



# MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Fostering Community through Faith, Love & Service*



**MORNING PRAYER**

**JUNE 9TH 2024**

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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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*Chuck Stahl and Family*

**IN MEMORY OF JOYCE STAHL**

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

**WORSHIP LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS**

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**Assistant Director of Music:** Nancy Walters

**Worship assistant:** Penny Ulmer

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**Communion Asst:** Rich Handy and Rick Coup

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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.

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP!**

Thank you for joining us today. Whether you've worshipped with us before or this is your first time, we want you to know that you are welcome. As Christians we recognize that each of us comes to worship just as we are. God loves us and so we love others, no expectations, no judgment, only acceptance grace, and love.

*(Bold italic items to be spoken by congregation.)*

**Congratulations to Ryleigh Heimbach as she affirms her baptism today and joins the Body of Christ as a member of Milton Lutheran Church!**

## Graduation Milestone!

Ely is graduating from Milton Area High School and will be attending Mansfield University to study music education starting this summer.



Braydon Gaugler is graduating from Milton Area High School and plans to attend Bloomsburg University in the fall.



**GATHERING MUSIC**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GRADUATION MILESTONE**

**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.*

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that those who are here may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and help them to remember that it is through your love we receive the gift of grace.

*Blessed be God now and forever.*

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## OPENING

O Lord, open my lips, *and my mouth shall proclaim your praise. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

Give glory to God, our light, and our life.

*Oh, come, let us worship and praise.*

**HYMN: ELW 825 "You Servants of God"**

## Prayer of the Day

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

***Amen.***



## Listen, God Is Calling

*Neno lake Mungu*

*Refrain*  
Leader All

Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,  
Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,

1 2

ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.  
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader All

Ye - su a - li - se - ma, Mka - hu - bi - ri.  
1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news  
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.  
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All *Refrain*

Ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la wo - ko - vu.  
that he came to save us and set us free.  
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.  
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

Text: Tanzanian traditional; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922

Music: NENO LAKE MUNGU, Tanzanian tune

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## SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you — unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had

received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them — though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

## **SERMON: “Giving What We Were Given”**

## **HYMN: ELW 377 “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

You reawaken our hearts to your mercy. We give you thanks for renewers of the church in every age. Enliven the creativity and persistence of all seeking to transform the church into a closer vision of your beloved community. Merciful God,

*receive our prayer.*

Your presence is revealed in the shade of trees, the growth of seeds into flowers, and in the blessing of plants granting food in their right season. Heal lands scarred by deforestation, pollution, or infestation. Teach us to cultivate the earth with respect and reverence. Merciful God,

*receive our prayer.*

Our nations and communities are divided, O God. Teach us again to listen with curiosity and mercy, even in disagreement. Grant us the humility to acknowledge our hardness of heart and make us bold in modeling cooperation for the sake of the common good. Merciful God,

*receive our prayer.*

Hear the prayers of all who cry out to you from the depths of fear, despair, or hopelessness. With haste, rescue victims of trafficking, exploitation, and abuse, and bless organizations and individuals who work on their behalf. Merciful God,

*receive our prayer.*

Grant wisdom and clarity to all who are in seasons of discernment and transition: high school graduates preparing for first jobs or new educational journeys, those who are shifting careers, and those who are navigating changes in their relationships. Accompany them with your peace. Merciful God,

*receive our prayer.*

Praise to you for our ancestors in faith who believed, spoke, and lived in you. Give us confidence that as Jesus was raised, so we too will be raised, with all the saints, into your everlasting presence. Merciful God,

*receive our prayer.*

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

*Amen.*

## PRESENTATION

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for Ryleigh Heimbach who is with us in the body of Christ and making public affirmation of her baptism.

*Council Representative*

I present Ryleigh Heimbach who desires to make public affirmation of her baptism.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for Ryleigh.

whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.

You have called her to yourself,

enlightened her with the gifts of your Spirit,

and nourished her in the community of faith.

Uphold your servant in the gift and promises of baptism,  
and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.

We ask this in the name of Christ.

**Amen.**

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and  
confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,  
the powers of this world that rebel against God,  
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*I renounce them.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.*

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,*

*born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*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.*

## **AFFIRMATION**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

People of God, do you promise to support *these sisters and brothers* and pray for *them* in their life in Christ?

***We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.***

## LAYING ON OF HANDS

*(The congregation is invited to come forward as we pray for each confirmand. Please gather around Ryleigh. You may place your hand on the person in front of you or in the air in the direction of the person you are praying for.)*

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit, you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in Ryleigh the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

***Amen.***

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

*We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.*

*Together we will give thanks and praise to God  
and proclaim the good news to all the world.*



## Let My Prayer Be a Fragrant Offering

Refrain



Let my prayer be a fra-grant of-fer-ing, as in-cense to you a-rise.



Let my prayer be a fra-grant of-fer-ing, my hands lift-ed up in praise.



1 O Lord, I call to you, come quick-ly to my side.  
2 Please watch my lips, O Lord, and guard the words I say.  
3 My eyes are turned to you, O Lord, my liv-ing God.

Refrain



O Lord, please hear my voice; lis-ten when I cry.  
Please turn my heart to you; chase my sin a-way.  
I look to you for help; be my faith-ful rock.

## 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 (Sung)

*Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
Forever, Amen.*

# 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: "Christ, Be Our Light"

## Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



*Refrain*  
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

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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.*

**HYMN: ELW 543 “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”**

## 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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Monday- Thursday 10:00 A.M.- 2:00 P.M.

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# Prayer Requests

## **PRAYER LIST**

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VALENTIA CASTILLO  
MARY ANN SOLOMON  
JACKIE FISHER  
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