

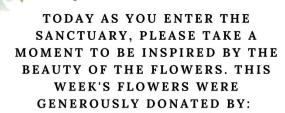
Fostering Community through Faith, Love &

NOVEMBER 2ND 2025

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ALL SAINTS' DAY



Steve Smith and Family IN MEMORY OF DICK AND JOY SMITH

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 Asst: Karen Fry WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: Cuff and Sharon Greiner

Communion Asst: Kay Dunn and Connie Stover

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THE SAINTS WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

Gerald Greenly

Tresha Sudol

Dave Guffey

LeRoy Reitz

Anna Mae Harpster

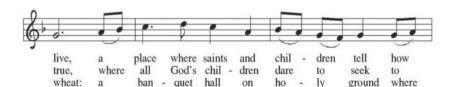
Robin Mensch

BELL PRELUDE: "Shall We Gather at the River"
GATHERING MUSIC
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
GREETING
BAPTISMAL SONG: "All Are Welcome"

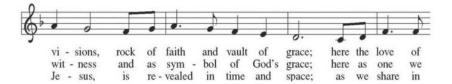
All Are Welcome



- build a house where love can dwell and
- all can safe ly 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











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.

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

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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



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

Do this for the remembrance of me.

forgiveness of sin.

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.

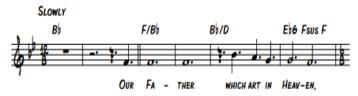
Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever.

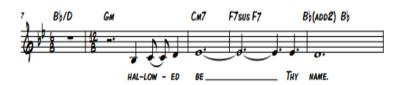
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LORD'S PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BY ALBERT H. MALOTTE









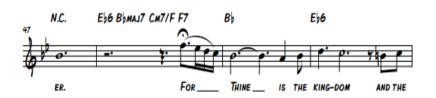


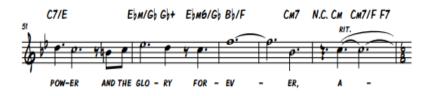














Come to the Table in Love

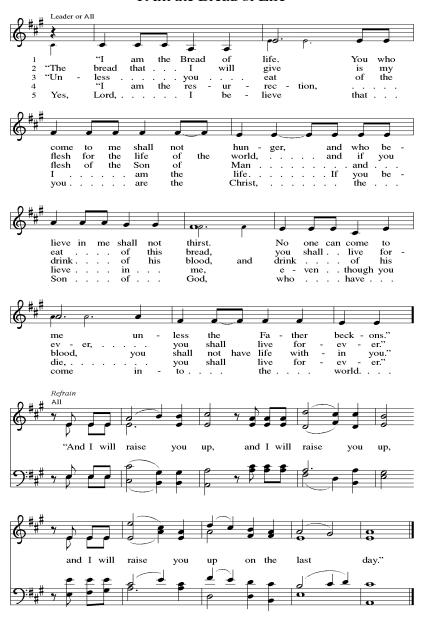


COMMUNION

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



Text: Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b. 1927, based on John 6

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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"



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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