

**TRINITY  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

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## Trinity Lutheran Church - Epiphany

3701 Jefferson Ave Midland, MI 48640

January 4, 2026, 11:00 am

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Arise, for light has come. The light of Christ shines in the darkness,  
**And the darkness has not overcome it.**

Long have the shadows covered the earth—fear and doubt, division and despair.  
**Yet God's light breaks through, revealing hope where we least expect it.**

From a distant star to a humble child, from the margins to the center,  
**God makes known a glory meant for all people.**

Come, let us worship the God who shines in the darkness,  
**For in Christ, the true light has come.**

## *Shine, Jesus Shine*

### *Verse 1*

Lord, the light of Your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness shining  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us  
Shine on me, shine on me

### *Chorus*

Shine, Jesus, shine  
Fill this land with the Father's glory  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze  
Set our hearts on fire  
Flow, river, flow  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy  
Send forth Your Word, Lord  
And let there be light

### *Verse 2*

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence  
From the shadows into Your radiance  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness  
Shine on me, shine on me

### *Chorus*

### *Verse 3*

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness  
So our faces display Your likeness  
Ever changing from glory to glory  
Mirrored here may our lives  
tell Your story  
Shine on me, shine on me

### *Chorus*

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BENEDICTION

May God the Father, source of all light, send you into the world with courage to follow where the light leads.

May God the Son, the light made flesh, shine in your hearts and through your lives, revealing love where it is least expected.

May God the Holy Spirit, fire and breath of God, set your faith ablaze and carry you beyond familiar paths into God’s unfolding future.

And may the blessing of the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, now and always, rest upon you, guide you, and make you light for the world.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

Shine, Jesus Shine  
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DISMISSAL

Glory to God in the highest.  
**And peace to God’s people on earth!**  
Go in joy. Embody God’s redeeming grace.  
**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

GATHERING SONGS

Come and See

Verse 1

Behold the Author of our salvation  
Behold the wonder of grace so free  
Behold the blessing  
of true forgiveness at Calvary

Verse 2

Behold the answer for all the broken  
Behold the mercy that makes a way  
Behold the promise  
of perfect healing at Calvary

Chorus

Come and see  
Come and see what God has done  
Come and see  
Come and see what love has won  
In this place hearts and lives waking up  
To the light of the world  
You're the light of the world

Verse 3

The cross is speaking Your words of freedom  
No condemnation shall we now fear  
Our shame is silenced  
Your love has triumphed at Calvary

Chorus

Bridge

God it's Your love here on display  
We stand in awe  
it takes our breath away  
God it's Your love here on display  
We stand in awe  
it takes our breath away  
(REPEAT)

Chorus

Ending

In this place  
hearts and lives waking up  
To the light of the world  
You're the light of the world  
In this place  
hearts and lives waking up  
In this place  
hearts and lives waking up  
In this place  
hearts and lives waking up  
To the light of the world  
You're the light of the world

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*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

*Chorus*

Hail to the Lord's anointed  
Great David's greater Son  
Hail in the time appointed  
His reign on earth begun  
His reign on earth begun

*Verse 1*

He comes to break oppression  
To set the captive free  
To take away transgression  
And rule in equity

*Chorus*

*Verse 2*

He comes with comfort speedy  
To those who suffer wrong  
To help the poor and needy  
And bid the weak be strong

*Verse 3*

To give them songs for sighing  
Their darkness turn to light  
Whose souls condemned and dying  
Are precious in His sight

*Chorus*

*Verse 4*

He shall come down like showers  
Upon the fruitful earth  
Love joy and hope like flowers  
Spring in His path to birth

*Verse 5*

The tide of time shall never  
His covenant remove

His Name shall stand forever  
That Name to us is Love

*Chorus 2*

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**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**

*Mighty to Save*

*Verse 1*

Ev'ryone needs compassion  
Love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness  
The kindness of a Saviour  
The hope of nations

*Chorus*

Savior He can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save  
He is mighty to save  
Forever Author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave

*Verse 2*

So take me as You find me  
All my fears and failures  
Fill my life again  
I give my life to follow  
Ev'rything I believe in

*Chorus*

*Bridge*

Shine your light and  
let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory  
of the risen King  
Jesus, shine your light and  
let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory  
of the risen King

*Chorus 2x*

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OFFERTORY SONG

Noel

Verse 1

Love incarnate love divine  
Star and angels gave the sign  
Bow to babe on bended knee  
The Savior of humanity  
Unto us a Child is born  
He shall reign forevermore

Verse 2

Son of God and Son of man  
There before the world began  
Born to suffer born to save  
Born to raise us from the grave  
Christ the everlasting Lord  
He shall reign forevermore

Chorus

Noel, Noel  
Come and see what God has done  
Noel, Noel  
The story of amazing love  
The light of the world given for us  
Noel

Chorus

Instrumental

Chorus

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OFFERING PRAYER

Giver of light and every good gift, you have revealed yourself in Christ as grace freely given, love poured out. As we bring these offerings, we offer more than what is placed before you, we offer our gratitude, our trust, and our desire to reflect your light. Take what we give and let it shine in acts of mercy, in words of hope, in lives shaped by generosity and joy. **Amen.**

COMMUNION PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Radiant God, you sent your light into the world not to blind us, but to guide us; not to overwhelm us, but to lead us home. By the star’s glow, you drew seekers from afar, by the child’s presence, you revealed your heart. Shine upon us now. Open our eyes to your glory, our hearts to your grace, and our lives to your calling, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. **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.*

READING: Micah 5:2–6

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*Long before the birth of Jesus, the prophet Micah spoke hope into a time of fear and uncertainty. He points not to the powerful city of Jerusalem, but to the small and overlooked town of Bethlehem, reminding us that God often chooses what seems insignificant to bring about deep and lasting peace. In these words, we hear a promise of a shepherd-king whose strength comes not from power, but from care, presence, and faithfulness.*

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

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 2nd chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

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*God’s promise shines bright in the night as magi follow a star to honor a new king. Strangers from a faraway land, they welcome the long-awaited messiah of Israel.*

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

**SERMON**

Pastor Jeff Gramza

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*We Three Kings of Orient Are*

*Verse 1*  
We three kings of Orient are  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain  
Following yonder star

*Chorus*  
O star of wonder, star of night  
Star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading, still proceeding  
Guide us to Thy perfect light

*Verse 2*  
Born a King on Bethlehem's plain  
Gold I bring to crown Him again  
King forever, ceasing never  
Over us all to reign *Chorus*

*Verse 3*  
Frankincense to offer have I  
Incense owns a Deity nigh  
Prayer and praising all men raising  
Worship Him, God on high *Chorus*

*Verse 4*  
Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume  
Breathes a life of gathering gloom  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying  
Sealed in the stone cold tomb *Chorus*

*Verse 5*  
Glorious now behold Him arise  
King and God and sacrifice  
Alleluia, alleluia  
Peals through the earth and skies

*Chorus*

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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 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**