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Fostering Community through Faith, Love & Service

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Morning Prayer

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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.



thank you!

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Worship Setup: Chuck Stahl & Penny Ulmer

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Greeting

Baptismal Song- *All Are Welcome*

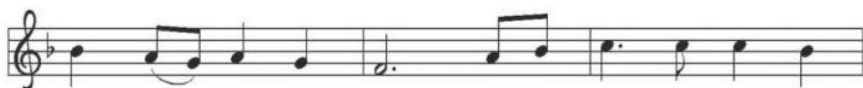
All Are Welcome



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 673 “GOD WHOSE ALMIGHTY WORD”

Prayer of the Day

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Scripture Reading- Ephesians 5:1-2; 8-14

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light.

Therefore, it says,

‘Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.’

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- John 4:1-26

Now when Jesus* learned that the Pharisees had heard, ‘Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John’—² although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized—³ he left Judea and started back to Galilee. ⁴But he had to go through Samaria. ⁵So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, ‘Give me a drink’. ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, ‘How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?’ (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)^{*} ¹⁰Jesus answered her, ‘If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, “Give me a drink”, you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.’ ¹¹The woman said to him, ‘Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?’ ¹³Jesus said to her, ‘Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.’ ¹⁵The woman said to him, ‘Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.’

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, ‘Go, call your husband, and come back.’ ¹⁷The woman answered him, ‘I have no husband.’ Jesus said to her, ‘You are right in saying, “I have no husband”; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!’ ¹⁹The woman said to him, ‘Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you* say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.’ ²¹Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know,

for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.’ ²⁵The woman said to him, ‘I know that Messiah is coming’ (who is called Christ). ‘When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.’ ²⁶Jesus said to her, ‘I am he, ^{*}the one who is speaking to you.’

Sermon- Imitate Christ

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 of 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

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 nå - 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

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 815 "I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT"

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

CHURCH *hours*

MONDAY	8AM-2PM
TUESDAY	8AM-2PM
WEDNESDAY	8AM-2PM
THURSDAY	8AM-2PM
FRIDAY	CLOSED
SATURDAY	CLOSED
SUNDAY	CLOSED

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MON-THUR

10am-3pm

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WITH PASTOR GARY**

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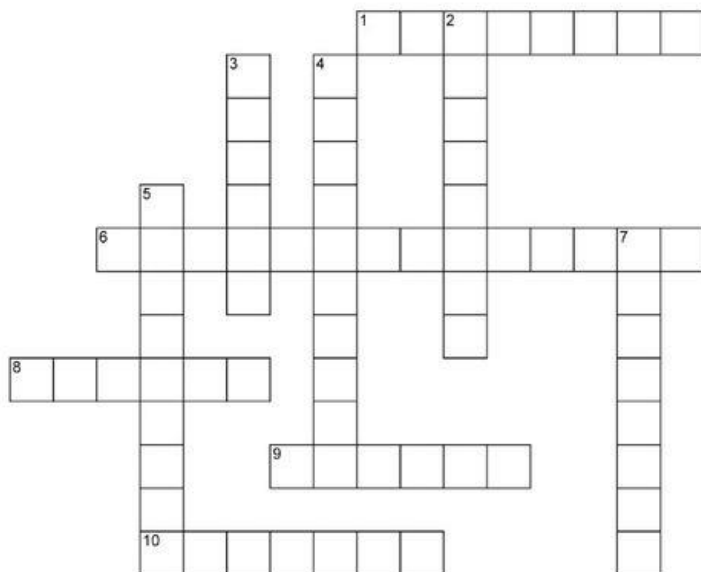
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People in the Bible

Daniel



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ACROSS

- 1 1st of three Hebrew boys thrown into the fiery furnace
- 6 Made a golden image to worship that was over ninety feet tall
- 8 Was thrown into the lion's den
- 9 Took Daniel to interpret the king of Babylon's dream
- 10 2nd of three Hebrew boys thrown into the fiery furnace

DOWN

- 2 Master of the king's eunuchs
- 3 Put Daniel in charge of all of his princes and presidents.
- 4 A hand appeared and wrote on his wall
- 5 The people of his kingdom were attacked and taken captive to Babylon
- 7 3rd of three Hebrew boys thrown into the fiery furnace

