



MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fostering Community through Faith, Love & Service

AUGUST 17TH 2025

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SANCTUARY @ MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH @
9:30AM ON THE MLC YOUTUBE CHANNEL. VISIT
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CONTEMPORARY



TODAY AS YOU ENTER THE
SANCTUARY, PLEASE TAKE A
MOMENT TO BE INSPIRED BY THE
BEAUTY OF THE FLOWERS. THIS
WEEK'S FLOWERS WERE
GENEROUSLY DONATED BY:

Deb Owens
IN MEMORY OF HER MOTHER

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

WORSHIP LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS

Pastor: Gary Schaeffer

Director of Music: John Warfel

Assistant Director of Music: Nancy Walters

Worship assistant: Karen Fry

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: Chuck Stahl and Helen Billhime

Communion Assistant: Lynnette Weisner and Carol Yost

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Lutheran Church at

9:30am on the Milton Lutheran Church YouTube Channel. Visit

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GATHERING SONG

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

**SONG: Oceans (Where My Feet Fail)/No Longer Slaves
Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)**

Verse 1

You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep my faith will stand.

Chorus 1

And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine

Verse 2

Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail, and fear surrounds me
You've never failed, and You won't start now.

Interlude

Oh, and You are mine oh

Bridge

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me

Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Savior

Interlude

Yeah, yeah yeah yeah
Oh Jesus yeah, my God

Chorus 2

I will call upon Your name
Keep my eyes above the waves
My soul will rest in Your embrace
I am Yours and You are mine

No Longer Slaves

Woah, woah
Woah, Woah

You unravel me with a melody
You surround me with a song
Of deliverance from my enemies
'Til all my fears are gone

I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God
(Woah, Woah)

From my mother's womb
You have chosen me
Love has called my name

I've been born again to your family
Your blood flows through my veins

I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God

I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God

I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God

I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God

Woah, Woah

Woah, woah

Woah, Woah

Woah, Woah

You split the sea, so I could walk right through it

My fears are drowned in perfect love

You rescued me so I could stand and say

I am a child of God

You split the sea, so I could walk right through it

My fears are drowned in perfect love

You rescued me so I could stand and say

I am a child of God

I am a child of God

Yes, I am a child of God

PRAYER

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take

our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. ***Amen.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessing of the Backpacks

Let us pray.

Gracious God, we give You thanks for being with us each and every single day, and for loving us. God, we pray blessings over these backpacks and over all those who are going to school. Help them to know that You are with them; help them to know that You surround them with Your love and Your comfort, and especially that You are with them each and every single day. Guide them and be with them as You are always. We pray for blessing over these backpacks; have them be instruments of your love and peace in the world and especially at school.

Amen.

SERMON:

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE Hebrews 11:29-12:2

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and

the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1} Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

SONG: Hymn of Heaven

Verse 1

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven

Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets
To look upon the one who bled to save me
And walk with Him for all eternity

Chorus 1

There will be a day
When all will bow before Him
There will be a day
When death will be no more
Standing face to face
With He who died and rose again
Holy holy is the Lord

Verse 2

And ev'ry prayer we prayed in desperation
The songs of faith
We sang through doubt and fear
In the end we'll see that it was worth it
When He returns to wipe away our tears

Chorus 1

There will be a day
When all will bow before Him
There will be a day
When death will be no more
Standing face to face
With He who died and rose again
Holy holy is the Lord

Verse 3

And on that day we join the resurrection
And stand beside the heroes of the faith

With one voice a thousand generations
Sing worthy is the Lamb who was slain
And on that day we join the resurrection
And stand beside the heroes of the faith
With one voice a thousand generations
Sing worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Forever He shall reign

Chorus 2

So let it be today
We shout the hymn of Heaven
With angels and the Saints
We raise a mighty roar
Glory to our God
Who gave us life beyond the grave
Holy holy is the Lord
So let it be today
We shout the hymn of Heaven
With angels and the Saints
We raise a mighty roar
Glory to our God
Who gave us life beyond the grave
Holy holy is the Lord
Holy holy is the Lord
Holy holy is the Lord

PRAYERS

Let us open our hearts and minds and lift our prayers together
trusting that God not only hears our prayers, but through the
Holy Spirit, works to make us whole.

Sung

*O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call,
answer me.*

*O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and listen
to me.*

God of forgiveness, each of us comes before you today with heavy hearts. We have all done and said things that we shouldn't have. We have fallen short of your call to love our neighbors as ourselves. We ask that your grace be known to us now so that we can know your mercy, and through your love, be released from sin.

Help all those who are sick in mind, body, or spirit. Heal the wounded and the afflicted. Comfort us in our grief, sickness, and pain. Let us be reminded that you walk alongside us every day of our lives and that your love sustains us. We pause now to lift our worries to you...

There is so much in the world that we have to be thankful for. For the gift of life, for creation, family and friends, and this community of faith Oh God. We give you thanks. We pause now to lift our thanksgivings to you...

You call us out into the world as followers of Christ so that others may experience your love. Guide our comings and goings and give us the strength to share your good news with everyone, whether that be through our words or actions.

Sung

*O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call,
answer me.*

*O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and listen
to me.*

COMMUNION

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

SONGS DURING COMMUNION – Bread of Life from Heaven

Bread of Life from Heaven

Refrain



Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we



eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



1	Break	now	the	bread	of	Christ's	sac - ri - fice;	giv - ing
2	Seek	not	the	food	that	will	pass	a - way;
3	Love	as	the	one	who,	in	love	for
4	Dwell	in	the	one	who	now	dwells	in
5	Drink	of	this	cup	and	de -	clare	his
							death;	eat
								this



thanks,	hun - gry	ones,	gath - er	round.	Eat,	all	of	you,	and	be
hearts	on	the	food	that	en -	dures.	Come,	learn	the	true
self	for	the	life	of	the	world.	Come	to	the	one
home	in	the	life -	giv - ing	Word.	Know	on -	ly	Christ,	Ho -
bread	and	be -	lieve	Eas -	ter	morn;	trust	his	re -	turn
									and,	with



Refrain

sat - is -	fied;	in	Christ's	pres -	ence	the	loaves	will	a -	bound.
liv - ing	way,	that	the	full -	ness	of	life	may	be	yours.
food	for	you,	that	your	hun -	ger	and	thirst	be	no
One	of	God,	and	be -	lieve	in	the	truth	you	have
ev -	'ry	breath,	praise	the	one	in	whom	you	are	re -
										born.

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COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING

May the God of creation bless our community, may Jesus the Savior open our hearts to all, may the Holy Spirit empower us with faith, creativity and stewardship to live and serve as people of God now and forever.

Amen

SONG: Open the Eyes of My Heart

Chorus

Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You

Verse

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy

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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Prayer Requests



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