

**TRINITY  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

5:00 PM

NOVEMBER 1,  
2025



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**Trinity Lutheran Church - All Saints Sunday**

3701 Jefferson Ave Midland, MI 48640

November 1, 2025, 5:00 pm

**PRELUDE**

Jonathan Lonsway, piano

**Invitation to light candles of remembrance**

*Individuals/families are invited to come forward during the prelude to light candles representing the lives of those faithful departed they are remembering this day. Time may be taken for silent prayer.*

**PRAYERS FOR SAINTS**

Eternal God, from whom we come and unto whom our spirits return, in your service we find our peace and by your grace we are saved; hear us now as we pray.

**We thank you for all those who have run this race, and kept the faith. We thank you for their triumphs over evil, and their courage in times of difficulty. We thank you for their Christian examples of character, and their joy of living.**

Today, Lord, we rejoice in remembering the lives of those who have helped shape the length and breadth and depth and height of our being. You blessed them in this life and your grace continues with them even now.

**Lord, grant us such triumphs in our living so that the day will come when we will join them in the true reward of life; to dwell with and in your presence for all eternity. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**



WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN

ELW #422  
(vs. 1, 2)

For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who  
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,  
*Stanzas 3–5 below.*  
6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the  
7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy  
Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; . .  
  
saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the  
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, . .



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.  
thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.  
  
King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.  
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897  
Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958  
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REMEMBRANCE OF THE SAINTS

Eternal God, your love is stronger than death, and your passion more fierce than the grave. We rejoice in the lives of those whom you have drawn into your eternal embrace. Keep us in joyful communion with them until we join the saints of every people and nation gathered before your throne in your ceaseless praise, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

These saints of Trinity, who have joined the Church Triumphant, are remembered as the bell tolls the joy of Jesus' triumph over death: *Karen, Kevin, Richard, Jack, Judy, Peter, Stephanie, Gabrielle, Fred, Gerald, Audrey, James, Charles, Marianne, Shirley, Phyllis, and Michael.*

Give us thankful hearts, O Lord, as we silently remember other saints you have brought into our lives...*(silence kept for remembrance)*  
Just as they have guided us into lives of faith and service to you, may our lives reflect your light and draw others into lives of hope and trust in you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

For All the Saints (vs. 3-5)



3 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine, we fee - bly strug - gle,  
4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long, steals on the ear the  
5 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west; soon, soon to faith - ful



they in glo - ry shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are  
dis - tant tri - umph song, and hearts are brave a - gain and arms are  
ser - vants com - eth rest; . . . sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the



**Gabrielle Hansen**  
Wife of Travis  
Mother of Quinn, Dorothy,  
and Evangeline

**Fred Hawkins**  
Husband of Sandra  
Father of Brian,  
Christopher, and Traci  
Brother of Sharon

**Gerald Heinz**  
Father of Jeri, Chris,  
Lisa, Tracy, and Matthew  
Brother of Marilyn and Jane

**Audrey Klingler**  
Wife of Ron  
Mother of Greg and Michelle

**James Reif**  
Husband of Mary  
Father of Lauren and Michelle

**Phyllis Roth**  
Mother of Donald, Daniel, Kevin  
Cynthia

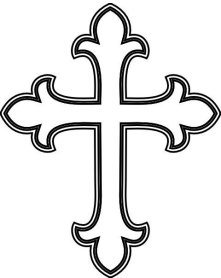
**Michael Shoemaker**  
Husband of Beth  
Father of Allison,  
Rebekah, and Sarah  
Brother of Stephen and Alexander

**Charles Thornton**  
Father of Kristen, Don,  
Nancy, Susan, and Matt  
Brother of Ina

**Marianne Waters**  
Wife of Bart  
Mother of Katie,  
Liz, and David  
Brother of John and Harley

**Shirley Witte**  
Mother of Renee, Scott, and Lorri

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*Interred in the All Saints Memorial Garden*  
*Stephanie Gann*





Today we are celebrating All Saints Day in the life of the congregation. On this festival of All Saints we remember with thanksgiving those who have lived and died in faith. They are the sign of our hope and an image of the glory we shall inherit. Even more, they are worshipers with us this day as we sing the praises of God who brings life out of death. On this All Saints Sunday, we wish to remember those who entered the church Triumphant this past year.

**Karen Abke**  
Wife of Keith  
Daughter-in-Law of Noreen

**Kevin Bartz**  
Husband of Kindra  
Father of Kassandra  
Kayla, and Kollin  
Brother of RaNae and Dan

**Richard Becker**  
Father of Joanne, Nancy, and Steven

**Jack Bennet**  
Father of Karen

**Judy Church**  
Mother of Jon and Brian  
Sister of Connie and Gary

**Peter Fullenwider**  
Husband of Mary  
Father of Lucy

**Stephanie Gann**  
Wife of Mike  
Mother of Kristin and David

Bless these saints who have been added to your earthly community at Trinity by the waters of Baptism: *Dorothy, Theodore, and Joseph.*

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. **Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

*For All the Saints* (Vs. 6, 7)  
(See Page 3)

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Holy and merciful God, you turn the world upside down and call us blessed in ways we cannot always see. You bless the poor and the hungry, the grieving and the gentle; you lift up the lowly and fill the empty with your grace. Teach us, O Christ, to love as you love—to bless those who curse us, to give without counting the cost, to see your image even in those who wound us. Make us merciful as you are merciful, kind in the face of cruelty, hopeful in the face of despair. Through Jesus Christ, the Blessed One who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

