



MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH

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ALL SAINTS' DAY



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:

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**IN MEMORY OF DICK AND JOY
SMITH**

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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THE SAINTS WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

Gerald Greenly

Tresha Sudol

Dave Guffey

LeRoy Reitz

Anna Mae Harpster

Robin Mensch

BELL PRELUDE: "Shall We Gather at the River"

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

BAPTISMAL SONG: "All Are Welcome"

All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Let us pray...

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water all around us. Especially, the West Branch of the Susquehanna River Watershed, you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

Blessed be God now and forever.

As we gather for worship today, we remember how you connect each of us to another in time and place. In this place, where people have gathered for thousands of years beginning with the Susquehannock tribe, then the first immigrants in what would become Milton, to today where people of all different backgrounds, traditions, and beliefs gather for worship. You bring us together in remembrance of our baptism.

Blessed be God now and forever.

In baptism, we are joined to Christ's death and resurrection. We are washed in God's mercy, sealed by the Spirit, and called beloved Children of God. Yet we confess that we do not always live as people of grace. Let us return to the waters of life, confessing our sins and trusting God's promise.

Brief silence for reflection

God of Life, we confess that we forget we belong to you. We turn from your ways, we fail to love our neighbors, and we doubt your power to make all things new. Forgive us, O God. Wash us again in your grace. Renew in us the joy of baptism, so that we may rise to serve you in freedom. Amen.

Hear the good news. By Water and the Spirit, you are buried with Christ and raised to new life. In Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. You are made clean, renewed and sent to shine with the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

HYMN: ELW 423 "Shall We Gather at the River"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM: "There'll Be Joy"

SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 1:11-23

¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all

things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 654 "The Church's One Foundation"

Remembrance of Saints

Lord, have mercy. *Lord have mercy.*

Christ, have mercy. *Christ, have mercy.*

Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*

C: Be gracious to us. Deliver your people.

You loved us before the world was made.

You rescued the people of your promise.

You spoke through your prophets.

You gave your only Son for the life of the world.

P: Hear us, O God.

C: For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven.

And was born of the virgin Mary.

Who by his cross and suffering has redeemed the world.

And has washed us from our sins.

Who on the third day rose from the dead.

And has given us the victory.

Who ascended on high.

And intercedes for us at the right hand of God.

P: Great is your love.

C: For the gift of the Holy Spirit.

For the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church.

For the great cloud of witnesses into which we are baptized.

For Sarah and Abraham, Isaac and Rebekah.

For Gideon and Deborah, David and Esther.

For Moses and Isaiah, Jeremiah and Daniel.

For Miriam and Rahab, Abigail and Ruth.

For Mary, mother of our Lord.

For John, who baptized in the Jordan.

For Mary Magdalene and Joanna, Mary and Martha.

For James and John, Peter and Andrew.

For Paul and Apollos, Stephen and Phoebe.

For all holy men and women, our mothers and fathers in faith.

P: Thanks be to God.

C: For the noble band of the prophets.

For the glorious company of the apostles.

For the white-robed army of martyrs.

For the cherubim and seraphim, Michael and the holy angels.

For all those we remember, all those we honor, all those whose witness brought us to faith....

For healing, for care, for compassion, for hope.

For their leadership, example, and love.

P: Thanks be to God.

C: Be gracious to us.

Deliver your people.

Give new life to these chosen ones by the grace of baptism.

Strengthen all who bear the sign of the cross.

Clothe us in compassion and love.

Bring us with all your saints to the river of life.

P: Hear us, O God.

Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*

Christ, have mercy. *Christ, have mercy.*

Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*

(Please Be Seated)

Recognition of Saints: *(A candle is lit and the bell is rung as each name is read)*

Those who have passed the gate of death into eternal life from November 1, 2024 to October 31, 2025:'

Gerald Greenly

Tresha Sudol

Dave Guffey

LeRoy Reitz

Anna Mae Harpster

Robin Mensch

Personal Prayer and Reflection *(Everyone is invited to take time in prayer as they remember the names of the people who have gone before them. There is a table in the front of the sanctuary with candles. If you feel so moved, you are welcome to come forward and light a candle in remembrance of those who have died. Special music will be played during this time in recognition of the Holy Spirit's presence in our lives and in our gathering.)*

Prayer

Gracious God, you have enriched us with such a wonderful church. We have so many faithful examples to draw from, and so many stories of faith and trust in you. We lift our prayers to you now. May the stories of those from the past be able to encourage us, and may we be able to shine your light, so that future generations may look back on our example and feel the same trust and conviction that we do. **Amen.**

ELW 692 "We Are an Offering"

We Are An Offering

ELW 692

Words and Music by
Dwight Liles

G⁷ C Dm⁷ C^(add2) C/E
 We lift our voic - es, we lift our hands, we lift our

4 Fmaj⁷ C/E Dm⁷ G C Dm⁷
 lives up to You: we are an of-fer-ing Lord, use our voic - es, Lord, use our

7 Em⁷ C/E F C^(add2) B^b G⁷
 hands, Lord, use our lives, they are Yours: we are an of-fer-ing.

10 Em⁷ A Dm⁷ E⁷ Am
 All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we

13 Dm⁷ C^(add2) B^b Dm G⁷
 give to you, we give to you. We lift our

16 C Dm⁷ C^(add2) C/E Fmaj⁷ C/E
 voic - es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You: we are an

19 Dm⁷ G C Dm⁷ Em⁷ C/E
 of-fer-ing Lord, use our voic - es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our

22 F C^(add2) B^b G⁷ C
 lives, they are Yours: we are an of-fer-ing. We are an of-fer-ing.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, *as we gather around this table to receive the gift of your grace, we offer ourselves to you. All we have, everything we are, and everything we will be, comes from you. We give you thanks, offer our time, gifts, and resources as people of God. Moved by your Spirit we ask that these gifts may be instruments of your love as we seek to love others. Amen.*

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

Lift up your heart.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

O God most mighty,

O God most merciful,

O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child.

