

We Warmly Welcome You to



Milton Lutheran Church

Fostering Community through Faith, Love and Service

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 29th, 2023

Morning Prayer

The Pastor Gary Schaeffer

In Person & LIVE streamed from the Sanctuary at Milton Lutheran Church at 9:30am on the Milton Lutheran Church YouTube Channel. Visit <https://miltonlutheranchurch.org> to link to the LIVE worship.

(Bold italic items to be spoken by congregation.)

Thank you again for joining us today. We pray that this worship sends you out into the world energized to share God's love with everyone you meet!

Today as you enter the sanctuary, please take a moment to be inspired by the beauty of the flowers.

This week they have been generously provided by the Milton Lutheran Church to the glory of God.

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

Pastor: Gary Schaeffer

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Greeters: Cuff & Sharon Greiner

Comm Asst: Helen & Chuck

Worship Setup: Connie Stover & Steph Byers

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Greeting

Baptismal Song- *All Are Welcome*

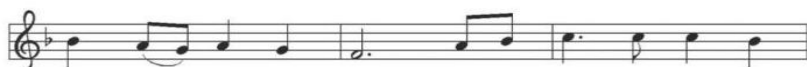
All Are Welcome



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.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that those who are here may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and help them to remember that it is through your love we receive the gift of grace.

Blessed be God now and forever.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Opening

***O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.***

Give glory to God, our light, and our life.

Oh, come, let us worship and praise.

Song- ELW 873 “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, you confound the world’s wisdom in giving your kingdom to the

lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, and Lord.

Amen.

Scripture Reading- Job 2:11-13

Now when Job's three friends heard of all these troubles that had come upon him, each of them sets out from his home—Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. They met together to go and console and comfort him. ¹²When they saw him from a distance, they did not recognize him, and they raised their voices and wept aloud; they tore their robes and threw dust in the air upon their heads. ¹³They sat with him on the ground for seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great.

Choir Anthem

Scripture Acclamation

Listen to the Word of God

Leader(s) Assembly

Lis-ten to the word of God. Al - le - lu - ia.

Detailed description: This system contains the first two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The key signature has three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The music for the Leader(s) part consists of a series of eighth notes in the treble staff and a simple bass line in the bass staff. The Assembly part begins with a whole note chord in the treble staff and a corresponding bass line in the bass staff.

Leader(s) Assembly

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Assembly

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Scripture Reading- “2 Timothy 4:9-18”

9 Do your best to come to me soon, ¹⁰for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, ¹¹Titus to Dalmatia. ¹²Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. ¹³I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. ¹⁴When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. ¹⁵Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. ¹⁶You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message.

16 At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But 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. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Sermon- “What Do You Need?”

Song- ELW 722 “O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate”

Prayers Of Intercession

God of the here and now, how we need you. This world seems to turn upside down all the time. Our center of gravity feels off. In moments like these, we are particularly grateful for the care you offer and the stability of friends. So today we say a prayer of thanks for the people in our life who take the time to ask: “What do you need?”

For the grocery store clerk who helps load our cars.

For the neighbor across the street who checks in on us.

For the friend who texts when we can’t come to church.

For parents and children who celebrate the good in life.

For teachers who pay attention.

For health care workers, social workers, therapists, pastors, bosses, colleagues, and friends.

For volunteers who give freely of their time to help those in need.

For who else does this community of faith give thanks for? (pause)

Gracious God, help us to be those people for others. Give us the eyes to see when our neighbors are in need, and the wisdom to ask, “What do you need?” Stop our assumptions cold in their tracks, and instead, carve out space in us to listen.

We are practicing breathing deeply. We are practicing being still. We are practicing opening ourselves up to you. We are practicing listening—slowly and intentionally. We are practicing sitting with our pain and honoring it. We are practicing saying what we need and not being afraid to ask for help. And in all of this, we need you.

So gather us in and hold us close. Be with us in our waiting and in our praying. Be with us in our grief and our sorrow. Be in our relationships, that we might be blessed with friends who support us and that we might be the friends who can bless others. **AMEN**

Let My Prayer Be a Fragrant Offering

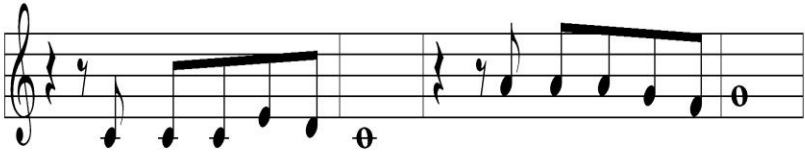
Refrain



Let my prayer be a fra-grant of-fer-ing, as in-cense to you a - rise.



Let my prayer be a fra-grant of-fer-ing, my hands lift-ed up in praise.



1 O Lord, I call to you, come quick-ly to my side.
2 Please watch my lips, O Lord, and guard the words I say.
3 My eyes are turned to you, O Lord, my liv-ing God.

Refrain



O Lord, please hear my voice; lis - ten when I cry.
Please turn my heart to you; chase my sin a - way.
I look to you for help; be my faith - ful rock.

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 for 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 (Sung)

Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

Forever, Amen.

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. ___

(for sending) Go, ___ go, ___ go from the ta - ble in peace. ___

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.
 We go from the ta - ble in peace.

Communion

The Body of Christ given for you. The Blood of Christ given for you.

Communion Song

You Are Holy *Du är helig*

^{1*}



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

²



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
Sing ho - san - na! to our God!

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.

Blessing

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The God of all grace ✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Song-ELW 773 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

2/1	<i>Diane Greenly</i>
2/2	<i>Madison Coup</i>
2/5	<i>Joanne Seidel</i>
2/5	<i>Trent Wargo</i>
2/5	<i>William Hoover</i>

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER FOR:

Jo Ann Galbraith, Joanie Fisher, Ken Gaugler, Rose and Terry Deaner, Mary Billhime, Ed Coup, Patsy and Jack Aunkst, Julie Benshoff, Gerald Greenly, Melvin Crist, April and Schuyler, Ernie Delp.

If you know someone who needs to be added or removed from the prayer list, please call the church office.

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