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*The book of Daniel was written in the second century BCE, when the Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes was severely persecuting the Jews. Daniel’s vision of the four beasts proclaims that human kings will come and go, but the kingdom will ultimately belong to God and to God’s people.*

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

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:11-23

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*After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, the writer of this letter prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied 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 6th chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Luke 6:20-31

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*In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary’s song of praise, Jesus reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders.*

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

SENDING HYMN

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In



1 Oh, when the saints go march-ing in, oh, when the  
2 Oh, when the Lord in glo-ry comes, oh, when the  
3 Oh, when the new world is re-vealed, oh, when the  
4 Oh, when they gath-er round the throne, oh, when they  
5 And on that hal-le-lu-jah day, and on that



saints go march-ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that  
Lord in glo-ry comes, O Lord, I want to be in that  
new world is re-vealed, O Lord, I want to be in that  
gath-er round the throne, O Lord, I want to be in that  
hal-le-lu-jah day, O Lord, I want to be in that



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num-ber when the Lord in glo-ry comes.  
num-ber when the new world is re-vealed.  
num-ber when they gath-er round the throne.  
num-ber on that hal-le-lu-jah day.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: WHEN THE SAINTS, African American spiritual

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.  
**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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

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|-------------------------------|----------|
| Shall We Gather at the River  | ELW #423 |
| Holy God, We Praise Your Name | ELW #414 |

BENEDICTION

Go now, beloved of God,  
held in the love of the saints,  
and called to be a blessing.

The Father who names you holy  
wrap you in mercy and light.

The Son who died and rose  
make your heart a dwelling of grace.

The Spirit who breathes through all generations  
fill you with peace and courage.

Go in love.  
Go in hope.  
Go in the blessing of the ✙ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

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SERMON

Pastor Jeff Gramza

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW #873 (vs. 1, 3-5)

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

Musical notation for the first line of the hymn, Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart! The melody is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a quarter note G4, followed by eighth notes A4-B4, quarter notes C5-B4, and ends with a half note G4.

1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing;

3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth

4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,

Musical notation for the second line of the hymn. The melody continues on a single staff. It starts with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4-B4, eighth notes C5-B4, and ends with a half note G4.

your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.

pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.

as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

Refrain

Musical notation for the refrain of the hymn. The melody is written on a single staff. It begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4-B4, and ends with a half note G4.

Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

5 At last the march shall end;  
the wearied ones shall rest;  
the pilgrims find their home at last,  
Jerusalem the blest. Refrain

Text: Edward H. Plumptre, 1821–1891, alt.  
Music: MARION, Arthur H. Messiter, 1834–1916

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

OFFERING PRAYER

Generous and eternal God, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses—ordinary saints who lived your extraordinary love. Their faith inspires ours; their generosity still blesses the world. Now we offer our gifts and our lives to you. May these offerings be seeds of mercy, acts of peace, and signs of hope for those who hunger and mourn. Let our giving join the song of all the saints, praising you who dwell among us and who will one day wipe away every tear. Through Jesus Christ, the Lamb who is our Shepherd and our Peace. **Amen.**

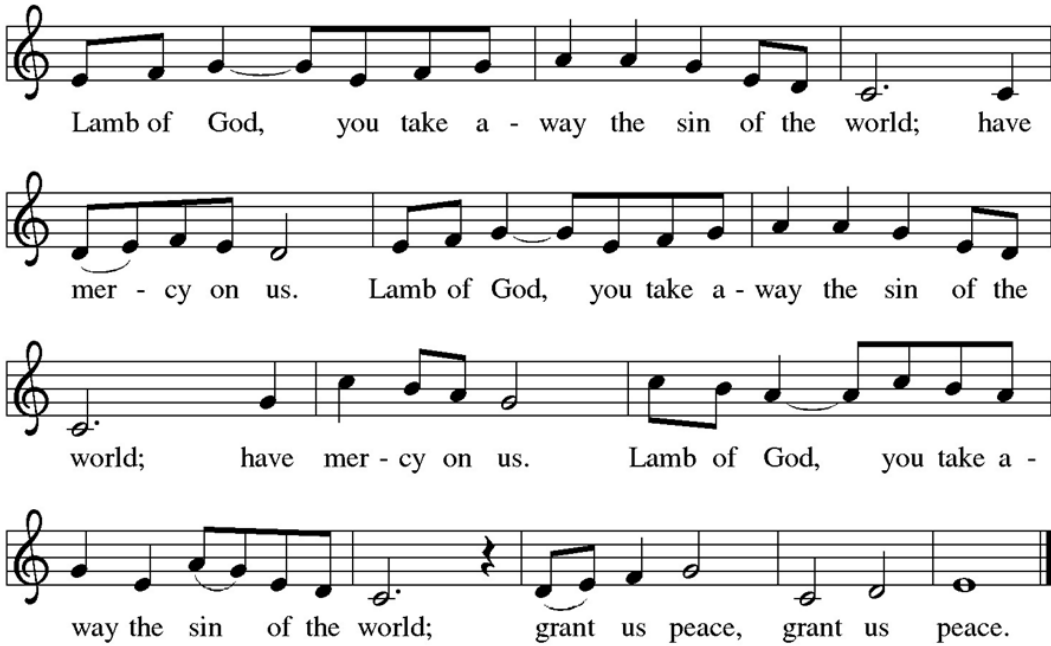
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

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.