



# MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH

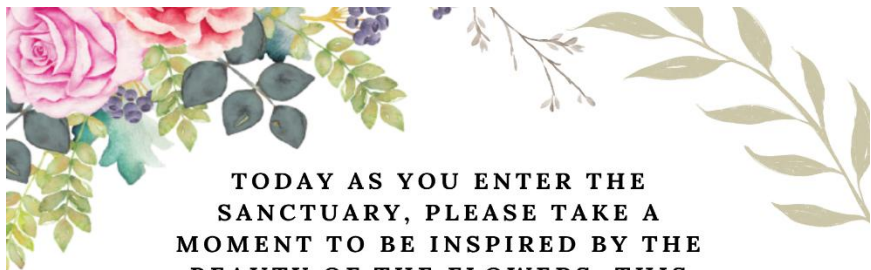
*Fostering Community through Faith, Love & Service*

**AUGUST 3RD 2025**

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SANCTUARY @ MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH @  
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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  
GENEROUSLY DONATED BY:

*Sons, Grandchildren, and  
Great Grandchildren*

**IN HONOR OF ERNEST DELP'S  
90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY**

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:** Chuck Stahl and Helen Billhime

**Communion Asst:** Carol Yost and Lynnette Weisner

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Lutheran Church at

9:30am on the Milton Lutheran Church YouTube Channel. Visit

<https://miltonlutheranchurch.org> to link to the LIVE worship.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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***

## HYMN: ELW 681 "We Plow the Fields and Scatter"

### 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.*

### HYMN OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

*Amen.*

## SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 50:15-21

<sup>15</sup> Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" <sup>16</sup> So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, <sup>17</sup> 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup> Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." <sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. <sup>21</sup> So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

## Psalm 49:1-12

- <sup>1</sup> Hear this, all you peoples;  
give ear, all inhabitants of the world,
- <sup>2</sup> **both low and high,  
rich and poor together.**
- <sup>3</sup> My mouth shall speak wisdom;  
the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.
- <sup>4</sup> **I will incline my ear to a proverb;  
I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp.**
- <sup>5</sup> Why should I fear in times of trouble,  
when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me,
- <sup>6</sup> **those who trust in their wealth  
and boast of the abundance of their riches?**
- <sup>7</sup> Truly, no ransom avails for one's life;  
there is no price one can give to God for it.
- <sup>8</sup> **For the ransom of life is costly  
and can never suffice,**
- <sup>9</sup> that one should live on forever  
and never see the Pit.
- <sup>10</sup> **When we look at the wise, they die;  
fool and dolt perish together  
and leave their wealth to others.**
- <sup>11</sup> Their graves are their homes forever,  
their dwelling places to all generations,  
though they named lands their own.
- <sup>12</sup> **Mortals cannot abide in their pomp;  
they are like the animals that perish.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 12<sup>th</sup> Chapter. *Glory to you O Lord.*

### GOSPEL READING: Luke 12:13-21

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” <sup>16</sup> Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup> And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup> Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ <sup>21</sup> So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

The Gospel of the Lord  
*Praise to You O Christ*

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 512 “Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”

APOSTLES 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 the dead.  
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.*



## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

Renew in your church a perspective of life beyond worldly pursuits. Build an enthusiasm to embrace life in Christ, so that Christ, the life of the world, is revealed to everyone. God of grace,

***hear our prayer.***

Revitalize and protect the treasures of wild places. Teach all people to value the earth, winds, waters, trees, and animals, the gifts that make life possible on this planet. God of grace,

***hear our prayer.***

Speak wisdom to any in positions of power, that they cease practices of divisiveness, insult, and oppression. Clothe all people in your image, and establish equity and peace. God of grace,

***hear our prayer.***

Reveal your loving presence in the lives of people suffering hunger and need, illness and grief, pain and fear. Give strength to those who give care, and equip them with compassion as they make your love known. God of grace,

***hear our prayer.***

Store up in this congregation a full measure of gratitude and generosity. Guide the work of treasurers and all who attend to financial matters. Support those whose work in our community is difficult and demanding; make us mindful of the toil that goes unnoticed. God of grace,

***hear our prayer.***

Receive our thanks for the lives of your saints who now rest from their labors. Give us wisdom through their witness and encourage us in love as we continue our lives in the world. God of grace,

***hear our prayer.***

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

***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,



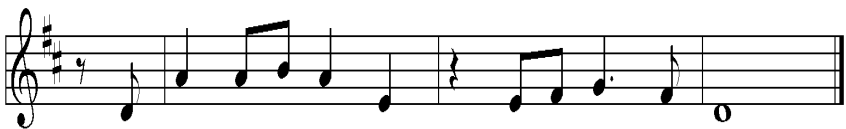
that we may be fed, we may be fed with the bread of life.



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.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, *as we gather around this table to receive the gift of your grace, we offer ourselves to you. All that 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.*

*Trusting in your mercy and moved by your Spirit we ask that these gifts may be instruments of your love as we seek to love others. Amen.*

## DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;  
who in dying has destroyed death,  
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of  
the resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures,

and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,  
the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

With this bread and cup  
we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth.  
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.  
We look with hope for his coming.

***Come, Lord Jesus.***

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.  
Come among us. Bless this meal.  
May your Word take flesh in us.  
Awaken your people.  
Fill us with your light.  
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

***Come, Holy Spirit.***

All praise and glory are yours,  
Holy One of Israel,  
Word of God incarnate,  
Power of the Most High,  
one God, now and forever.

***Amen.***

## 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.*

## LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.

you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.

e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

## COMMUNION SONG: Bread of Life from Heaven



# 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.



- |   |       |     |      |       |      |          |        |      |        |       |       |
|---|-------|-----|------|-------|------|----------|--------|------|--------|-------|-------|
| 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	and	the
self	for	the	life	of	the	world.	Come	to	the	one	who	is
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	yours.
food	for	you,	that	your	hun -	ger	and	thirst	be	no	more.
One	of	God,	and	be -	lieve	in	the	truth	you	have	heard.
ev -	'ry	breath,	praise	the	one	in	whom	you	are	re -	born.

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## COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

*Amen*

## 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 650 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

## 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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Friday- Sunday

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Monday- Thursday

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# Prayer Requests



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CANNAN ROBINSON

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