



MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fostering Community through Faith, Love & Service



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MAY 31, 2026

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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
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Helen Billhime

**IN MEMORY AND HONOR OF
ALL MILITARY PEOPLE**

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

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Pastor: Gary Schaeffer

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WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

OPENING HYMN: ELW 414 "HOLY GOD WE PRAISE YOUR NAME"

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

C 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

C 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

C Lord, have mer - cy.

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

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

C A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE



☩ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



☩ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. ☩ Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



☩ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



☩ Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of



all cre - a - tion: ☩ Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and



might to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men



☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



For the Lamb, the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHOIR: "CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION"

FIRST READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 13: 11-13

¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

PSALM 8

¹ O Lord our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

² ***you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.***

³ When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
⁴ ***what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,***

human beings that you should care for them?

⁵ Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.

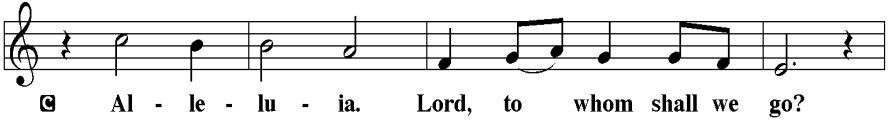
⁶ ***You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:***

⁷ all flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts of the field,

⁸ ***the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.***

⁹ O Lord our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL:

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 28th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

The Gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

SERMON

Prayer and Blessing for Pastor Gary

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
who creates us, redeems us, and sustains us in every
season of life.

Amen.

L: God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

C: Therefore, we will not fear.

L: Let us pray.

Gracious and healing God,
You walk with your servants through every valley and
every joy.

Today, we lift before you, Pastor Gary,
as he prepares for surgery and recovery.

Grant wisdom and skill to doctors, nurses, and
caregivers.

Give peace where there is anxiety, hope where there is
fear,

and strength for the days ahead. Comfort Pastor Gary's
family, friends, colleagues, and this congregation.

Strengthen us in love and hope.

Surround your beloved servant, Pastor Gary, and his
family with your love,

and with the prayers of this congregation.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Psalm 46:1–3

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should
change,

Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea.

Gospel: Matthew 11:28–30

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying
heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest.”

Laying on of Hands/Anointing

L: In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit,
we commend you to the care of Almighty God.
May God grant you healing, peace, and strength.

Amen.

**HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 412 “COME JOIN THE DANCE
OF TRINITY”**

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 hell.*
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***

THE PRAYERS

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

Holy God, we are in awe of your creative work. Continue that work in your church, making us a new creation that proclaims your presence and love. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Creator God, nature reveals your power and glory. Protect water sources, vegetation, and wildlife as reminders of who you are. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Redeemer God, you call us to pray for those in authority. Guide our leaders to pursue the work of fostering peace and community. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Sustaining God, you are mindful of your people in every circumstance. Heal those who are sick. Provide for all who hunger. Protect those in harm's way. Comfort any experiencing hardship. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Gracious God, we pray for the children of our church and community. Provide for their needs. Support their caregivers. Nurture their faith. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Loving God, we give thanks for those who have died and claimed their baptismal promises. Strengthen us to live as they did in communion with you. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus 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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, *O Lord our God, maker of all things.*

Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

DIALOGUE



P The Lord be with you. **R** And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts. **R** We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

