



MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fostering Community through Faith, Love & Service



MORNING PRAYER

MAY 4TH 2025

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SANCTUARY @ MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH @
9:30AM ON THE MLC YOUTUBE CHANNEL. VISIT
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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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*Rosie Bingaman &
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**CHARLES BINGAMAN, JOSEPH
AND ELIZABETH DERSHAM**

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

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: Karen Fry

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: Ann Mellman and Cindy Kopyscianski

Communion Asst: Chuck Stahl and Helen Billhime

Worship Setup: Connie Stover

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

BAPTISMAL SONG: "Come, All You People"

Come, All You People

Uyaimose



<i>U - ya - i - mo - se,</i>	<i>ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;</i>
1 Come, all you peo - ple,	come and praise the Most High;
2 Come, all you peo - ple,	come and praise the Sav - ior;
3 Come, all you peo - ple,	come and praise the Spir - it;



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<i>u - ya - i - mo - se</i>	<i>Zvi - no.</i>
come now and wor - ship	the Lord.
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come now and wor - ship	the Lord.

Text: Alexander Gondo; tr. I-to Loh, b. 1936, alt.

Music: UYAIMOSE, Alexander Gondo

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THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Water! Water! We praise you, O God, for water—
The West Branch of the Susquehanna Watershed,
the rain that nourishes animals and plants,
the water for drinking and bathing.
We praise you, O God, for water.

We praise you, O God, for water.

We praise you, O God, for our water stories—
a flood that cleansed the earth,
the sea that drowned the enemy,
a river that healed leprosy.
We praise you, O God, for water.

We praise you, O God, for water.

We remember the waters of Jesus—
baptized in the Jordan River,
calming the Sea of Galilee,
drinking from Jacob's Well,
healing at the pool of Bethesda,
washing the disciples' feet.
We praise you, O God, for water.

We praise you, O God, for water.

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. We praise you, O God, for baptism.

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O God, you are the Ocean, sustaining this earth.

O God, you are the River, saving us from death.

O God, you are the Fountain, granting us health and well-being.

We praise you, O God,

today, tomorrow, forever.

Amen, and amen.

Amen, and amen.

OPENING

O Lord, open my lips, ***and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.***



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

Oh, come, let us worship and praise.

HYMN: ELW 729 "The Church of Christ, in Every Age"

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you gave to your apostles Philip and James grace and strength to bear witness to your Son. Grant that we, remembering their victory of faith, may glorify in life and death the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns and you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM “Sing to the Lord a New Song”

SCRIPTURE READING: John 17: 1-11

¹⁷After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:

“Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. ²For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. ³Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

⁶“I have revealed you^[a] to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. ⁹I pray for them. I

am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹ I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of ^[b] your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

SERMON: “Led by Jesus”

HYMN: ELW 661 “I Love to Tell the Story”

Prayers of Intercession

United with the great cloud of witnesses throughout the ages, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Mighty God, you know the secrets of our hearts. Bring to light all that prevents your church from proclaiming your truth and salvation boldly. Free us from the sin that binds us, and transform our hearts to reveal your grace. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Prosper the work of farmers, harvesters, food packaging workers, and all who labor. Keep us mindful of harsh conditions workers face, and of all the labor needed to supply us with what we consume. Make us advocates for just and healthy farming practices. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Strengthen the witness of people who are persecuted for their faith. When people are consumed by violent acts and when faithful ones are denied the right to worship, let your justice and peace resonate throughout the lands. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Do not hide your face from those who call upon you. Arise, O God, to give your abundant help and salvation to all people who are in need. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Continue to show us your hidden nature in tangible things: in water and word, in bread and wine, in flesh and blood. Reveal to us what we can understand, and stir us to trust in that which we cannot understand. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

With Philip and James, with all the apostles and saints who have proclaimed Christ crucified and risen, send us out to bear witness in the world to all the good things you have done for your people. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In the company of your saints we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your eternal mercy and love; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

By ALBERT H. MALOTTE

SLOWLY

B \flat F/B \flat B \flat /D E \flat 6 Fsus F
 OUR FA - THER WHICH ART IN HEAV-EN,

7 B \flat /D GM CM7 F7sus F7 B \flat (ADD2) B \flat
 HAL-LOW - ED BE _____ THY NAME.

12 GM GM9 Gdim7 DM GM CM/G C7/G D
 THY KING-DOM COME; THY WILL BE DONE _____

17 N.C. GM E \flat B \flat /F F7sus B \flat sus B \flat
 ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAV - EN.

23 E \flat /B \flat B \flat E \flat /B \flat B \flat E \flat /G CM/G F7 B \flat E \flat /G B \flat /F E \flat B \flat /D GM7 E \flat /G F7
 GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAI - LY

30 B \flat GM6 GM6/D GM6/B \flat Asus A Em7(\flat 5)/A A
 BREAD, AND FOR-GIVE US OUR DEBTS AS WE _____ FOR-GIVE OUR DEBT-ORS.

35 $E\flat M7(\flat 5)/A$ A $N.C.$ $B\flat$ $E\flat sus2/G$ $E\flat/G$

AND LEAD US NOT IN-TO TEMP-TA - TION, BUT DE -

39 $C7/G$ $F(ADD2)/A$ Dm/A $F7/E\flat$ $B\flat/D$ $E\flat 6$

LIV - ER US FROM E - VIL. FOR THINE IS THE KING-DOM AND THE

43 $C7/E$ $E\flat M/G\flat$ $G\flat+$ $E\flat M6/G\flat$ $B\flat/F$ Cm/F $F7$

POW-ER AND THE GLO - RY FOR - EV -

47 $N.C.$ $E\flat 6$ $B\flat MAJ7$ $Cm7/F$ $F7$ $B\flat$ $E\flat 6$

ER. FOR THINE IS THE KING-DOM AND THE

51 $C7/E$ $E\flat M/G\flat$ $G\flat+$ $E\flat M6/G\flat$ $B\flat/F$ $Cm7$ $N.C.$ Cm $Cm7/F$ $F7$ *RIT.*

POW-ER AND THE GLO - RY FOR - EV - ER, A -

56 $F7sus$ $E\flat/G$ $B\flat/F$ $E\flat$ $B\flat sus2/D$ $B\flat/D$ $N.C.$ $E\flat/G$ $B\flat/F$ $E\flat 6$ $B\flat$ *A TEMPO*

- MEN!

This Is Christ's Body



This is Christ's bod - y, bro - ken and blest. Feed us with



mer-cy and love. We are Christ's bod - y,



bro - ken and blest. Heal us and make us one.

Text: Anne Krentz Organ, b. 1960

Music: BROKEN AND BLESSED, Anne Krentz Organ

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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.



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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 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.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, BREAK NOW THE BREAD; Argentine traditional, refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950, stanzas

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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.

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 854 "Blessing and Honor"

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.

Please contact Pastor Gary to make an appointment.

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