

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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# Trinity Lutheran Church - All Saints Sunday

3701 Jefferson Ave Midland, MI 48640 November 2, 2025, 11:00 am

# **PRELUDE**

# 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 SONG**

# How Can I Keep from Singing

Verse 1

There is an endless song Echoes in my soul I hear the music ring

And though the storms may come

I am holding on To the rock I cling

Chorus

How can I keep from singing Your praise

How can I ever say enough How amazing is Your love

How can I keep from shouting Your name

I know I am loved by the King

And it makes my heart (want to sing)

Verse 2

I will lift my eyes
In the darkest night
For I know my Savior lives
And I will walk with You
Knowing You'll see me through
And sing the songs You give

Chorus

Bridge

I can sing in the troubled times

Sing when I win

I can sing when I lose my step

And fall down again

I can sing 'cause You pick me up

Sing 'cause You're there

I can sing 'cause You hear me Lord

When I call to You in prayer I can sing with my last breath

Sing for I know

That I'll sing with the angels

And the saints around the throne

Chorus

Ending

I am loved by the King And it makes my heart I am loved by the King

And it makes my heart want to sing

Yeah I can sing

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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.

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.** 

How Can I Keep from Singing (Bridge, Chorus, Ending)

# 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



#### 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 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.

# CHILDREN'S SERMON

#### KIDS' PRAISE

At this time children age 3 – grade 5 are now dismissed, at the parent's discretion, to the Chapel.

# **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.

# Pastor Jeff Gramza

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

# I Will Rise

Verse 1

There's a peace I've come to know Though my heart and flesh may fail There's an anchor for my soul I can say it is well

Pre-Chorus

Jesus has overcome
And the grave is overwhelmed
The victory is won
He is risen from the dead

Chorus

(And) I will rise when He calls my name No more sorrow no more pain I will rise on eagle's wings Before my God fall on my knees And rise I will rise (I will rise)

Verse 2

There's a day that's drawing near When this darkness breaks to light And the shadows disappear And my faith shall be my eyes Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Bridge

And I hear the voice of many angels sing Worthy is the Lamb And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart Worthy is the Lamb (REPEAT) Worthy is the Lamb

Chorus

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#### Verse 1

Oh, when the saints go marching in, oh, when the saints go marching in, O Lord, I want to be in that number when the saints go marching in.

Verse 2

Oh, when the Lord in glory comes, oh, when the Lord in glory comes, O Lord, I want to be in that number when the Lord in glory comes.

Verse 3

Oh, when the new world is revealed, oh, when the new world is revealed, O Lord, I want to be in that number when the new world is revealed.

Verse 4

Oh, when they gather round the throne, oh, when they gather round the throne, O Lord, I want to be in that number when they gather round the throne.

Verse 5

And on that hallelujah day, and on that hallelujah day, O Lord, I want to be in that number on that hallelujah day.

Text: African American spiritual





#### **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.

# **SENDING SONG**

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In See next page

# **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

# **POSTLUDE**

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

# SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

Offer a sign of peace with those around you.

#### GATHERING OF GIFTS FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

#### **OFFERTORY SONG**

# Lord, I Need You

Verse 1 Bridge So teach my song to rise to You Lord, I come, I confess Bowing here I find my rest When temptation comes my way And without You I fall apart And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You You're the one that guides my heart Jesus You're my hope and stay And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You Jesus You're my hope and stay Chorus 1

Lord, I need You, oh I need You Ev'ry hour I need You My one defense, my righteousness Oh God, how I need You

#### Verse 2

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more Where grace is found is where You are And where You are, Lord, I am free Holiness is Christ in me Where You are, Lord, I am free Holiness is Christ in me

Chorus 1

# Chorus 1

Chorus 2 Lord, I need You, oh I need You Ev'ry hour I need You My one defense, my righteousness Oh God, how I need You My one defense, my righteousness Oh God, how I need You

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# **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.** 

#### **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**

# Nothing But Grace

Verse 1

Nothing but grace My only plea All I am depends

On Your love and Your mercy

Your cross my shield My faith Your blood I will not be moved By the hurricane or flood

Chorus

And I will stand with You

On higher ground

On Christ the solid Rock

I will be found

And for eternity sing out my soul

Nothing but grace Your grace alone

Verse 2

Chorus

Nothing but grace The only hope

For this guilty heart

You have paid each debt I owe

And though I fall Your name is near In the raging storm

You will silence every fear

Bridge

This love amazes me

I'm Yours my heart is free

Forever Christ in me

This love will not let go Your grace is all I know

Forever Christ in me

(REPEAT)

Verse 3

Nothing but grace
Will lead me home
On that day I'll see
I was never once alone

There I will sing
With all the saints

With the Heavens shout All hail Redeemer hail

Chorus 2x

Ending

Nothing but grace Your grace alone

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