



# MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Fostering Community through Faith, Love & Service*



**CONTEMPARY**

**MAY 3, 2026**

IN PERSON & LIVE STREAMED FROM THE  
SANCTUARY @ MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH @  
9:30AM ON THE MLC YOUTUBE CHANNEL. VISIT  
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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:

*Rozie Bingman & Family*

**IN MEMORY OF CHARLES  
BINGMAN, JOSEPH &  
ELIZABETH DERSHAM**

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:** Ellie Schaeffer

**WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS**

**Greeters:** Don & Peggy Fisher

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

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**  
**GREETING**

**SONG: No Longer Slaves/10,000 Reasons**

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

## **10,000 Reasons**

### **Chorus**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
O my soul, worship His holy Name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul.  
I'll worship Your holy Name.

### **Verse 1**

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;  
It's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

### **Chorus**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
O my soul, worship His holy Name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul.  
I'll worship Your holy Name.

### **Verse 2**

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,  
Your Name is great and Your heart is kind;  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

### **Chorus**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
O my soul, worship His holy Name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul.  
I'll worship Your holy Name.

### **Verse 3**

And on that day when my strength is failing,  
The end draws near and my time has come;  
Still my soul sings Your praise unending,  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

## Chorus

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
O my soul, worship His holy Name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul.  
I'll worship Your holy Name.  
I'll worship Your holy Name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul.  
I'll worship Your holy Name  
I'll worship Your holy Name.

## OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SERMON: "Us or Them"

### SCRIPTURE READING: Galatians 3:23-38

<sup>23</sup> Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup> Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous by faith. <sup>25</sup> But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, <sup>26</sup> for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. <sup>27</sup> As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is no

longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.<sup>29</sup> And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

## **SONG: 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.

### **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

## 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

*(Lyrics) Lord Listen to your children praying, Lord send your spirit in this place, Lord listen to your children praying, Send us love, Send us power, send us grace.*

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 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. ***Lord Listen to your Children Praying...***

God of comfort and strength. 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. ***Lord Listen to your Children Praying...***

God of joy and thanksgiving. 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. ***Lord Listen to your Children Praying....***

God of life. 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. ***Lord Listen to your Children Praying...***

## 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.

### COMMUNION SONG

# 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; set your
- 3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave him -
- 4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your
- 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 and the  
self for the life of the world. Come to the one who is  
home in the life - giv - ing Word. Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly  
bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn; trust his re - turn and, with



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 more.  
One of God, and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.  
ev - 'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are re - born.

*Refrain*

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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: 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

## **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 8:00 A.M.- 1:00 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**

RUTH GREENLY  
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ROSE DEANER  
WALTER SCHOLL

THE FAMILY OF BARB ASHENFELDER

THE FAMILY OF HAYDN FRY

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