



# MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Fostering Community through Faith, Love & Service*

**JUNE 8TH 2025**

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SANCTUARY @ MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH @  
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**PENTECOST**



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:

*Chuck Stahl and Family*  
**IN MEMORY OF JOYCE STAHL**

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 Walter

**Worship assistant:** Penny Ulmer

### **WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS**

**Greeters:** Cuff and Sharon Greiner

**Communion Asst:** Rich Handy and Rick Coup

**Worship Setup:** Carol Yost

In Person & LIVE streamed from the Sanctuary at Milton  
Lutheran Church at  
9:30am on the Milton Lutheran Church YouTube Channel. Visit  
<https://miltonlutheranchurch.org> to link to the LIVE worship.

*(Bold italic items to be spoken by congregation.)*

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!**

Welcome, family of faith! On this Pentecost Sunday, we are joining Christians all around the world to celebrate the formation of the church when the Holy Spirit called people into community as Christ's body and blessed them with universal understanding of languages.

Some theologians describe Pentecost as the Church's birthday. Others describe it as a "big bang" that brought the Church into being, for just as God's Spirit came rushing into the world over the waters of creation, in the very beginning of Acts, God's Spirit rushes into the world to gather and transform God's people. So where does that leave us?

If we are willing to be amazed, Pentecost is one of the most awe-inspiring days in our Christian calendar. If we are willing to be transformed, it is an opportunity to be renewed in energy and faithfulness toward the work of God's kingdom on earth when all people will experience true liberation and boundless love. So may we be willing to be amazed. May we be open to being transformed.

Let us worship God together. Please rise in body or in spirit to join me in the call to worship.

### **Graduation Milestone!**

**Gabriel Schaeffer** graduated from Selinsgrove Area High School on Thursday, May 29th . Gabe will be attending Springfield College in the fall and participating in an accelerated Doctor of Physical Therapy program. He also intends to run for the Springfield Cross Country and Track teams.

**Gaven Russell** is graduating from the Pennsylvania College of Technology with a Network and User Support degree. He will be continuing my part time employment with Milton Area School district within the Technology Department at least throughout the summer.

**Kylee Brouse** has obtained her Bachelors of Arts in Interpersonal Communication Studies with a minor in Health Communication Studies from Commonwealth University- Bloomsburg.

She is working on obtaining her Masters degree in Business Administration.

### **New Members!**

We are delighted to welcome our new members into the family of Milton Lutheran Church! This week, we celebrate **Jimmy Brouse, Kylee Brouse, Dave Campbell, Viki Campbell, Kelly Glozzer, April Keefer** who are joining Milton Lutheran Church!

### **GATHERING MUISC**

**PRELUDE: Fugue in G Major "Gigue" J.S. Bach**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

As we gather together in this place, let us strain our ears to hear the rush of wind, the crackle pop of fire.

*We listen for your call, God of spirit and flame.*

We take our place in your unfolding creation.

*Rejoice, for God's spirit flows among us!*

Rejoice, for today the church embraces transformation.

*In the midst of rebirth, we join our voices in praise!*

Let us worship God.

*Amen*

## SONG OF FIRE AND WIND

### Acts 2: 1-12

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”

## OPENING HYMN: ELW 800 “Spirit of God”

### PRAYER

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 11: 1-5

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;  
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

<sup>2</sup> The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—  
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and of might,  
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord—

<sup>3</sup> and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.

He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,  
or decide by what he hears with his ears;

<sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he will judge the needy,  
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.

He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;  
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.

<sup>5</sup> Righteousness will be his belt  
and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

### GRADUATION MILESTONES

## WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS

SERMON: "The Seven Gifts of the Spirit"

HYMN: ELW 396 "Spirit of Gentleness"

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

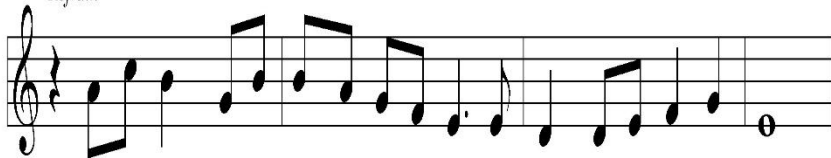
God, who is the maker of all things, we give you thanks as we celebrate the day when you brought together the multitudes to worship you and to place their hope in Jesus Christ. We thank you for the countless possibilities for awe, wonder, and amazement that we experience as your people. We celebrate this day and remember your still unfolding work to bring together people of all tongues, nations, races, genders, sexualities, abilities, and economic circumstances into the work of re-forming the world for your glory and for the good of all people.

God, we pray for your continued presence among us in a world where unity and solidarity among all peoples is not yet our lived reality. Be with us as we live with grief and anger at the realities of war, climate catastrophe, racism, wealth hoarding, and other sins that harm your people and our home. Give us wisdom and energy to follow you as changemakers.

As we entrust these prayers of gratitude and grief to you, God, make us Pentecost people. Equip us for a world where all people experience connection, belonging, safety, and well-being, and help us become those who make such a world not just possible, but present. *Amen*

# Let My Prayer Be a Fragrant Offering

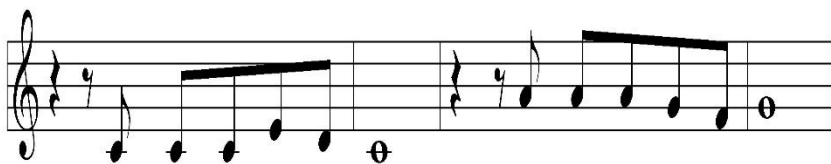
*Refrain*



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.



## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you

*And also with you*

Lift up 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.*

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting

and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed  
one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup  
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

O God of resurrection and new life:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

***Come, Holy Spirit.***

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.  
Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth,  
burning with justice, peace, and love.

***Come, Holy Spirit.***

With hope, we join our voices with the voices of countless  
generations, languages, and communities as we pray the words  
Jesus taught us, saying:

## 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.*

## COMMUNION

The Body of Christ given for you.  
The Blood of Christ shed for you.

# COMMUNION SONG: "Christ, Be Our Light"

## Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



*Refrain*  
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let this meal set our hearts ablaze, O God. As we experience the real nourishment of these real elements, we long for bread and wine to transform us for the work of your love. Just as you are always creating and re-creating, make us new. And as we become more like the people you call us to be, help us shape your Church for the greater work still to come. Restore us with the hope that the Holy Spirit is—even now—igniting new possibilities for our shared life, faith, and thriving. ***Amen.***

## 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***

## CLOSING HYMN: ELW 400 "God of Tempest"

## 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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# Church Office Hours

Monday- Thursday 9:00 A.M.- 2:00 P.M.

Friday- Sunday Office Closed

# Pastor's Office Hours

Monday- Thursday 10:00 A.M.- 2:00 P.M.

*Please contact Pastor Gary to make an appointment.*

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# Prayer Requests



## **PRAYER LIST**

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FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF DAVE GUFFEY

MARK NOLDER

## **HOMEBOUND**

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