



SERVICE OF HEALING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1ST - 7:00 P.M.

MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Thank you for being here. Whether this is your first time here, or you have been with us for a while, please know this . . . we are glad you have chosen to worship with us.

(Bold italic items to be spoken by congregation)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting

The love of God poured into our hearts,
the saving grace of Jesus Christ,
and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, rich in mercy, full of kindness, out of your great love, you raise us up from sin and death and make us alive together with Christ. Write your word upon our hearts and restore in us the image of your love that, by your Spirit, our way of life may become the way of Christ, through whom we pray. *Amen.*

Opening Song 'Take, oh, take me as I am'

ELW 814

Psalm 121

¹ I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?

² *My help comes from the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.*

³ He will not let your foot slip—
he who watches over you will not slumber;

⁴ *indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.*

⁵ The LORD watches over you—

the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

⁶ *the sun will not harm you by day,*

nor the moon by night.

⁷ The LORD will keep you from all harm—

he will watch over your life;

⁸ *the LORD will watch over your coming and going*

both now and forevermore.

Gospel Reading- Matthew 11: 25-30

25 At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. 26 Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

27 “All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

28 “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, 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.”

Reflection

Gary Schaeffer, Pastor

Song

‘I want Jesus to walk with me’ ELW 325

Time of Prayer and Healing

At this time everyone is invited to come forward for a time of prayer and healing. In the front of the sanctuary, you will find a prayer bowl and

candles. You may use the piece of paper in your bulletin to write any prayers you have and place it in the prayer bowl. You may also come forward to light a candle to lift your prayers to God. Pastor Gary will be in the lounge behind the sanctuary for individual prayer and healing.

Prayers

With tears and hope, let us pray for the church and the world.

For faith in the One who brings life, we pray:

Hear us, and have mercy.

For hope in the face of death, we pray . . .

Hear us, and have mercy.

For an end to death's dominion, we pray . . .

Hear us, and have mercy.

For comfort in times of sorrow, we pray . . .

Hear us, and have mercy.

For righteous anger in the face of human suffering, we pray . . .

Hear us, and have mercy.

For a sign of God's power among those who are sick or dying, including those we now name, we pray . . .

Hear us, and have mercy.

For these and all the prayers of our hearts, we pray . . .

Hear us, and have mercy.

Sorrow covers us, O God of compassion, and our tears have become our bread. Destroy death's power, and banish our sadness, that weeping may give way to laughter, and despair may surrender to hope, through Christ our life.

Amen.

The 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.*

Hymn- "Healer of our Every Ill"

Healer of Our Every Ill

Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain



peace and glad-ness; Spir-it of all com-fort, fill our hearts.
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir-it of all kind-ness, be our guide.
way of heal - ing; Spir-it of com-pas - sion, fill each heart.

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Blessing

May God bless you and shield you. May Christ shelter you and carry you. May the Holy Spirit guide your journey + both now and forever. *Amen.*

Postlude



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