for these graduates, for their curiosity, resilience, and gifts. As they take their next steps, guide them in wisdom, surround them with your peace, and remind them of your steadfast love. Give them courage in times of challenge, joy in times of discovery, and friends to walk beside them. Send them into the world as bearers of your love, living witnesses of your grace, and faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The leader addresses the assembly.

Members and friends of Trinity Lutheran Church, will you support these graduates in prayer, encourage them in faith, and continue to walk with them in the body of Christ?

We will.

Will you, as fellow believers in Jesus Christ, promise to help these young men and women as need and opportunity arise?

We will.

Dear graduates:

You are a light for the world.

Let your light shine before others,
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

May the God who shaped the stars and seas shape your life with mercy and courage.

May Christ walk beside you in every joy and every burden.

And may the Holy Spirit kindle within you a faith that is bold in love, gentle in compassion, and alive with hope.

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

SENDING SONG

Go Make A Difference

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DISMISSAL

Go now in peace—to love what God loves,
to welcome as Christ welcomes,
and to carry the Spirit's life into the world.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

All Glory Be to God on High

J. S. Bach
Charly Sly, organ

Go Make A Difference

Chorus

Go make a difference
We can make a difference
Go make a difference in the world
Go make a difference
We can make a difference
Go make a difference in the world

Verse 1

We are the salt of the earth
Called to let the people see
The love of God in you and me
We are the light of the world
Not to be hidden but be seen
Go make a difference in the world

Chorus

Verse 2

We are the hands of Christ
Reaching out to those in need
The face of God for all to see
We are the spirit of hope
We are the voice of peace
Go make a difference in the world

Chorus

Verse 3

So let your love shine on
Let it shine for all to see
Go make a difference in the world
And the Spirit of Christ
Will be with us as we go
Go make a difference in the world

Chorus

Ending

Go make a difference in the world
Go make a difference
In the world

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A Message from the Director of Music Ministries

What has 43 ranks in four divisions and can fill a large room? No, this isn't the intro to a bad joke, rather a description of our mighty Schantz organ! Installed in 1979 this organ incorporates over 2,000 pipes used in varying combinations of color and balance to accompany worship, liturgy and hymn singing with music that stirs the heart or soothes the soul. It has been here for weekly worship services, Christmases and Easters, hundreds of weddings and funerals, concerts, recitals and much more. It took a huge step of faith to form the vision, the plan, and to assemble the finances to install an organ which today would cost over \$1,000,000 to replace.

Now, nearly 50 years later, the organ suffers from a medley of structural and mechanical failures, some of which have been present for most of the instrument's life. Is this surprising information? You hear the organ every week and it sounds wonderful! All thanks to the skill of our organists past and present who carefully work around the dead notes and missing sounds to accompany worship without disruption from the defects. But the problems persist and have grown harder to mask and work around.

In our annual meeting last February, congregation members lifted up concerns for the future, including building maintenance, the camp, and among them concerns for the continued care and maintenance of the organ. In that spirit, with the blessing of the church council, I have formed a team to evaluate the state of the instrument, secure recommendations and quotes for repair and will prepare a plan for the congregation to consider, including potential funding avenues. This will be a large project and a significant investment in time and money. We will need your support, and that starts with understanding the scope of the problem. This team, which includes Patti Bowen, Peder Danielsen, Pam Fagan, Charly Sly, Jeff Gramza and myself, will provide more information of the problems in the coming weeks. We pray you share our desire to restore and prepare the organ to accompany the congregation's voice in worship for another 50 years and beyond.

Serving alongside you in the mission of Christ,

Jonathan Lonsway
Director of Music Ministries

