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
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Trinity Lutheran Church - Time after Pentecost
3701 Jefferson Ave Midland, MI 48640
September 14, 2025, 11:00 am

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Come, all who feel seen and all who feel unseen; all who stayed close and all who wandered far.

We come because God is already searching for us.

Like a shepherd who leaves the ninety-nine to find the one, God will not give up on you.

Rejoice with me: what was lost is found!

Like a woman who lights a lamp and sweeps the house, God will not rest until joy is complete.

Rejoice with me: what was lost is found!

In this house, there is room for every story, every question, every ache and every hope.

We come as we are—sought, seen, and welcomed.

Come, let us worship the God who seeks, the Christ who carries us home, and the Spirit who throws a feast of joy.

We lift our voices in praise: what was lost is found! Rejoice!

SENDING SONG

Your Grace Is Enough

<i>Verse 1</i>	<i>Pre-Chorus</i>
Great is Your faithfulness O God	
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart	<i>Chorus 2x</i>
You lead us by still waters into mercy	
And nothing can keep us apart	<i>Pre-Chorus</i>

<i>Pre-Chorus</i>	<i>Chorus</i>
(So) remember Your people	
Remember Your children	<i>Chorus 2</i>
Remember Your promise O God	Yeah Your grace is enough
	Heaven reaches out to us
	Your grace is enough for me
	God I sing Your grace is enough
	I'm covered in Your love
	Your grace is enough for me for me

<i>Verse 2</i>	
Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob	
You use the weak to lead the strong	
You lead us in the song of Your salvation	
And all Your people sing along	

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DISMISSAL

Go now in the power of the Spirit!
Let your heart burn with the fire of God's love!
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

COMMUNION SONG

He Is Among Us (The Least of These)

Verse 1
You'll find Me with the broken and the weak
In the spaces in between
You'll hear My voice cry out
with those who weep
Only if you're listening

Chorus
Whatever you do for the least of these
You do it unto Me

Verse 2
You'll find Me with the ones without a voice
The forgotten and ignored
My blessing is on those who love the poor
Will you open up the door

Chorus 2x

Bridge
Hallelujah, hallelujah
He is among us, He is among us
(REPEAT 4x)

Tag
By this the world will
know the Father's love
We will know the Father's love

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BENEDICTION

May God who turned wrath into mercy free you from every idol and fasten your heart to grace. May Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, find you in every wilderness, lift you into joy, and send you to seek the lost with relentless love. May the ✠ Holy Spirit, who strengthens the unworthy, overflow in you with faith and courage for service.

To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for-
ever and ever. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONGS

Indescribable

Verse 1
From the highest of heights
to the depths of the sea
Creation's revealing Your majesty
From the colors of Fall
to the fragrance of Spring
Ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings
All exclaiming

Chorus 1
Indescribable, uncontainable
You placed the stars in the sky
And You know them by name
You are amazing God
All powerful, untamable
Awestruck we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God

Verse 2
Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt
where it should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow
Who imagined the sun
and gives source to its light
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night
None can fathom

Chorus 1

Interlude
You are amazing God

Chorus 2
Indescribable, uncontainable
You placed the stars in the sky
And You know them by name
You are amazing God
Incomparable, unchangeable
You see the depths of my heart
And You love me the same
You are amazing God
You are amazing God

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This Is Amazing Grace

Verse 1

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Verse 2

Who shakes the whole earth
with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Chorus

(Yeah) (Oh) This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

Verse 3

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory the King of Glory

Verse 4

Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Chorus

Bridge

Worthy is the Lamb
who was slain
Worthy is the King
who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb
who was slain
Worthy is the King
who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb
who was slain
Worthy, worthy, worthy

Chorus

Ending

All that You've done for me

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OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God, with thankful hearts we return to you a portion of what you have first given us. Make our giving part of your glad search—turn these gifts into welcome, bread, and light. Teach us to rejoice over each life found, and form in us generous hearts, persistent in love. Gather neighbors to the joy, widen our tables, and teach us to rejoice over each life found and restored. Form in us generous hearts so that our lives, not only our gifts, become good news for the wandering and the wary. We ask this through Jesus Christ. **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.



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

Clean

Verse 1

Precious blood has left me forgiven
Pure like the whitest of snow
Powerful to make sin and shame retreat
This covenant is making me whole

Chorus

So I will rise and lift my head
For by His mercy my life was spared
The highest Name has set me free
Because of Jesus my heart is clean

Verse 2

Purify my heart in Your presence
Teach me to discover the joy
Of holiness that forms
as You draw me close
In You what was lost is restored

Chorus 2x

Ending

Because of Jesus, my heart is clean

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Searching God, you leave the ninety-nine for one, you light a lamp for what has slipped into the shadows, and you rejoice when what was lost is found. Sweep the corners of our hearts and our community; loosen our fear, kindle our hope. Lift us onto your shoulders when we are weary, place us again among your people, and make our joy contagious—a feast big enough for the wandering and the wary, the certain and the unsure. Grant us courage to seek as you seek, persistence to love as you love, and humility to be found by grace. Through Jesus Christ, our seeker and shepherd, 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: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

The letters to Timothy and Titus are called the pastoral epistles because they contain advice especially intended for leaders in the church. Here the mercy shown to Paul, who once persecuted the church, is cited as evidence that even the most unworthy may become witnesses to the grace of God.

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



GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 15th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-10

Jesus tells two stories that suggest a curious connection between the lost being found and sinners repenting. God takes the initiative to find sinners, each of whom is so precious to God that their recovery brings joy in heaven.

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

SERMON

Pastor Michael Rinehart

HYMN OF THE DAY

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures



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Chorus 2x

Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

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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.**