

*We Warmly Welcome  
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*Milton Lutheran  
Church*

*Fostering community through faith,  
love and service*

March 5th, 2023

2 Lent

Traditional

The Rev. Gary Schaeffer

In Person & LIVE Streamed from the Sanctuary at  
Milton Lutheran Church 9:30 a.m.

on the Milton Lutheran Church YouTube Channel

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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:** Cindy Coup

**Worship Volunteers**

**Greeters:** Ann Mellman & Kay Dunn

**Communion Assistant:** Carol Yost & Krista Yaiko

**Worship Setup:** Chuck Stahl & Penny Ulmer

**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**

**VIDEO-CHAMELEON**

**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 323 "GOD LOVED THE WORLD"

### 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

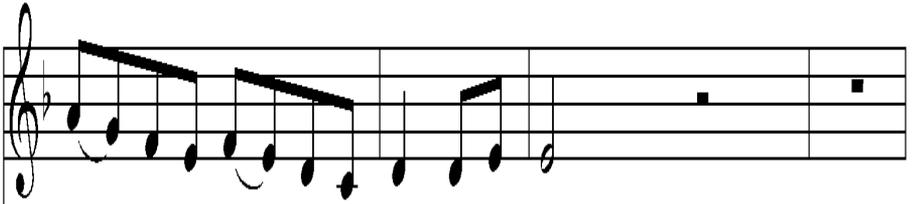
Lord. **A** For the peace of the whole world, the well - being of the

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

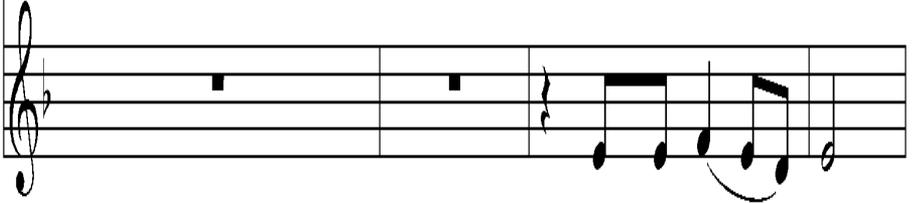
Church of God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

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

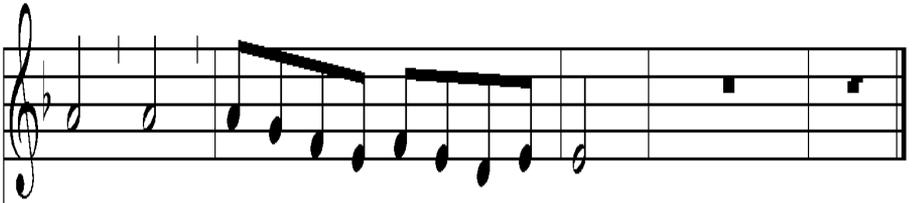
**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



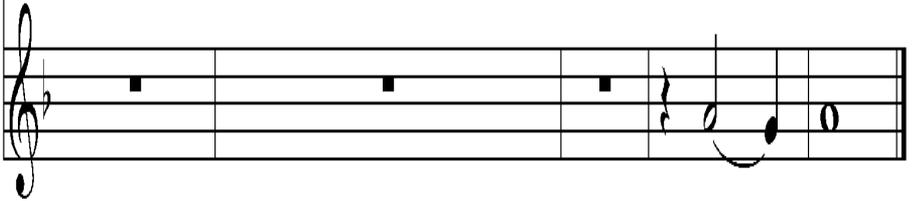
wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



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



*Refrain*  
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



*Refrain*  
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,



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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world 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:** 1 Peter 2:1-10

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone,

    a cornerstone chosen and precious;

and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

'The stone that the builders rejected

    has become the very head of the corner',

and

'A stone that makes them stumble,

    and a rock that makes them fall.'

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Once you were not a people,

    but now you are God's people;

once you had not received mercy,

    but now you have received mercy.

**PSALM:118: 15-24**

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:  
The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.

