



# MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Fostering Community through Faith, Love & Service*



CONTEMPORARY

**JANUARY 5TH 2025**

IN PERSON & LIVE STREAMED FROM THE  
SANCTUARY @ MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH @  
9:30AM ON THE MLC YOUTUBE CHANNEL. VISIT  
[HTTPS://MILTONLUTHERANCHURCH.ORG](https://miltonlutheranchurch.org) FOR  
LINK TO LIVE WORSHIP.



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:

*Jini and Michael Karr*

**IN MEMORY OF SON, JOHN K.  
SHOLENBERGER**

**AND**

*Helen Billhime and*

*Chuck Stahl*

**IN HONOR OF MARY  
BILLHIME'S 96TH 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 assistant:** Cindy Coup

**WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS**

**Greeters:** Dave Guffey and Chris Palko

**Communion Assistant:** Chuck Stahl and Helen Billhime

**Worship Set Up:** Connie Stover

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

#### SONG: O Come O Come Emmanuel

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

#### *Refrain*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.

2 O come, O Wisdom from on high,  
embracing all things far and nigh:  
in strength and beauty come and stay;  
teach us your will and guide our way. *Refrain*

3 O come, O come, O Lord of might,  
as to your tribes on Sinai's height

in ancient times you gave the law  
in cloud, and majesty, and awe. *Refrain*

4 O come, O Branch of Jesse, free  
your own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell your people save,  
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *Refrain*

## **PRAYER**

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Amen.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **SERMON**

### **GOSPEL PASSAGE: Galatians 5:16-25**

<sup>16</sup>Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. <sup>19</sup>Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, <sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup>envy,

drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup>By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. <sup>24</sup>And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

**SONG: Angels We Have Heard On High**

1 Angels we have heard on high,  
sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply,  
echoing their joyous strains.

*Refrain*

Gloria in excelsis Deo;  
gloria in excelsis Deo.

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
which inspire your heav'nly song? *Refrain*

3 Come to Bethlehem and see  
him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn king. *Refrain*

## PRAYERS

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.

**Sung**

*O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, answer me.*

*O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and listen to me.*

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.

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...

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...

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.

**Sung**

*O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call,  
answer me.*

*O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and listen  
to me.*

## 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.*

### DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

### SONGS DURING COMMUNION – 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

### SONG: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1 Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn king;  
peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled."  
Joyful, all you nations, rise;  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with angelic hosts proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

#### *Refrain*

Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn king!"

2 Christ, by highest heav'n adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!  
Hail, incarnate deity!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel! *Refrain*

3 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace!  
Hail the Sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
ris'n with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,

born to raise each child of earth,  
born to give us second birth. *Refrain*

## 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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# Church Office Hours

Monday- Thursday 9:00 A.M.- 2:00 P.M.

Friday- Sunday Office Closed

# Pastor's Office Hours

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

*Please contact Pastor Gary to make an appointment.*

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# Prayer Requests

## **PRAYER LIST**

JANIE BLOOM

THE FAMILY OF DAVE AND SHIRLEY ROBINSON

DONALD POTTS

MARLIN THOMAS

KENNETH GAUGLER

AARON MURRAY

DENISE BAKER

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF ERNEST DELP JR.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF SARMAE RADEL

MARK NOLDER

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF NANCY BROWN

TERRY SHULTZ

RICHARD SNYDER

## **HOMEBOUND**

MARY BILLHIME

GERALD GREENLY

MARY AND MELVIN CRIST

HELEN NAPP

MARY ANN SOLOMON

BARB ASHENFELDER