When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom.

Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city.

With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

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 to 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 his death, we cry out Amen. ***Amen.***

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. ***Amen.***

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. ***Amen.***

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.

O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.

O God, you are wine: warm our hearts and make us one.

O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.

Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

By ALBERT H. MALOTTE

SLOWLY

B $\flat$ F/B $\flat$ B $\flat$ /D E $\flat$ 6 Fsus F

OUR FA - THER WHICH ART IN HEAV-EN,

7 B $\flat$ /D G $\flat$ Cm7 F7sus F7 B $\flat$ (ADD2) B $\flat$

HAL-LOW - ED BE _____ THY NAME.

12 G $\flat$ G $\flat$ 9 Gdim7 D $\flat$ G $\flat$ Cm/G C7/G D

THY KING-DOM COME; THY WILL BE DONE ____

17 N.C. G $\flat$ E $\flat$ B $\flat$ /F F7sus B $\flat$ 7sus B $\flat$

ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAV - EN.

23 E $\flat$ /B $\flat$ B $\flat$ E $\flat$ /B $\flat$ B $\flat$ E $\flat$ /G Cm/G F7 B $\flat$ E $\flat$ /G B $\flat$ /F E $\flat$ B $\flat$ /D G $\flat$ 7 E $\flat$ /G F7

GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAI - LY

30 B $\flat$ G $\flat$ 6 G $\flat$ 6/D G $\flat$ 6/B $\flat$ Asus A E $\flat$ 7($\flat$ 5)/A A

BREAD, AND FOR-GIVE US OUR DEBTS AS WE ____ FOR-GIVE OUR DEBT-ORS.

35 $E_m7(\flat 5)/A$ A $N.C.$ $B\flat$ $E\flat sus2/G$ $E\flat/G$

AND LEAD US NOT IN-TO TEMP-TA - TION, BUT DE-

39 $C7/G$ $F(ADD2)/A$ Dm/A $F7/E\flat$ $B\flat/D$ $E\flat6$

LIV - ER US FROM E - VIL. FOR THINE IS THE KING-DOM AND THE

43 $C7/E$ $E\flat m/G\flat$ $G\flat+$ $E\flat m6/G\flat$ $B\flat/F$ Cm/F $F7$

POW-ER AND THE GLO - RY FOR - EV -

47 $N.C.$ $E\flat6$ $B\flat MAJ7$ $Cm7/F$ $F7$ $B\flat$ $E\flat6$

ER. FOR THINE IS THE KING-DOM AND THE

51 $C7/E$ $E\flat m/G\flat$ $G\flat+$ $E\flat m6/G\flat$ $B\flat/F$ $Cm7$ $N.C.$ Cm $Cm7/F$ $F7$

RIT.

POW-ER AND THE GLO - RY FOR - EV - ER, A -

56 $F7sus$ $E\flat/G$ $B\flat/F$ $E\flat$ $B\flat sus2/D$ $B\flat/D$ $N.C.$ $E\flat/G$ $B\flat/F$ $E\flat6$ $B\flat$

A TEMPO

- MEN!

Come to the Table in Love

Leader

Come,___ come,___ come to the ta - ble in love.____
 come to the ta - ble in need.____
 come to the ta - ble in truth.____

Assembly

We come to - geth - er in Je - sus' name.____
 We come to - geth - er in Je - sus' name.____
 We come to - geth - er in Je - sus' name.____
 We go to live___ in Je - sus' name.____

We come to the ta - ble in love.
 We come to the ta - ble in need.
 We come to the ta - ble in truth.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

COMMUNION SONG: "I Am the Bread of Life"

I Am the Bread of Life

Leader or All

1 "The bread that I will give
2 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat
3 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion,
4 Yes, Lord, . . . I be - lieve
5 You who is my the
that . . .

come to me shall not the hun - ger, and who be -
flesh for the life of the world, . . . and if you
flesh of the Son of Man . . . and . . .
I . . . am the life . . . If you be -
you . . . are the Christ, . . . the . . .

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
eat . . . of this bread, and you shall . . . live for -
drink . . . of his blood, and drink . . . and . . .
lieve . . . in . . . me, e - ven . . . though you
Son . . . of . . . God, who . . . have . . .

me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
ev - er, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."
blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
die, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."
come in - to . . . the . . . world. . .

Refrain
All

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day."

COMMUNION BLESSING

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION SONG: ACS “Guide My Feet”

Guide My Feet

Leader

1 Guide my feet
2 Hold my hand
3 Stand by me while I run this race.
4 I'm your child
5 Search my heart

All

Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me while I run this race.
I'm your child
Search my heart

Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me while I run this race,
I'm your child
Search my heart

for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: GUIDE MY FEET, African American spiritual

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

HYMN: ELW 422 “For All the Saints” Verses 1,2,6,&7

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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