



# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

504 S. Westnedge at Cedar Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan  
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WORSHIP at 8:30 and 11:00AM

*All are welcome at Trinity for this Sabbath time of prayer and praise!*

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Peter and Paul, Apostles

June 29, 2025

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In preparation for worship, as the prelude begins,  
please observe a period of silence and contemplation.

The \* indicates when the congregation stands, if able.  
Congregational responses are in **bold**.

**PRELUDE:** "Prelude in D Flat Major" Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

*Today we celebrate two great figures of the early church, Peter and Paul, who represent the spread of the gospel to both Jews and Gentiles and, according to tradition, were martyred on this date. The witness of Peter and Paul inspires us as we seek ways to faithfully proclaim the gospel in our contemporary context.*

## **\*WELCOME**

P. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen.**

**\*ENTRANCE HYMN**

Morning Has Broken

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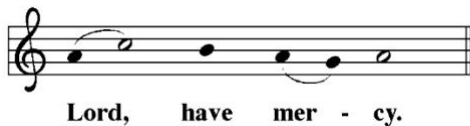
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



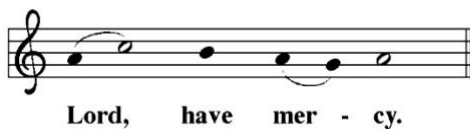
P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the  
church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship  
and praise, let us pray to the Lord.




P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.



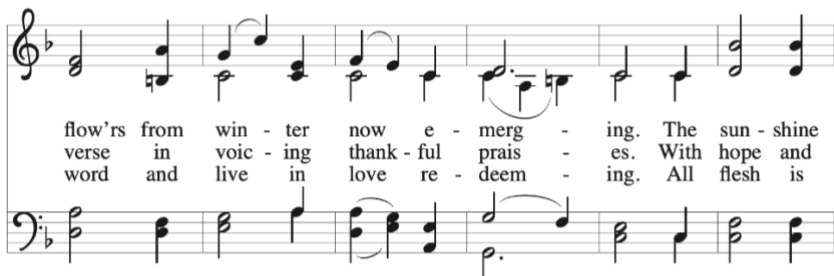
# HYMN OF PRAISE    The Earth Adorned in Verdant Robe – vs. 1



1 The earth a - dorned in ver - dant robe sends prais - es  
 2 From out the wood, the birds now sing and each its  
 3 O God, a - mid these joys of life, cre - a - tion's



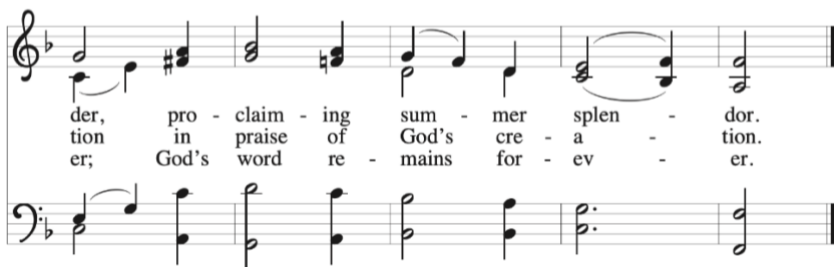
up - ward surg - ing, while soft winds breathe on fra - grant  
 song now rais - es, to join with all the u - ni -  
 glo - ry beam - ing, grant us the grace to keep your



flow'rs from win - ter now e - merg - ing. The sun - shine  
 verse in voic - ing thank - ful prais - es. With hope and  
 word and live in love re - deem - ing. All flesh is



bright gives warmth and light to bud - ding blos - soms ten -  
 joy their songs em - ploy a rap - turous ex - ul - ta -  
 grass, the flow - ers fade, and time is fleet - ing ev -



der, pro - claim - ing sum - mer splen - dor.  
 tion in praise of God's cre - a - tion.  
 er; God's word re - mains for - ev - er.

