



# MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Fostering Community through Faith, Love & Service*



**CONTEMPORARY**

**APRIL 28TH 2024**

IN PERSON & LIVE STREAMED FROM THE  
SANCTUARY @ MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH @  
9:30AM ON THE MLC YOUTUBE CHANNEL. VISIT  
[HTTPS://MILTONLUTHERANCHURCH.ORG](https://miltonlutheranchurch.org) FOR  
LINK TO LIVE WORSHIP.



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:

*Lynnette, Mike, Amanda  
and Claire*

## **IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES**

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

**Greeters:** Karl and Lois Snyder

**Communion Assistant:** Chuck Stahl and Helen Billhime

**Worship Set Up:** Penny Ulmer

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.

## **GATHERING SONG**

### **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

### **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  
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## **PRAYER**

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.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SERMON: "A Living Sacrifice"**

### **SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: Roman 11:33-36; 12:1-2**

<sup>30</sup>Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup>so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup>For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

<sup>33</sup>O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!  
How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

<sup>34</sup>"For who has known the mind of the Lord?  
Or who has been his counselor?"

<sup>35</sup>"Or who has given a gift to him,  
to receive a gift in return?"

<sup>36</sup>For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him  
be the glory forever. Amen.

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of  
God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and  
acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be  
conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of  
your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God —  
what is good and acceptable and perfect.

## **SONG: "Oceans (Where My Feet 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

### **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 – You Are Holy

# 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!

\* May be sung in canon.

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## COMMUNION BLESSING

### SONG: IN CHRIST ALONE

#### Verse 1

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

#### Verse 2

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

### **Verse 3**

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

### **Verse 4**

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

## 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



FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM AND OUR YOUTUBE  
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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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FAMILY OF TYLER DAVID MORTON

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MARY ANN SOLOMON

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THE CONKLIN FAMILY

THE FAMILY OF KAREN WALIZE

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## **HOMEBOUND**

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