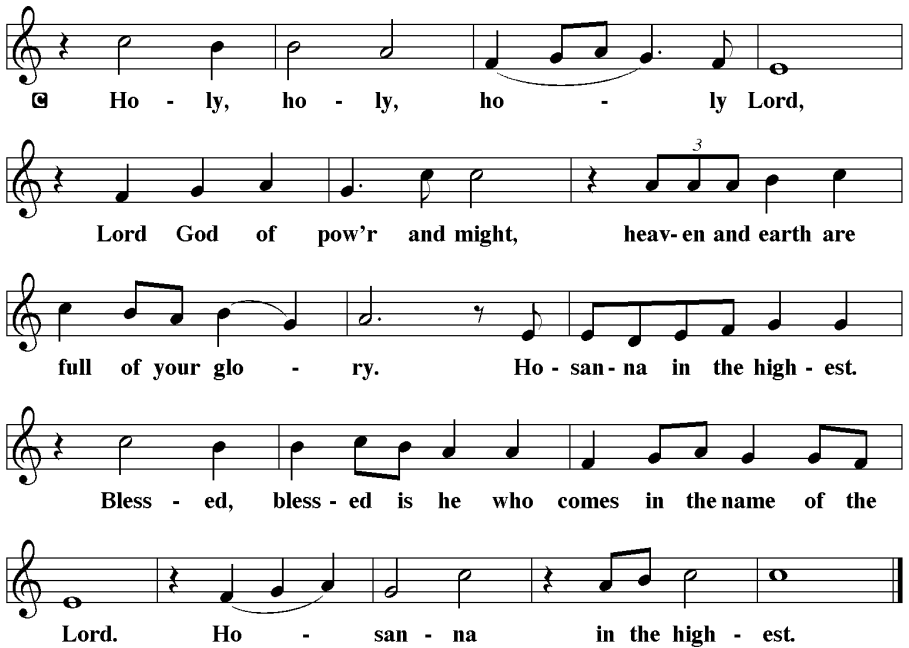


R It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; 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 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. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The first staff begins with a common time signature and a key signature of one flat. The melody is simple and hymn-like. There are some musical notations such as a fermata over the first 'ly' and a triplet of eighth notes in the second staff.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.
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.
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and
ascension,
we await his coming in glory.
Pour out your Holy Spirit,
that by this Holy Communion we may know
the unity we share with all your people
in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, 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, you take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

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!



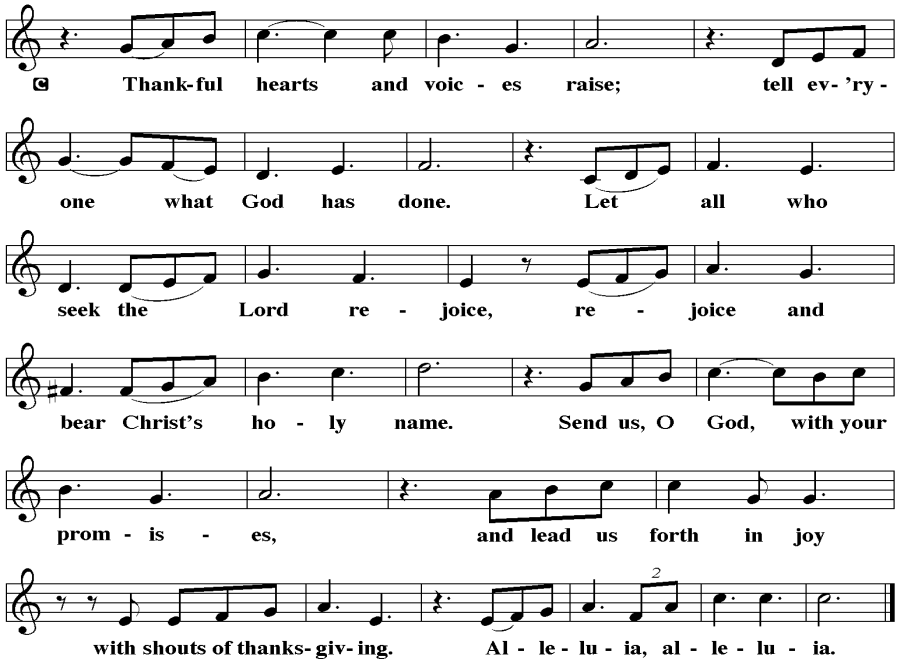
ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev- 'ry -
one what God has done. Let all who
seek the Lord re - jice, re - jice and
bear Christ's ho - ly name. Send us, O God, with your
prom - is - es, and lead us forth in joy
with shouts of thanks- giv- ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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 413 “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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