## **SALUTATION**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Almighty God, we praise you that your blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you by their martyrdoms. Grant that your church throughout the world may always be instructed by their teaching and example, be knit together in unity by your Spirit, and ever stand firm upon the one foundation who is Jesus Christ our Lord, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

## **FIRST READING: Acts 12:1-11**

*King Herod had James killed and had Peter put in prison, under heavy guard. In what Peter first believes is only a vision, an angel leads him past unseeing guards, out of the prison, and to freedom.*

<sup>1</sup> About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. <sup>2</sup> He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. <sup>3</sup> After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) <sup>4</sup> When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. <sup>5</sup> While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

<sup>6</sup> The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. <sup>7</sup> Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his wrists. <sup>8</sup> The angel said to him, "Fasten your belt and put on your sandals." He did so. Then he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." <sup>9</sup> Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. <sup>10</sup> After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane,

when suddenly the angel left him. <sup>11</sup> Then Peter came to himself and said, “Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**PSALM: Psalm 87:1-3, 5-7**

- <sup>1</sup> On the holy mountain  
stands the city God has founded;  
<sup>2</sup> **the Lord loves the gates of Zion  
more than all the dwellings of Jacob.**  
<sup>3</sup> Glorious things are spoken of you,  
O city of our God.  
<sup>5</sup> **Of the city it shall be said, “Everyone was born in Zion,  
and the Most High shall sustain the city.”**  
<sup>6</sup> Enrolling the nations, the Lord records:  
“These also were born there.”  
<sup>7</sup> **The singers and the dancers will say,  
“All my fresh springs are in you.”**

**SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18**

*Paul has faithfully persevered in the mission the Lord had given to him.  
Near life’s end he rests in the promise of eternal life, confident that the Lord  
who has rescued him in the past will bring him into the heavenly kingdom.*

<sup>6</sup> As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup> From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

<sup>17</sup> But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion’s mouth. <sup>18</sup> The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

## \* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

C: **Glory to you O Lord.**

## \*GOSPEL:       **John 21:15-19**

*Jesus invites Simon Peter to declare his love for him three times, in a manner reminiscent of the three times that Peter earlier denied Christ. Jesus commissions him to feed his sheep and predicts that he will die as a martyr for God.*

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.”

<sup>16</sup> A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” <sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup> Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” <sup>19</sup> (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you O Christ.**

## CHILDREN’S SERMON



## SERMON

Pastor Jake Lehman

**\*CREED**      *Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He descended into Hell.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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 INTERCESSION**

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church. As you raised up apostles like Peter and Paul, raise us up to share your life-giving gospel. Enrich the proclamation of bishops, pastors, deacons, and all the baptized. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the earth. As you rescued Paul from the lion's mouth, rescue your creation from harm. Sustain fragile ecosystems; watch over dwindling numbers of insects, birds, and fish; and open our hearts to regard this earth as a gift. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nations. As you bid Peter to feed your sheep, bid our leaders to feed all in need and work for their good. Make peace in places of conflict and bring justice to each community. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who suffer. As you stood by Paul and gave him strength, stand by all who know loneliness, and give strength to all who know persecution. Comfort those in grief and heal those who are sick (*especially*). Channel our restlessness into your work in the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly. As you freed Peter from prison, free us from lethargy and fear. Loose the chains of timidity and doubt, and teach us to pray fervently. Strengthen the ministry of prison chaplains and ministries, and accompany all who are incarcerated and their families. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all who rest in your eternal mercy. As you reserved a crown of righteousness for Paul, reserve for us a place in your heavenly kingdom, and bring us to life that knows no end. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gather all our prayers in your mercy,  
O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.**

### **\*SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE**

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C:** And also with you.

*(Please be seated)*

## OFFERTORY

During this time, we worship God with our offerings.  
There are a variety of gifts and a variety of ways to give!

- If you give electronically, thank you!
- If you would like to give electronically, please scan the QR code to do so.
- If you are led to give through cash or check, simply place your offering in the plate as it passes.



