

**TRINITY  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

5:00 PM

MAY 9,  
2026

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**Trinity Lutheran Church - Sixth Sunday of Easter**

3701 Jefferson Ave Midland, MI 48640

May 9, 2026, 5:00 pm

**PRELUDE**

Charly Sly, piano

**WELCOME**

**HOLY BAPTISM**

*Calvin Lewis Brown*

When nothing but the chaos of the deepest darkness and the despair of the desert existed...

There was God and the flow of love.

God was there lovingly birthing creation.

God was there weaving salvation and redemption.

God was there, dreaming of who the Church would be.

God is here today, birthing new creation in our midst.

God is here, pouring acceptance and forgiveness in our lives.

God is here, immersed in the diversity of our lives.

On behalf of Christians everywhere I ask, who presents this child for Holy Baptism?:

**Sponsors: I present Calvin Lewis for baptism.**

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Calvin baptized into Christ?

**Parents: I do.**

As you bring *your child* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with *him* among God's faithful people,

bring *him* to the word of God and the holy supper,

teach *him* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,

place in *his* hands the holy scriptures,

and nurture *him* in faith and prayer,

so that *your children* may learn to trust God,

proclaim Christ through word and deed,

care for others and the world God made,

and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help *Calvin* grow in the Christian faith and life?

**Parents: I do.**

*The presiding minister addresses sponsors:*

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture *Calvin* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

**Sponsors: I do.**

People of God, do you promise to support *Calvin* and pray for *him* in *his* new life in Christ?

**We do.**

Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea, you led your people, Israel, from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness, you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## BAPTISM

*Calvin Lewis*, I baptize you in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit, you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain *Calvin* with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Calvin*, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen.**

## PRAYER FOR PARENTS

O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon *Eric and Kelsey*. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their children. Strengthen them in their own baptisms so they

may share eternally with their *children* the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## PRESENTATION OF CANDLE

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

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:  
join us in giving thanks and praise to God  
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

## 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.

## 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.**

## 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

<sup>8</sup> Bless our God, you peoples;

let the sound of praise be heard.

<sup>9</sup> **Our God has kept us among the living  
and has not allowed our feet to slip.**

<sup>10</sup> For you, O God, have tested us;  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

<sup>11</sup> **You brought us into the net;  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

<sup>12</sup> You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

<sup>13</sup> **I will enter your house with burnt offerings  
and will pay you my vows—**

<sup>14</sup> those that I promised with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

<sup>15</sup> **I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams;  
I will give you oxen and goats.**

<sup>16</sup> Come and listen, all you who believe,  
and I will tell you what God has done for me.

<sup>17</sup> **I called out to God with my mouth,  
and praised the Lord with my tongue.**

<sup>18</sup> If I had cherished evil in my heart,  
the Lord would not have heard me;

<sup>19</sup> **but in truth God has heard me  
and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**

<sup>20</sup> Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,  
nor withheld unfailing love from me.

## 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.*

*The reading is concluded:*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

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

## GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

Page 83

*In 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

## 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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## 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

*Order My Steps*

Glenn Burleigh  
 arr. Jack Schrader  
 True Spirit Singers

## 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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION &amp; 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,**

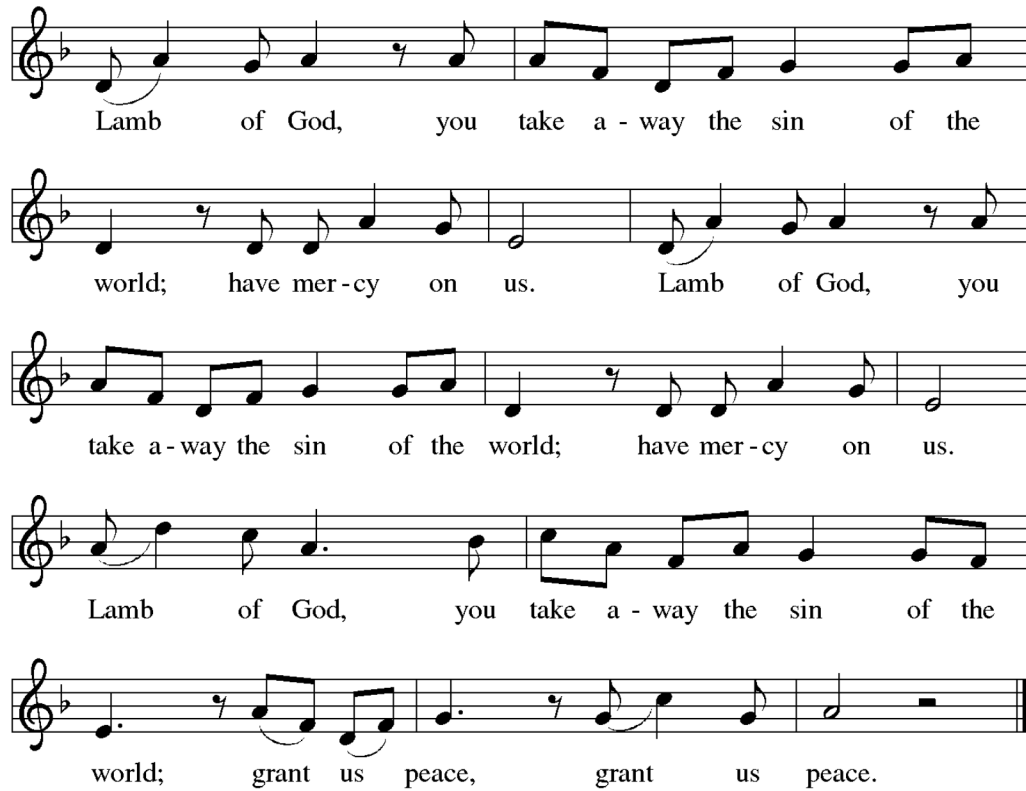
**as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**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.**

## 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.

## 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 HYMNS

*Children of the Heavenly Father*

ELW #781

*O Holy Spirit, Root of Life*

ELW #399

## 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 #392

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*  
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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

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## Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the  
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -  
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to  
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your  
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful  
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -  
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of  
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you  
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus  
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our  
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the  
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on  
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."  
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?  
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.  
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