



# MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Fostering Community through Faith, Love & Service*



**CONTEMPORARY**

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(Bold italic items to be spoken by congregation.)



**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:**

*Ann Mellman and  
Family*

**IN MEMORY OF HUSBAND  
ROBERT MELLMAN**

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!

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

**Pastor:** Gary Schaeffer  
**Director of Music:** John Warfel  
**Assistant Director of Music:** Nancy Walters  
**Worship Assistant:** Penny Ulmer

**Worship Volunteers**

**Greeters:** Ann Mellman and Linwood Hill  
**Communion Assistant:** Connie Stover and Kay Dunn  
**Worship Setup:** Helen Billhime

**Welcome to Worship!**

Thank you for joining us today. Whether you've worshipped with us before or this is your first time, we want you to know that you are welcome. As Christians we recognize that each of us comes to worship just as we are. God loves us and so we love others, no expectations, no judgment, only acceptance grace, and love.

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GREETING**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

***Amen.***

**OPENING MUSIC – Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone) &  
Days of Elijah**

**AMAZING GRACE**

**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 reigns  
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

**Chorus**

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

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

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

## **Days of Elijah**

### **Verse 1**

These are the days of Elijah  
Declaring the Word of the Lord  
And these are the days  
Of Your servant Moses  
Righteousness being restored  
And though these are days  
Of great trials  
Of famine and darkness and sword  
Still we are the voice

In the desert crying  
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

### **Chorus**

Behold He comes  
Riding on the clouds  
Shining like the sun  
At the trumpet call  
So lift your voice  
It's the year of Jubilee  
And out of Zion's hill  
Salvation comes

### **Verse 2**

And these are the days of Ezekiel  
The dry bones becoming as flesh  
And these are the days  
Of Your servant David  
Rebuilding a temple of praise  
And these are the days of the harvest  
The fields are as white in the world  
And we are the laborers  
In Your vineyard  
Declaring the Word of the Lord

### **Bridge**

There is no god like Jehovah  
There is no god like Jehovah  
There is no god like Jehovah  
There is no god like Jehovah (hey)

## **GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25:14-30**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 14“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. 17In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. 19After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ 21His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ 22And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ 23His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ 24Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; 25so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ 26But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? 27Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my

own with interest. 28So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

**SERMON:** “Are You In?”

**SONG** – Mighty to Save

**Verse 1**

Ev'ryone needs compassion  
Love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness  
The kindness of a Savior  
The hope of nations

**Chorus**

Saviour He can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save  
He is mighty to save  
Forever Author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave

**Verse 2**

So take me as You find me  
All my fears and failures  
Fill my life again



I give my life to follow  
Ev'rything I believe in  
Now I surrender

### **Bridge**

Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing  
For the glory of the risen King  
Jesus  
Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing  
For the glory of the risen King

### **PRAYERS**

*(Lyrics) Lord Listen to your children praying, Lord send your spirit in this place, Lord listen to your children praying, Send us love, Send us power, send us grace.*

Let us open our hearts and minds and lift our prayers together trusting that God not only hears our prayers, but through the Holy Spirit, works to make us whole.

God of forgiveness, each of us comes before you today with heavy hearts. We have all done and said things that we shouldn't have. We have fallen short of your call to love our neighbors as ourselves. We ask that your grace be known to us now so that we can know your mercy, and through your love, be released from sin.

***Lord Listen to your Children Praying...***

God of comfort and strength. Help all those who are sick in mind, body, or spirit. Heal the wounded and the afflicted. Comfort us in our grief, sickness, and pain. Let us be reminded that you walk alongside us every day of our lives and that your love sustains us. We pause now to lift our worries to you.

***Lord Listen to your Children Praying...***

God of joy and thanksgiving. There is so much in the world that we have to be thankful for. For the gift of life, for creation, family and friends, and this community of faith Oh God. We give you thanks. We pause now to lift our thanksgivings to you.

***Lord Listen to your Children Praying....***

God of life. You call us out into the world as followers of Christ so that others may experience your love. Guide our comings and goings and give us the strength to share your good news with everyone, whether that be through our words or actions.

***Lord Listen to your Children Praying...***

**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. Trusting in your mercy and moved by your Spirit*

*we ask that these gifts may be instruments of your love as we seek to love others. Amen.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

*And also, with you*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them up to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

It is indeed right to give God our thanks and praise. For from the beginning of time God created everything around us. All of creation, the people we come in contact with, the emotions we feel, and of course God's only son, Jesus.

Who sacrificed himself on our behalf so that we could experience the love and forgiveness that sustains us each day and that we could be free from sin to show that love to others. And so, we remember how thousands of years ago, Jesus sat down for a meal with his disciples.

How he 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.

So, we gather around this bread and wine, as a community and as individuals, remembering this sacrifice and being reminded of his love for each of us. As we eat of this bread and drink of this wine let celebrate this gift as together, we 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.*

## COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

# 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! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

\* May be sung in canon.

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## COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace now and forever. *Amen*

## CLOSING SONG: "In Christ Alone"

### Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My comforter, my all in all  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

### Verse 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

### Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again

And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

#### **Verse 4**

No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

#### **BLESSING**

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*

#### **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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MARY SUDOL- CROMIS  
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GERALD & RUTH GREENLY  
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FAMILY & FRIENDS OF LEROY HAUCK  
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JUSTIN JOHNSON  
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# Church Office Hours

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

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Monday- Thursday 10:00 A.M.- 2:00 P.M.

*Please contact Pastor Gary to make an appointment.*

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