“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

*Please take a moment to sign the fellowship folders at this time.*

Offertory Music:

8:30 - "Bread of Life" William F. Sherwin (1826-88),  
setting by David N. Johnson (1922-87)

11:00 - "Father, We Praise You" Roland E. Martin

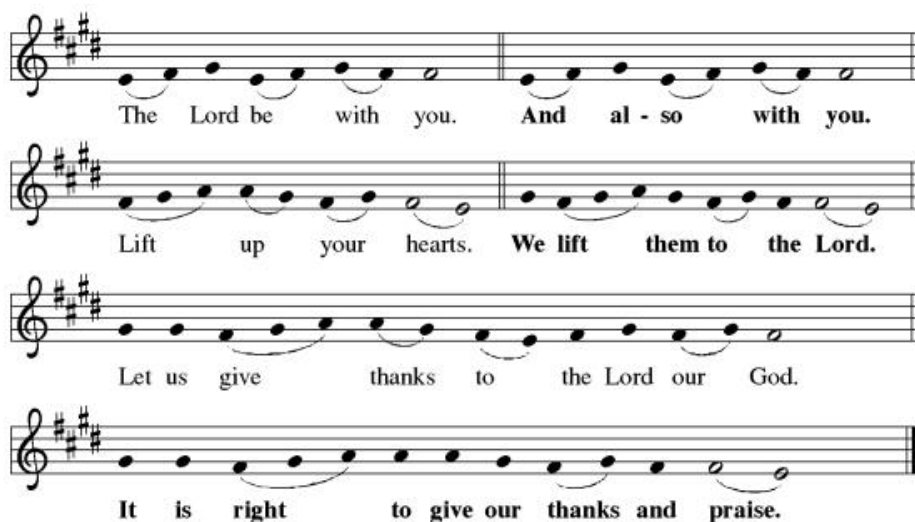
*Please stand as we begin singing  
and the elements are brought forward.*

A musical score for the offertory song "Bread of Life". It consists of five staves of music in a single system, written in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The music is a simple, melodic setting of the hymn.

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that  
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of  
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble  
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

### \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

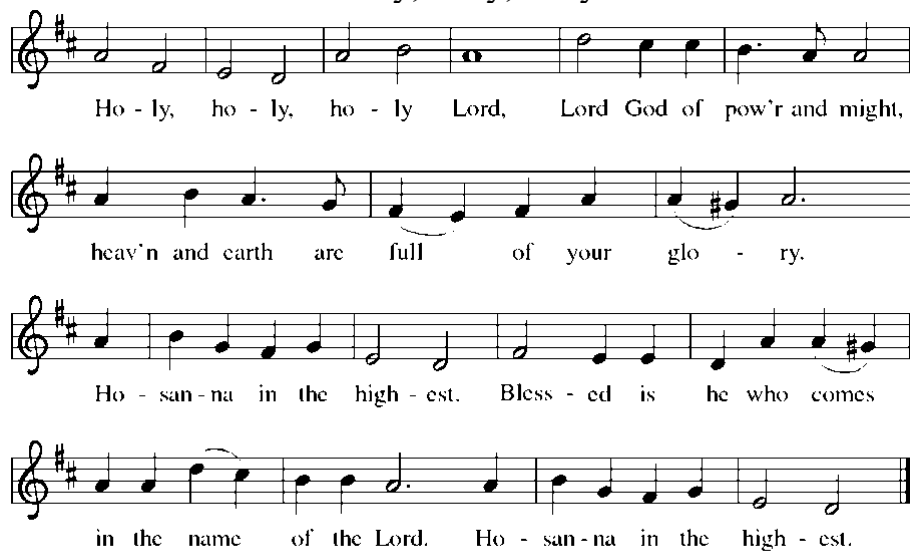
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

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.

