

We Warmly Welcome You to



Milton Lutheran Church

Fostering Community through Faith, Love and Service

1 Lent

Feb 26th, 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 Joe, Krista & Keith Yaiko in memory of Loved Ones.



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

Pastor: Gary Schaeffer

Director of Music: John Warfel

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Worship assistant: Val Gardner

Worship Volunteers

Greeters: Chuck Stahl & Helen Billhime

Communion Asst: Karen Fry & Connie Stover

Worship Setup: Ann Melman & Mary Ann Solomon

Gathering Music

Video- Chameleon

Welcome & Announcements

Greeting

Baptismal Song- *All Are Welcome*

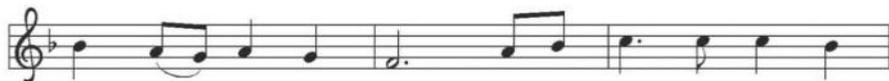
All Are Welcome



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 320 “The Glory of These Forty Days”

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Scripture Reading- Romans 12: 1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters,^{*} by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual^{*} worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world,⁻ but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.^{*}

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Choir Anthem-“Throughout these 40 Days”

Scripture Acclamation

Listen to the Word of God

Leader(s) Assembly

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

Leader(s) Assembly

Hear the liv - ing word. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Assembly

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

Hear the liv - ing word. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading- Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' ⁴But he answered, 'It is written,

"One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." '

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you",
and "On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." '

⁷Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." '

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' ¹⁰Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

"Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him." '

¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Sermon- Do Not Conform

Song- ELW 325 "I want Jesus to walk with me"

Prayers Of Intercession

God of Grace we all come before you today at different places in our faith journey. We humble ourselves before you today as followers of Christ, continuing our journey through this season of lent. We lift these prayers to you trusting that you hold them just as you hold us in your grace.

Today, we pray for the world around us. As we pause to think about the daily struggles each of us faces we are reminded of the pressure placed on us each day to fit in.

To act the way others, act.

To judge the way others, judge.

To try to keep ahead.

To compete, debate, to be right.

And yet we know that you call us into an intentional relationship with you. To follow your teachings and live into the greatest commandment. Help us to humble ourselves in your presence and have the courage to stand out as your followers and be the people you are calling us to be.

Lord in your Mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We have so much in the world to be thankful for.

For friendship

For community

For the opportunity to grow

For new people that come into our lives

For that ways that you challenge us to live more fully into your grace.

We pause now to be reminded of the free gift of your grace. Help us to experience this gift each day through the work of your Spirit. Help us to know that you never abandon us, and your love is steadfast.

Lord in your Mercy, **Hear our prayer**

Renew the nations, O God. Give voice to those on the margins and resolve to world leaders who seek to protect those most vulnerable. Loosen the bonds of injustice and bring an end to all violence, oppression, and persecution.

Lord in your Mercy, **Hear our prayer**

God of Grace, as we lift all these prayers to you, either spoken aloud, in the silence of our hearts, or written on your cross- we lift them to you knowing that you hear us. Give us strength this day and in the days ahead not to conform to the expectations around us, but rather stand out as your followers.

AMEN

Let My Prayer Be a Fragrant Offering

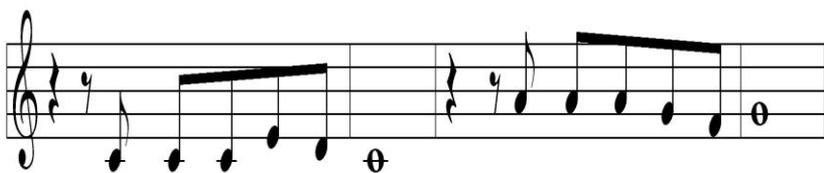
Refrain



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



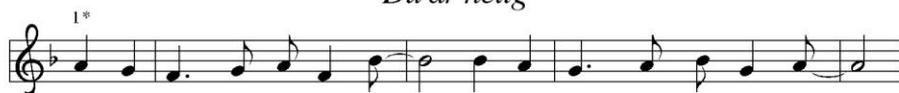
We come to - geth - er in Je - sus' name. ___
 We come to - geth - er in Je - sus' name. ___
 We come to - geth - er in Je - sus' name. ___
 We go to live ___ in Je - sus' name. ___



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 Song

You Are Holy *Du är helig*



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.



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!

Communion

The Body of Christ given for you.

The Blood of Christ shed for you.

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 618 “Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”

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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