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*Milton Lutheran  
Church*

*Fostering community through faith,  
love and service*

February 5th, 2023  
Fifth Sunday of Epiphany  
Traditional  
The Rev. Gary Schaeffer

In Person & LIVE Streamed from the Sanctuary at  
Milton Lutheran Church 9:30 a.m.  
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*(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 Charlotte Marts and Family in Memory of Loved Ones.



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:** Val Garner

**Worship Volunteers**

**Greeters:** Chuck & Helen

**Comm Asst:** Connie Stover & Karen Fry

**Worship Setup:** Ann Millman & Mary Ann Solomon

We want to share a special thank you to all the volunteers that are helping lead worship today. We give thanks for their gifts and willingness to serve.

## GATHERING MUSIC

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GREETING

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*Amen.*

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen*

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God, *we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead*

*us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

*Amen*

**HYMN-ELW 853 "WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES"**

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*And also with you.*

# KYRIE

**A** In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord. **A** For the

**G** Lord, have mer - cy.

peace from a-bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the

Lord. **A** For the peace of the whole world, the well - being of the

**G** Lord, have mer - cy.

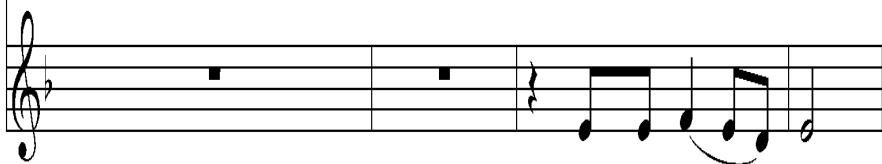
Church of God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. **A** For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their

**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



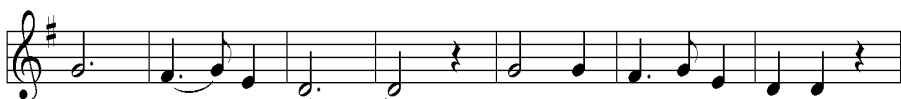
☉ Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy, have mer-cy on us; you are seat - ed



at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



3 For you a - lone are the Ho-ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also, with you**

Let us pray.

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READING: DEUTERONOMY 7:6-9

<sup>6</sup>For you are a people holy to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on earth to be his people, his treasured possession.

<sup>7</sup> It was not because you were more numerous than any other people that the LORD set his heart on you and chose you—for you were the fewest of all peoples. <sup>8</sup>It was because the LORD loved you and kept the oath that he swore to your ancestors, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who maintains covenant loyalty with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## PSALM 119: 98-105



Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,  
for it is always with me.

**I have more understanding than all my teachers,  
for your decrees are my meditation.**

I understand more than the aged,  
for I keep your precepts.

**I hold back my feet from every evil way,  
in order to keep your word.**

I do not turn away from your ordinances,  
for you have taught me.

**How sweet are your words to my taste,  
sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

Through your precepts I get understanding;  
therefore I hate every false way.

Your word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light to my path.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



**Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**



**You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.**

## **GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 7:24-29**

The holy gospel according to Matthew the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you o lord.**

'Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!'

Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

The gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, O Christ.*

**SERMON- "WHERE IS GOD"?**

**HYMN-ELW 817 "YOU HAVE COME DOWN TO THE LAKESHORE"**

**APOSTLES CREED**

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.*

*He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of relationships and conversation, we come before you in prayer today, reminded that you are in all things. We are trying to build connections; we are trying to find you in all things. So today we come before you in prayer. We come before you in worship. We come before you in relationship. All connected with one another, through you.

So let us pray as one body in Christ for all that are hurting. For teens in our community who are struggling with depression, fear, and anxiety. For kids in our community that are trying to find their way. For the elderly who are wrestling with an ever-changing world that seems to leave them behind.

We pray for the world. For the places that experience war and conflicts each day. Especially people in the middle east, eastern Europe, South America,

and regions in Africa. Through your love help them to see you in those they hate. Give them a sense of peace as they gather with family and friends. Guide our leaders toward peaceful resolutions rather than more conflict. Enable them to ask, where is God?

As we too ask the question, where are you? We are reminded of the places you are present in our lives. And so, we pause to give thanks for those places.

In our childhood friend who we are still in contact with.

In our spouses and partners in life.

In our friends from church- book club, firehouses, card games, youth groups, school, or work.

In our family members-sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, cousins, God-parents, and friends we consider family.

In our acquaintances wherever they may be- when running errands, social gatherings, churches, or restaurants.

You are indeed in all things, with all people, now and forever. And so, like the wise persons who built their homes on rock. Help us to build our relationships on the foundation of faith, trusting that you hold us together, and that you mold us together as one people. Be with us now, as you are each day, and deepen our connection to you and one another. **AMEN**



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, fill to the brim our



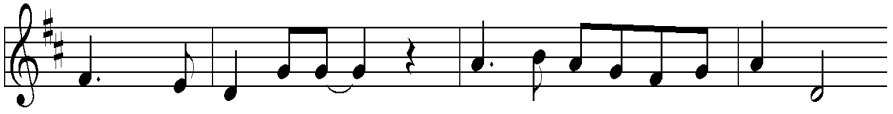
cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown,



that we may be fed, we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; u-nite them with the



prayers we of-fer now. Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence,



and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, *as we gather around this table to receive the gift of your grace, we offer ourselves to you. All that 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.*

## DIALOGUE



**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of  
everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
 Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are  
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the  
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,

the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Christ has died.*

*Christ is risen.*

*Christ will come again.*

With this bread and cup  
we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth.  
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.  
We look with hope for his coming.  
*Come, Lord Jesus.*

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.  
Come among us.  
Bless this meal.  
May your Word take flesh in us.  
Awaken your people.  
Fill us with your light.  
Bring the gift of peace on earth.  
*Come, Holy Spirit.*

All praise and glory are yours,



Holy One of Israel,  
Word of God incarnate,  
Power of the Most High,  
one God, now and forever.  
*Amen.*

## LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to 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.*

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## 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!

## COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

*Amen*

**BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now  
and forever.

*Amen*

**CLOSING HYMN-ELW 673 "GOD WHOSE ALMIGHTY WORD"**

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.*

**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, Tyler Morton, Gary & Martha Gill.*

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

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MONDAY	9AM-3PM
TUESDAY	9AM-3PM
WEDNESDAY	9AM-2PM
THURSDAY	9AM-3PM
FRIDAY	OFFICE CLOSED

**PLEASE FEEL FREE TO DROP OFF BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS OR  
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

## **PASTORAL HOURS**

MONDAY	10AM-3PM
TUESDAY	10AM-3PM
WEDNESDAY	10AM-3PM
THURSDAY	10AM-3PM
FRIDAY	OFF

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