**the right hand of the LORD is exalted;  
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.'**

I shall not die, but I shall live,  
and recount the deeds of the LORD.

**The LORD has punished me severely,  
but he did not give me over to death.**

Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the LORD.

**This is the gate of the LORD;  
the righteous shall enter through it.**

I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

**The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvellous in our eyes.

**This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**



## 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

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

O God, you so love your church. Raise up leaders who care for your people.

Bless lay theologians, seminary, and college professors, and all who are called to the ministry of teaching, that they form and inspire us for the work of the gospel.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God, you so love your creation. Breathe new life into our planetary home.

Guide the work of researchers, scientists, and activists who love your earth and who inspire us to care for the natural world.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God, you so love the world. Uphold leaders who build awareness to the needs of others. We give thanks for the gifts of people in our community who help us to be more accepting of others. We pray especially for leaders who care for those with special needs, mental illness, who live in poverty, and all who are marginalized. Strengthen organizations that promote peace and harmony. Direct their work to alleviate human suffering and to address its root causes.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God, you so love your people. You give us the foundation of faith so that we can be your vessels, bringing forth love in a world that is struggling. You chose us, as you choose everyone to proclaim your message of love to everyone you meet. Inspire us as your followers to walk more closely with you.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God, you so love you followers. You gave us the gift of your grace so that we can be sustained by your love. As we gather together in this community of faith we gather with different needs, expectations, concerns, and thanksgivings. We lift our prayers to you, whether they be spoken, written, or shared in the silence of our hearts. Trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**



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



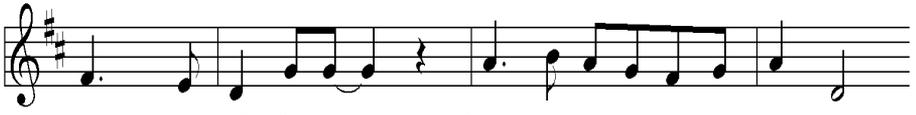
cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown,



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



♩ The Lord be with you. ♪ And al - so with you.



♩ Lift up your hearts. ♪ We lift them to the Lord.



♩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



♪ 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.

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a common time signature (C). The lyrics are placed below the notes. The first staff begins with a common time signature and a common time signature symbol. The second staff has a triplet of eighth notes marked with a '3'. The third staff has a fermata over a half note. The fourth and fifth staves end with double bar lines.

## 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:

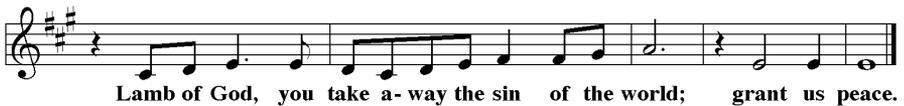
*Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.*

*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



# COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

## 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 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 660 "LIFT HIGH THE CROSS"

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.*



# PRAYER REQUEST

- JOANN GALBRAITH
  - KEN GAUGLER
- TERRY & ROSE DEANER
  - MARY BILLHIME
  - ED COUP
- JACK & PATSY AUNKST
  - JULIE BENSHOFF
- GERALD GREENLY
  - MELVIN CRIST
  - 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.*

## MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

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<b>DIRECTOR OF MUSIC</b>	JOHN WARFEL
<b>ASST DIRECTOR OF MUSIC</b>	NANCY WALTERS
<b>OFFICE MANAGER</b>	KASI MITCHELL
<b>SEXTON</b>	CHUCK STAHL
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<b>COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT</b>	RUSTY BROUSE
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<b>COUNCIL MEMBER</b>	JOE YAIKO

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CONNIE  
STOVER

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BROUSE,  
NANCY  
WALTERS,  
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SUE  
WARFEL

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COUP,  
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ELLIE  
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<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>8:00AM-2:00PM</i>
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<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>10:00AM-3:00PM</i>
<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>10:00AM-3:00PM</i>

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GARY**

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**AND GOD SAID**

**LET THERE BE**

**LIGHT**

**Genesis 1:3**

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