Let Streams of Living Justice



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LUTHERAN
CHURCH

5:00 PM

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3701 Jefferson Ave Midland, MI 48640 August 30, 2025, 5:00 pm

PRELUDE

Charly Sly, piano

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Come, beloved people of God, you who hunger for grace and thirst for truth.

Come to the table where the humble are honored, and strangers become family.

We come to worship the One who welcomes the outcast and lifts up the lowly. We come to praise Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Here, love is not just spoken—it is lived.
Here, hospitality is not just offered—it is practiced.
Here, we remember those in need
and offer sacrifices of praise that please God.
Let us open our hearts to God's presence,
and our lives to God's people.
With gratitude and joy, let us worship the Lord!

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BENEDICTION

Go now with hearts made bold by grace, and hands made ready to serve.

May the God of welcome open your doors to strangers and your eyes to the forgotten. May Christ Jesus, who took the lowest seat, lift you up to walk in the way of mercy. May the Holy Spirit, fire of generosity and joy, stir in you every good gift for the world.

Go in peace to love and serve—with humility, with courage, and with joy.

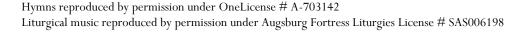
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN ELW #710

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DISMISSAL

Go now in the power of the Spirit! Let your heart burn with the fire of God's love! Thanks be to God!







Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y we



this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



- of Christ's sac Break now the bread that will
- Seek the food not
- Love the one as
- Dwell in the one of

Drink

- this cup
 - who, in love for you, dwells who now in you; de - clare death: and his

pass

set your gave him make your this eat

giv - ing



gath - er round. thanks, hun-gry ones, on the food that en - dures. hearts of the world. self for the life in the life giv - ing Word. home bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn:

Eat, all of you, and be Come, learn the true and the to the one who is Come Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly his re-turn and with

way;



sat - is - fied; liv - ing way, food for you, One of God,

ev - 'rv breath.

in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound. that the full - ness of life may be yours. that your hun - ger and thirst be no more. be - lieve in the truth you have heard. in whom you are re - born. praise the one

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

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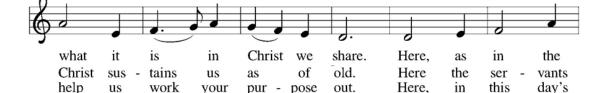
God Is Here!

God here! As is we your peo - ple fer meet to

Shep - herd's our chil - dren find wel - come the church and all, of king-dom, in an age of



flock and fold; here as bread and wine tak - en, are change and doubt, keep us faith - ful the to gos - pel;







wait the com-ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts. dai - ly liv - ing what it means in be - lieve and to to we, who can - not live with-out you, we a - dore you! We

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious host of heaven and earth, you set a table in the presence of strangers and lift the lowly to places of honor. Teach us the humility of Christ, who took the lowest seat, that we might be raised to life in him. Shape our hearts with love that welcomes, with mercy that remembers the forgotten, and with praise that rises like incense for your goodness that endures forever. Let our lives become a sacrifice of thanksgiving—open hands, open doors, open hearts—in the name of Jesus Christ, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Proverbs 25:6-7

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The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.

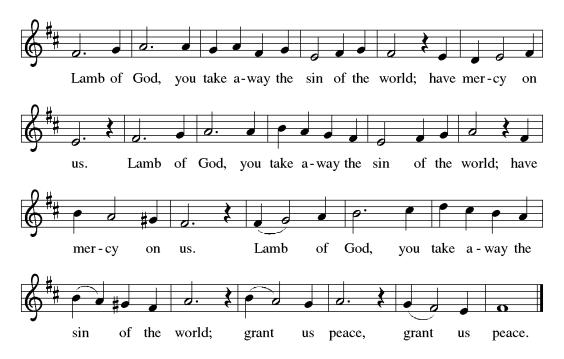
The reading is concluded: Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 112

- ¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in God's commandments!
- ²Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- ³ Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.
- ⁴Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- ⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.
- ⁶ For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

LAMB OF GOD



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 HYMN

Bread of Life from Heaven See next page



OFFERTORY

OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, you welcome the poor to places of honor and fill the humble with good things. With grateful hearts, we bring these gifts—a sacrifice of praise, an offering of thanksgiving, a reflection of your grace at work in us. Use these gifts, and use us, to show hospitality to the stranger, to do good and share what we have, and to lift up those whom the world has cast down. Bless this offering, O God, that it may build tables of welcome, shelters of peace, and communities of justice, in the name of Jesus Christ, our joy, our hope, our ever-faithful 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 & 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.

- ⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.
- ⁸ Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- ⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.
- ¹⁰ The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

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The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.

The reading is concluded:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

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

GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14

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Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need. .

After the reading:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Jeff Gramza

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW #522

As We Gather at Your Table



- As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,
- 2 Turn our wor-ship in to wit-ness in the sac ra ment of life;
- Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife. where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own; Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave; There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known. may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save. as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

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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 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

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

Offer a sign of peace with those around you

GATHERING OF GIFTS FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY