

**TRINITY
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

8:45 AM

JUNE 1,
2025

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Trinity Lutheran Church - Seventh Sunday of Easter

3701 Jefferson Ave Midland, MI 48640

June 1, 2025, 8:45 am

PRELUDE

Prologue on 'Ascension'

Healey Willan
Charly Sly, organ

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Amen.

Come, beloved of God, gather in the presence of the one who prayed for us before we ever knew his name.

We come to worship the Christ who prayed that we might be one, just as he and the Father are one.

Jesus, in his final hours, looked beyond the cross and saw us—his Church, united in love, filled with glory, made holy in truth.

We come as those who have been called into this divine love, drawn into the eternal fellowship of Father, Son, and Spirit.

Let us worship the One who has made his name known, who fills us with the love that knows no end.

We lift our hearts to the God who calls us into unity, into glory, into joy! Let us worship in spirit and in truth, as one body, that the world may know the love of God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

The Lord Reigneth

Henry Kihlken
Charly Sly, organ

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BENEDICTION

May the Father, who loved the Son before the foundation of the world,
wrap you in the eternal love that binds heaven and earth.

May the Son, who prayed that we might be one,
fill you with the glory he shares, and send you forth as a witness of truth.

May the ✠ Holy Spirit, who makes us one body in peace,
knit your hearts together in perfect unity and joy.

And may you go in the name of the triune God—
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—living in love, walking in light,
and shining with the glory of Christ. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

ELW #650

In Christ There Is No East or West



- 1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
- 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu-nion find;
- 3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu-man-kind.
All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852–1941, alt.

Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949

GATHERING HYMN

ELW #855

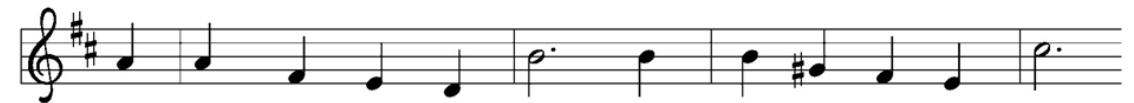
Crown Him with Many Crowns



- 1 Crown him with man-y crowns, the Lamb up-on his throne;
- 2 Crown him the vir-gin's Son, the God in-car-nate born,
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love—be-hold his hands and side,
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri-umphed o'er the grave
- 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po-ten-tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an-them drowns all mu-sic but its own.
whose arm those crim-son tro-phies won which now his brow a-dorn;
rich wounds, yet vis-i-ble a-bove, in beau-ty glo-ri-fied.
and rose vic-to-rious in the strife for those he came to save.
cre-a-tor of the roll-ing spheres, in-ef-fab-ly sub-lime.



A-wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
fruit of the mys-tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
No an-gels in the sky can ful-ly bear that sight,
His glo-ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
All hail, Re-deem-er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e-ter-ni-ty.
the root whence mer-cy ev-er flows, the babe of Beth-le-hem.
but down-ward bend their burn-ing eyes at mys-ter-ies so bright.
who died, e-ter-nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
thy praise and glo-ry shall not fail through-out e-ter-ni-ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4

Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893



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.

THIS IS THE FEAST

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and




strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

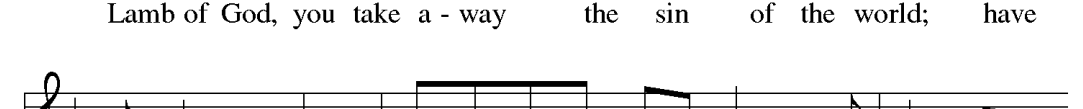


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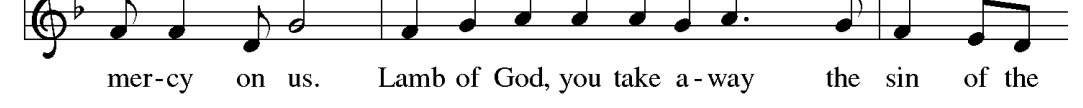
LAMB OF GOD




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.

