



MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fostering Community through Faith, Love & Service

AUGUST 16, 2026

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MORNING PRAYER



TODAY AS YOU ENTER THE
SANCTUARY, PLEASE TAKE A
MOMENT TO BE INSPIRED BY THE
BEAUTY OF THE FLOWERS. THIS
WEEK'S FLOWERS WERE
GENEROUSLY DONATED BY:

Deb Owens

IN MEMORY OF HER MOTHER

We would like to give special thanks to our worship leaders.

WORSHIP LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS

Pastor: Gary Schaeffer

Director of Music: John Warfel

Assistant Director of Music: Nancy Walters

Worship Asst: Penny Ulmer

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: Dave Campbell and Chris Palko

Communion Asst: Chuck Stahl and Helen Billhime

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Lutheran Church at

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

BAPTISMAL SONG: "All Are Welcome"

All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Let us pray...

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water all around us. Especially, the West Branch of the Susquehanna River Watershed, you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

Blessed be God now and forever.

As we gather for worship today, we remember how you connect each of us to another in time and place. In this place, where people have gathered for thousands of years beginning with the Susquehannock tribe, then the first immigrants in what would become Milton, to today where people of all different backgrounds, traditions, and beliefs gather for worship. You bring us together in remembrance of our baptism.

Blessed be God now and forever.

In baptism, we are joined to Christ's death and resurrection. We are washed in God's mercy, sealed by the Spirit, and called beloved Children of God. Yet we confess that we do not always live as people of grace. Let us return to the waters of life, confessing our sins and trusting God's promise.

Brief silence for reflection

God of Life, we confess that we forget we belong to you. We turn from your ways, we fail to love our neighbors, and we doubt your power to make all things new. Forgive us, O God. Wash us again in your grace. Renew in us the joy of baptism, so that we may rise to serve you in freedom. Amen.

Hear the good news. By Water and the Spirit, you are buried with Christ and raised to new life. In Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. You are made clean, renewed and sent to shine with the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

HYMN: ELW 886 "Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord..

Amen.

Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

¹ If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the

form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, ¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

SERMON: Christ's Humility, Our Humility

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 759 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Prayers of Intercession

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

For believers around the world who stream to your holy mountain, that all be united in faith and harmony in the body of Christ. Let your church on earth be a witness to the beloved community of your heavenly kingdom. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For your wondrous creation, that it thrives and flourishes as you intend. Raise up wise stewards to defend the natural world against carelessness and destruction. Safeguard endangered species and their habitats. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For the nations of the world and all in authority, that they heed the cry of the outcast and ensure care for the most vulnerable.

Give wisdom to leaders of countries, congregations, and communities, that they lead and serve justly. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For all who are lonely, grieving, or struggling with chronic pain, that they find comfort, community, and hope. Send relief to all who struggle with illness of any kind. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For this congregation, for visitors and those new to this faith community, that all may recognize the presence of Christ in each new face. Draw this community together in love and strengthen it in unwavering faith. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For the saints before us whose work is done, that their faithful example continues to direct your church. May their witness remind us that your gifts and calling are irrevocable, whether in life or death. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

We Are An Offering

ELW 692

Words and Music by
Dwight Liles

G⁷ C Dm⁷ C^(add2) C/E
 We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our

4 Fmaj⁷ C/E Dm⁷ G C Dm⁷
 lives up to You: we are an of-fer-ing Lord, use our voice - es, Lord, use our

7 Em⁷ C/E F C^(add2) B^b G⁷
 hands, Lord, use our lives, they are Yours: we are an of-fer-ing.

10 Em⁷ A Dm⁷ E⁷ Am
 All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we

13 Dm⁷ C^(add2) B^b Dm G⁷
 give to you, we give to you. We lift our

16 C Dm⁷ C^(add2) C/E Fmaj⁷ C/E
 voice - es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You: we are an

19 Dm⁷ G C Dm⁷ Em⁷ C/E
 of-fer-ing Lord, use our voice - es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our

22 F C^(add2) B^b G⁷ C
 lives, they are Yours: we are an of-fer-ing. We are an of-fer-ing.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, *as we gather around this table to receive the gift of your grace, we offer ourselves to you. All we have, everything we are, and everything we will be, comes from you. We give you thanks, offer our time, gifts, and resources as people of God. Moved by your Spirit we ask that these gifts may be instruments of your love as we seek to love others. Amen.*

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

Lift up your heart.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

O God most mighty,

O God most merciful,

O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child.

When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom.

Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city.

With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given to you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. ***Amen.***

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. ***Amen.***

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.

Amen.

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.

O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.

O God, you are wine: warm our hearts and make us one.

O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.

Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

By ALBERT H. MALOTTE

SLOWLY

B $\flat$ F/B $\flat$ B $\flat$ /D E $\flat$ 6 Fsus F

OUR FA - THER WHICH ART IN HEAV-EN,

7 B $\flat$ /D G $\flat$ Cm7 F7sus F7 B $\flat$ (ADD2) B $\flat$

HAL-LOW - ED BE _____ THY NAME.

12 G $\flat$ G $\flat$ 9 Gdim7 D $\flat$ G $\flat$ Cm/G C7/G D

THY KING-DOM COME; THY WILL BE DONE ____

17 N.C. G $\flat$ E $\flat$ B $\flat$ /F F7sus B $\flat$ sus B $\flat$

ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAV - EN.

23 E $\flat$ /B $\flat$ B $\flat$ E $\flat$ /B $\flat$ B $\flat$ E $\flat$ /G Cm/G F7 B $\flat$ E $\flat$ /G B $\flat$ /F E $\flat$ B $\flat$ /D G $\flat$ 7 E $\flat$ /G F7

GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAI - LY

30 B $\flat$ G $\flat$ 6 G $\flat$ 6/D G $\flat$ 6/B $\flat$ Asus A E $\flat$ 7($\flat$ 5)/A A

BREAD, AND FOR-GIVE US OUR DEBTS AS WE ____ FOR-GIVE OUR DEBT-ORS.

35 $E_m7(\flat 5)/A$ A $N.C.$ $B\flat$ $E\flat sus2/G$ $E\flat/G$

AND LEAD US NOT IN-TO TEMP-TA - TION, BUT DE-

39 $C7/G$ $F(ADD2)/A$ Dm/A $F7/E\flat$ $B\flat/D$ $E\flat6$

LIV - ER US FROM E - VIL. FOR THINE IS THE KING-DOM AND THE

43 $C7/E$ $E\flat m/G\flat$ $G\flat+$ $E\flat m6/G\flat$ $B\flat/F$ Cm/F $F7$

POW-ER AND THE GLO - RY FOR - EV -

47 $N.C.$ $E\flat6$ $B\flat MAJ7$ $Cm7/F$ $F7$ $B\flat$ $E\flat6$

ER. FOR THINE IS THE KING-DOM AND THE

51 $C7/E$ $E\flat m/G\flat$ $G\flat+$ $E\flat m6/G\flat$ $B\flat/F$ $Cm7$ $N.C.$ Cm $Cm7/F$ $F7$

RIT.

POW-ER AND THE GLO - RY FOR - EV - ER, A -

56 $F7sus$ $E\flat/G$ $B\flat/F$ $E\flat$ $B\flat sus2/D$ $B\flat/D$ $N.C.$ $E\flat/G$ $B\flat/F$ $E\flat6$ $B\flat$

A TEMPO

- MEN!

Come to the Table in Love

Leader



Come,___ come,___ come to the ta - ble in love.____
come to the ta - ble in need.____
come to the ta - ble in truth.____

Assembly



We come to - geth - er in Je - sus' name.____
We come to - geth - er in Je - sus' name.____
We come to - geth - er in Je - sus' name.____
We go to live___ in Je - sus' name.____



We come to the ta - ble in love.
We come to the ta - ble in need.
We come to the ta - ble in truth.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

COMMUNION SONG: "I Am the Bread of Life"

I Am the Bread of Life

Leader or All

1 "The bread that I will give
2 "Un- less you eat
3 "I am the res- ur- rec- tion,
4 Yes, Lord, I be- lieve
5 that

come to me shall not the hun- ger, and who be-
flesh for the life of the world, and if you
flesh of the Son of Man and
I am the life. If you be-
you are the Christ, the

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
eat of this bread, and you shall live for -
drink of his blood, and drink and
lieve in me, e - ven though you
Son of God, who have

me un- less the Fa- ther beck- ons."
ev- er, you shall live for - ev- er."
blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
die, you shall live for - ev- er."
come in - to the world.

Refrain
All

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,

and I will raise you up on the last day."

Text: Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b. 1927, based on John 6

Music: I AM THE BREAD, Suzanne Toolan, RSM

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COMMUNION BLESSING

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION SONG: ACS “Guide My Feet”

Guide My Feet

Leader

1 Guide my feet
2 Hold my hand
3 Stand by me while I run this race.
4 I'm your child
5 Search my heart

All

Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me while I run this race.
I'm your child
Search my heart

Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me while I run this race,
I'm your child
Search my heart

for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: GUIDE MY FEET, African American spiritual

BLESSING

May the God of creation bless our community, may Jesus the Savior open our hearts to all, may the Holy Spirit empower us with faith, creativity, and stewardship to live and serve as people of God now and forever.

Amen

HYMN: ELW 434 “Jesus Shall Reign”

SENDING

Together we at the Milton Lutheran Church

Foster community through faith, love, and service.

Go forth in faith, to live out our mission.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



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