## \*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: 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,**

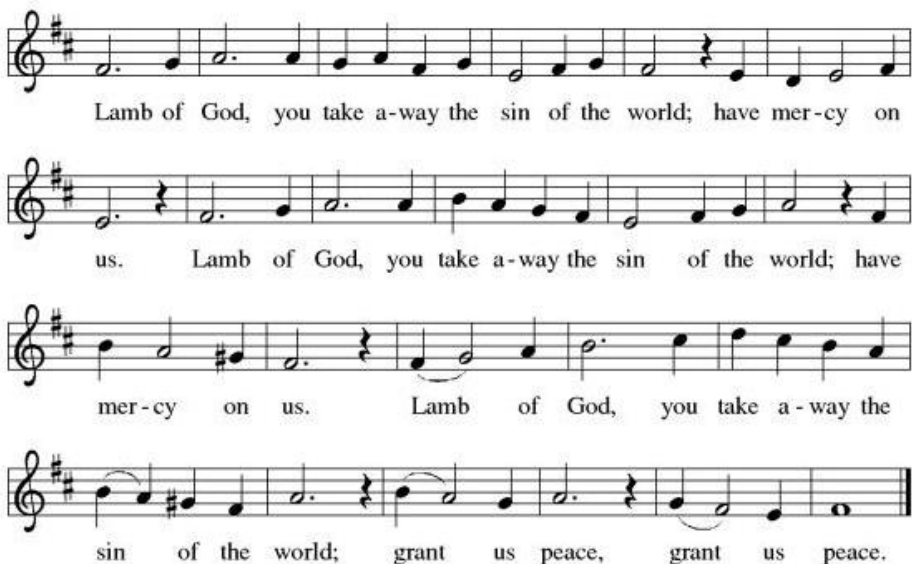
**as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**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**

*(Please be seated)*



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.

**HOLY COMMUNION** by Intinction (dipping the bread into the wine)

Please come from both sides up the center aisle

and return to your seat by the side aisles.

8:30am Please kneel, as able, at the rail.

11:00am Those desiring to kneel or pause for prayer  
at the rail after communing are invited to do so.

Communion Music:

8:30 - "Morning Has Broken" Gaelic Tune,

setting by Olive Huisman (1930-2021), Debbie Harding, Piano

11:00 - "Bread of Life" William F. Sherwin, setting by David N. Johnson

**\*THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**\*HYMN**

Lift High the Cross

**ELW #660**

**\*BLESSING** The Three-fold Amen

**\*DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** "Father, We Thank Thee" *Geneva Psalter*, 1543,  
setting by David N. Johnson

*\*Our nursery is available for children 5yrs and younger at each service. The nursery is located on the south side of the building adjacent to the elevator and gathering space.*

OUR STAFF AT TRINITY:

Rev. Ken Johnson	Pastor
Rev. Jake Lehman	Outreach Pastor
Nathan Mattson	Organist/Director of Music
Katie Grubaugh	Office Administrator
Heidi Albertson	Dir. of Family Ministry
Terri Schmidt	Bookkeeper
Margaret Stevenson	Hospitality Host
Bob Koenes	Custodian
Dr. William Musselman	Organist/Director Emeritus

ALTAR GUILD: Teri Koretsky and Sheree Sorensen

WELCOME TEAM: 8:30 Teri Koretsky and Beth Belleville  
11:00 Greta Decker and Pat Mason

LECTORS: 8:30 Keith Peterson  
11:00 Marianne Fuerst

ACOLYTES: 8:30 Avery and Nolan Fowler  
11:00 Frederick Thurn and Jacob Zimmermann

PRAYER CONCERNS: Sandy Eschelbach, Diane Reau,  
Linda Ward, David Mason, Ruth Krueger, Bertha Boettcher,  
Jeannie Grubaugh, Beth Latshaw, Sandy Wallace

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God by Holly Wohlfert in honor of her granddaughter Harlow Ramirez's baptism on July 3, 2016; and by Sally and Steve Morris in honor of their daughter Kiley's 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.