

TRINITY
LUTHERAN
CHURCH

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Trinity Lutheran Church - Third Sunday after Epiphany

3701 Jefferson Ave Midland, MI 48640

January 25, 2026, 11:00 am

PRELUDE

WELCOME

HOLY BAPTISM

Oliver Robert Allen Flood

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: We present *Oliver Robert Allen Flood* for baptism.

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

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

Parents: **We 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 child* 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 your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: **We do.**

The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

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

Sponsors: **We do.**

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

We do.

The assembly stands.

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

Oliver, 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 *Oliver* 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.

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

SENDING SONG

I Will Follow

Intro

Where You go I'll go
Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move
I will follow
Oh oh oh

Verse 1

All Your ways are good
All Your ways are sure
I will trust in You alone
Higher than my sight
High above my life
I will trust in You alone

Chorus

Where You go I'll go
Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move
I will follow You
Whom You love I'll love
How You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose
I will follow (You)

Interlude

Yeah I will follow You yeah

Verse 2

Light into the world
Light into my life
I will live for You alone
You're the One I seek
Knowing I will find
All I need in You alone
In You alone

Chorus

Bridge
In You there's life everlasting
In You there's freedom for my soul
In You there's joy unending joy
And I will follow

Chorus 2x

Ending

Yeah I will follow You yeah
I will follow You yeah
I will follow You yeah

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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

Saviour 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

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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
Now I surrender (I surrender)

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

BENEDICTION

Go with the blessing of the God of new tomorrows:
the Creator, who turns you toward what is new;
the Son, who calls you out of familiar waters and into living light;
and the Holy Spirit, who gives you courage to follow and grace to begin again.

You are forgiven, you are called, you are sent—
to walk in the light of the kingdom that has come near.
Amen.

PRAYER FOR PARENTS

O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon Jeremy and Ashley. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their *child*. Strengthen them in their own baptisms so they may share eternally with their *child* 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 SONG

Today Is The Day
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of new life, you call us from familiar ways into the light of your kingdom. When we cling to what is safe and known, speak again your word: Repent, for your kingdom has come near. As you once called fishermen from their nets, call us from whatever keeps us from fully following you. Give us courage to let go, faith to step forward, and grace to follow where Christ leads, so our lives may bear witness to your renewing love. **Amen.**

Today Is The Day

Verse 1

I'm casting my cares aside
I'm leaving my past behind
I'm setting my heart and mind on You Jesus
I'm reaching my hands to Yours
Believing there's so much more
Knowing that all You have in store
for me is good
It's good

Chorus 1

Today is the day You have made
I will rejoice and be glad in it
Today is the day You have made
I will rejoice and be glad in it
And I won't worry about tomorrow
I'm trusting in what You say
Today is the day today is the day

Verse 2

I'm putting my fears aside
I'm leaving my doubts behind
I'm giving my hopes and dreams to You Jesus
I'm reaching my hands to Yours
Believing there's so much more
Knowing that all You have in store
for me is good
It's good

Chorus 1

Bridge

I will stand upon Your truth
(I will stand upon Your truth)
And all my days I'll live for You
(All my days I'll live for You)
And I will stand upon Your truth
(I will stand upon Your truth)
And all my days I'll live for You
(All my days I'll live)

Chorus 2

Today is the day You have made
I will rejoice and be glad in it
Today is the day You have made
I will rejoice and be glad in it
And I won't worry about tomorrow
I'm giving You my fears and sorrows
Where You lead me I will follow
I'm trusting in what You say
Today is the day (5X)

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OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, as you call us to turn our lives toward you, receive these gifts as signs of our repentance and trust. Use what we offer—and who we are—to share your light, your healing, and your hope in the world, through Jesus Christ, who calls us to follow. **Amen.**

COMMUNION PRAYER & 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.

COMMUNION SONG

Mighty to Save
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OFFERTORY SONG

We Are

Verse 1

Ev'ry secret ev'ry shame
Ev'ry fear ev'ry pain
Live inside the dark
But that's not who we are
We are children of the day

Pre-Chorus

So wake up sleeper lift your head
We were meant for more than this
Fight the shadows conquer death
Make the most of the time we have left

Chorus

We are the light of the world
We are the city on a hill
We are the light of the world
And we gotta, we gotta
We gotta let the light shine
(REPEAT)

Interlude

Let the light shine
Let the light shine ooh

Verse 2

We are called to spread the news
To tell the world the simple truth
Jesus came to save there's freedom
in His name
So let His love break through

Chorus 2x

Bridge

We are the light, we are the light
we are the light
So let your light shine brighter
We are the light, we are the light
we are the light
Jesus You are the light, You are the light
You are the light
We will lift You high
and shine, shine, shine

Chorus 2x

Ending

Let the light shine, let the light shine
Let the light shine, let the light shine

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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: **Isaiah 9:1-4**

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The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.

The reading is concluded:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 4th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: **Matthew 4:12-23**

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Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.

After the reading:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Jeff Gramza

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus, You Have Called Us (I Will Follow)

Verse 1

Jesus You have called us
Come follow me
Take up your cross
Deny yourself and live
Jesus I am willing
Though I am weak
I'll trust You
And I'll go where You lead

Verse 2

Jesus You have shown us
How we should live
In sacrifice
Humility and love
Jesus I am willing
Though I am weak
I'll follow You
With Your Spirit in me

Chorus

I will follow
I will follow
I will follow
Where You lead

Chorus 2x

Verse 1

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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

SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

Offer a sign of peace with those around you

GATHERING OF GIFTS FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY