



Milton Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship

Fostering Community through Faith, Love, and Service

OCT. 4, 2026
CONTEMPORARY



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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IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES

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

WORSHIP LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS

Pastor: Gary Schaeffer

Director of Music: John Warfel

Worship assistant: Ellie Schaeffer

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: Linwood Hill and Clyde Drumheller

Communion Assistant: Dave and Viki Campbell

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

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

OPENING PRAYER

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERMON: "Lighten the Load"

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 11:16-30

¹⁶ “But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷ ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸ “For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁰ Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done because they did not repent.

²¹ “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. ²² But I tell you, on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ²³ And you, Capernaum,

will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to Hades. “For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. ²⁴ But I tell you that on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you.”

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy

burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Song: 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.

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.*

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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.



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|---|-------|-----|------|-------|------|----------|------------------|------------|
| 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
self	for	the	life	of	the	world.	Come	to	the	one
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



Refrain

sat - is - fied;	in	Christ's	pres -	ence	the	loaves	will	a -	bound.
liv - ing	way,	that	the	full -	ness	of	life	may	be
food	for	you,	that	your	hun -	ger	and	thirst	be
One	of	God,	and	be -	lieve	in	the	truth	you
ev - 'ry	breath,	praise	the	one	in	whom	you	are	re -
									born.

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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: Shout to the Lord

Verse

My Jesus, my Savior
Lord there is none like You
All of my days, I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love
My Comfort, my Shelter
Tower of Refuge and Strength
Let every breath, all that I am
Never cease to worship You

Chorus

Shout to the Lord All the earth let us sing
Power and majesty Praise to the King
Mountains bow down And the sea will roar
At the sound of Your Name
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to The promise I have in You.

Verse 2

My Jesus, my Savior
Lord there is none like You

All of my days, I want to praise
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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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8:00 A.M.- 1:00 P.M.

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Monday- Thursday

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Prayer Requests

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