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

Thine the Amen

ELW #826

Son of God, Eternal Savior

ELW #655

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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.**

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.
Final refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of unity and glory, your Son prayed that we may be one, as you are one. Unite us by your Spirit, fill us with your love, and make us living signs of Christ's presence in the world. Let our unity reflect your glory, so that all may come to believe in your saving grace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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: Acts 16:16-34

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Those who had enslaved a girl and used her powers to tell fortunes threw Paul and Silas into jail for ordering the spirit to come out of her and consequently ruining their business. In prison, Paul and Silas bring the good news of the gospel to the jailer and his family.

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

PSALM: Psalm 97

*God Reigns! Earth Rejoices!
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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

OFFERTORY

Come, Gracious Spirit

Lani Smith
Jonathan Lonsway, piano

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God, as Jesus prayed that we would be united and reflect your glory, we now offer these gifts as signs of our shared faith, our thankful hearts, and our desire to make your love known in the world. Use what we bring and who we are to build up the Body of Christ and to draw others into the joy of knowing you. Let our giving reflect your generous heart and witness to the unity we share in Your Spirit. In Jesus' holy name we pray. **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.




NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.


We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.


God Reigns! Earth Rejoices!




1 God reigns! Earth re - joic - es! O - ceans shout God's might!
2 Fires will blaze the path - way; stars will mark the place,
3 E - vil walks be - side us, crush - es with its grief;
4 Light dawns for the right - eous, joy for God's own heirs;



Clad in truth and joy, God's throne is our de - light.
when God comes in glo - ry, meets us face to face.
yet in God the faith - ful find their sure re - lief.
love all loves ex - cel - ling; grace be - yond com - pare.



Clouds roll a - side, and night be - comes as day.
Moun - tains will shake, and worth - less i - dols fall;
Shack - les will break, and chains of bon - dage cease;
Daugh - ters and sons, God's maj - es - ty pro - claim!



God will dwell a - mong us; God will show the way!
Zi - on will re - joice, for God is Lord of all!
for - mer lam - en - ta - tions now are songs of peace.
Let your hearts de - clare the Lord's most ho - ly name!

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SECOND READING: REVELATION 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

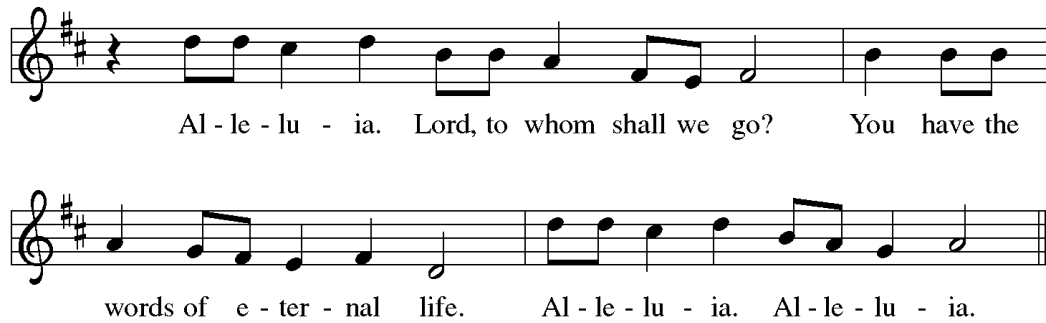
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The ascended Christ, hidden from our sight, promises to come again. We eagerly pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," with all who respond to this invitation.

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



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 17th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 17:20-26

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Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God's mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.

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



SERMON

Jeff Gramza

HYMN OF THE DAY

They'll Know We Are Christians



1 We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the
 2 We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in
 3 We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things

Lord, We are one in the Spir - it, we are
 hand, We will walk with each oth - er, we will
 side, We will work with each oth - er, we will
 come, And all praise to Christ Je - sus, his

one in the Lord, And we pray that all
 walk hand in hand, And to - geth - er we'll
 work side by side, And we'll guard hu - man's
 on - ly Son, And all praise to the

u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
 spread the news that God is in our land:
 dig - ni - ty and save hu - man's pride:
 Spir - it, who makes us one:

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our love, Yes, they'll

know we are Chris - tians by our love.