



MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fostering Community through Faith, Love & Service

JULY 27TH 2025

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SANCTUARY @ MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH @
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OUTDOOR WORSHIP



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:

Cindy Coup

IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES

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 assistant: Cindy Coup

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: Chris Palko and Linwood Hill

Communion Assistant: Kay Dunn and Connie Stover

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Lutheran Church at

9:30am on the Milton Lutheran Church YouTube Channel. Visit
<https://miltonlutheranchurch.org> to link to the LIVE worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

OPENING RESPONSES

Thanks be to you O God, that we have risen this day.

To the rising of this life itself.

Be the purpose of God between us and each purpose.

The hand of God between us and each hand.

The pain of Christ between us and each pain.

The pain of Christ between us and each love.

Beloved of the neglected, beloved of the vulnerable.

Draw us to the shelter- house of the saviour of the poor.

OPENING SONG: WOV 783 "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

783

Descent

Al - le - lu - ia, al -

D F#m G D G

1 Seek ye . . . first the king - dom of God and its
 2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and
 3 We do not live by bread . . . a - lone, but by

le - lu - ia, al - le -

D Em A⁷ D F#m

righteous - ness, and all these things shall be
 you shall find; knock and the door shall be
 ev - 'ry word that pro - ceeds from the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

G D G D Em A D

add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
 o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
 mouth . . . of . . . God. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

Text: st. 1, Matt. 6:33, adapt. Karen Lafferty, b. 1948; st. 2, Matt. 7:7; st. 3, Matt. 4:4

Music: Karen Lafferty, b. 1948

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PRAYER

O God, open to us today the sea of your mercy and water us with full streams from the riches of your grace and the springs of your kindness. Make us Children of quietness and heirs of peace: Kindle in us the fire of your love. Sow in us your love. Strengthen our weakness by your power and bind us close to you and to each other.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 11: 1-13

¹ [Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”² So he said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

⁵ And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,’⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’⁷ And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹ “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For

everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? ¹³ If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"
SERMON "If you say so, Jesus"

SONG: ELW 752 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943

Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema

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PRAYERS

O Trinity of love, One God, In perfect community, look now on us who look at you.

And hear our prayer for our community.

Where this is falseness...

Smother it by our truth.

Where there is any coldness...

Kindle the flame of your love.

Where there is joy and hope...

Free us to share it together;

And make us one...

As you are one...

Before God and you who are near me I release anything against you. I regret all I have done to harm you. I stand beside the wrong in my life and ask for God's forgiveness.

Before God and you who are near, we release anything we hold against one another. We regret all the harm we have done. We stand beside the wrong in our lives and ask for God's forgiveness.

A brief moment of silence.

Jesus says to us, each one: 'Go and sin no more, Come and follow me.' Now we bind our hands with honesty as we offer them to each other and our prayer to you. (*Join Hands*)

LORD'S PRAYER

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.*

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.

Let us give our thanks and praise.

Blessed is our brother Jesus, who walks with us the road of our world's suffering,

And is known to us in the breaking of the bread.

On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread and having blessed it.

He broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying,

This is my body, given for you.

In the same way he took the wine and having given thanks for it, he poured it out.

And gave it to his disciples, saying,

This cup is the new relationship with God, sealed with my blood.

Take this and share it.

I shall drink wine with you next in the coming Kingdom of God.

Loving God, it is through your goodness that we have this bread and wine to offer.

Which earth has given, and human hands have made.

In the sharing of this bread, may we know your resurrection

presence, and may we know that, in touching all bread, all matter, it is you that we touch.

What we do here is celebrate the life that Jesus has shared among his community through the centuries and shares among us now.

Made one with Christ, and thus one with each other, let us offer these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice. **AMEN**

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

COMMUNION SONG – John Warfel

COMMUNION BLESSING

Here us now, O Christ, and breathe your Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine. May they become for us your body, vibrant with your life, healing, renewing, and making us whole. And as the bread and wine which we've had are changed into us, may we be changed again into you, bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh, loving and caring in the world. **Amen**

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**

CLOSING SONG: ELW 574 "Here I Am, Lord"

Here I Am, Lord



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

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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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Monday- Thursday

9:00 A.M.- 2:00 P.M.

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Monday- Thursday

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Prayer Requests



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