

We Warmly Welcome You to



Milton Lutheran Church

Fostering Community through Faith, Love and Service

March 12th, 2023

3 Lent

Contemporary

Pastor Gary Schaeffer

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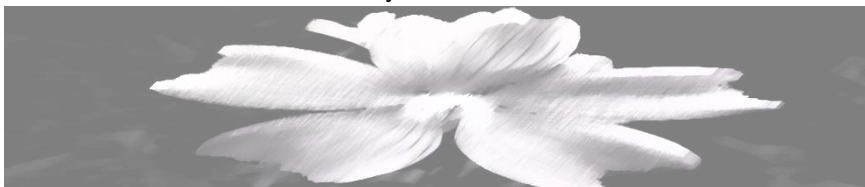
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(Bold italic items to be spoken by congregation.)

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.



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: Kellie Brouse

Worship Volunteers

Greeters: Helen Billhime & Chuck Stahl

Communion Assistant: Karen Fry & Connie Stover

Worship Setup: Ann Mellman & 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.

Welcome to Worship

Today we welcome Chad Hershberger. Chad is the Director at Camp Mount Luther and will bring us greetings from camp! We are excited to have him with us today as we celebrate a longstanding partnership between the Milton Lutheran Church and CML.

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

Video-Restored Relationships

Welcome & Announcements

Greeting

Prayer: **Kellie Brouse, Worship Assistant**

Gracious God as we gather today for worship let us take a moment and remember the gift of your grace in our lives. Help us celebrate that gift as we sing, as we hear your word, and as we pray. Guide our thoughts and feelings so that the Holy Spirit may move us to love one another. **AMEN**

Opening Song: **"Open the Eyes of My Heart & 10,000 REASONS"**

O-pen the eyes of my heart, Lord,
O-pen the eyes of my heart,
I want to see You, I want to see You.

O-pen the eyes of my heart, Lord,
O-pen the eyes of my heart,
I want to see You, I want to see You.

To see you high and lifted up
shining in the light of Your glo-ry.

Pour out Your pow'r and love as we sing Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly. (Repeat 2
times)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name.

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near, and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name

Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name.

Worship Your holy name.

Lord I'll worship Your holy name.

Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

Worship Your holy name

Worship Your holy name.

Scripture Reading: **2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view;^{*} even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view,^{*} we know him no longer in that way.

¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation;

¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself,^{*} not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Sermon- "Broken Pieces"

Song: "In Christ Alone"

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
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
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
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

Prayer: **Kellie Brouse, *Worship Assistant***

Lyrics- Lord Listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit to this place. Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Holy God, we know that you hear our prayers. You are the God of reconciliation and restoration. You are the God of new relationships and old. You are the God that knows us most inner desires, so we know— you hear us today.

Lord Listen to your Children Praying

So, with open hearts and open hands, gracious God, we come to you with our joy and our pain. With joy, we give you thanks for all the blessings in our lives... For the new ministries of this church, especially pub theology, our movers and shakers, and hiking group, the welcome table, and the self-care sanctuary, the feeding ministry in support of MDS, and the Inclusive community training.

For the joy that comes as we seek to be a community of faith. For the growth we have experienced in the past year and the ways that you are calling us into new things. For new people that bring gifts, excitement, and new energy, we pray....

Lord Listen to your Children Praying

And yet in that same breath, we also carry pain. The unfortunate truth of our lives is that we are all broken. We have all been hurt. We have lost loved ones, been judged by others, experienced manipulation, and anger. We carry grief for broken relationships. Our hearts ache for people who are suffering in the world. So today we lift to you all the hurt and pain we carry.

We pray especially for conflicts in our families, for people struggling with addiction, anxiety, fear, and grief. For broken friendships and partnerships, and for people struggling with the reality of hate in the world.

We pray for countries ravaged by conflict and war. Especially people in the middle east, regions in Africa, Europe, Eastern Europe, South America, and Latin America.

We lift these things to you. Holy God, we know, that you are listening.

Lord Listen to your Children Praying

We know that you are here, as you are here with us each day. For you are the God of hospital rooms difficult conversations, graveside services, new beginnings, new experiences, joy and laughter, we give thanks that you are among us now, and each day. We give thanks that through your love you reconcile us to you and one another. Draw us closer God, make us whole, and help us to be ambassadors of your love.

Lord Listen to your Children Praying

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gary Schaeffer - Pastor

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 - **Gary Schaeffer - Pastor**

The Lord be with you.

And also, with you Lift 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

Gary Schaeffer - *Pastor*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed 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! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

Communion Blessing: **Gary Schaeffer, Pastor**

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

Closing Song- **"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 voices.
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)

Blessing

Kellie Brouse, *Worship Assistant*

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.

Sending

Kellie Brouse, *Worship Assistant*

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

Prayer List

- Jo Ann Galbraith
 - Joanie Fisher
 - Ken Gaugler
- Terry & Rose Deaner
 - Mary Billhime
 - Ed Coup
- Jack & Patsy Aunkst
 - Julie Benschhoff
 - Gerald Greenly
 - Melvin Crist
- April & Schuyler
 - Ernie Delp
 - Tyler Morton
- Gary & Martha Gill
 - Mae Jones
- Coleen Cameron

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	8AM-2PM
TUESDAY	8AM-2PM
WEDNESDAY	8AM-2PM
THURSDAY	8AM-2PM
FRIDAY	OFFICE CLOSED

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MONDAY	10AM-3PM
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SODOM



Trust in the
LORD
with all your
HEART

Proverbs 3:5