



# MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Fostering Community through Faith, Love & Service*

**AUGUST 24TH 2025**

IN PERSON & LIVE STREAMED FROM THE  
SANCTUARY @ MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH @  
9:30AM ON THE MLC YOUTUBE CHANNEL. VISIT  
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**OUTDOOR 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:

*Dale Cochran & Jennifer  
Cochran and Family*

**IN MEMORY OF WIFE AND  
MOTHER, NANCY COCHRAN**

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:** Chuck Stahl and Helen Billhime

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

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.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GREETING

### OPENING RESPONSES

Thanks be to you O God, that we have risen this day.

*To the rising of this life itself.*

Be the purpose of God between us and each purpose.

*The hand of God between us and each hand.*

The pain of Christ between us and each pain.

*The pain of Christ between us and each love.*

Beloved of the neglected, beloved of the vulnerable.

*Draw us to the shelter- house of the saviour of the poor.*

OPENING SONG: ELW 556 "Morning Has Broken"

# Morning Has Broken



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;  
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,  
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.  
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass.  
 born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!  
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,  
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
 sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.  
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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## PRAYER

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

*Amen.*

## SCRIPTURE READING Luke 13: 10-17

<sup>10</sup> Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. <sup>11</sup> And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." <sup>13</sup> When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup> But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." <sup>15</sup> But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? <sup>16</sup> And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" <sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

## SERMON

# SONG: ELW 881 "Let All Things Now Living"

## Let All Things Now Living

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours-es and

God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who  
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the

still guides us on to the end of our days.  
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -  
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,  
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise

till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as  
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892-1980, alt.  
Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune  
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## PRAYERS

O Trinity of love, One God, In perfect community, look now on us who look at you.

*And hear our prayer for our community.*

Where this is falseness...

*Smother it by our truth.*

Where there is any coldness...

*Kindle the flame of your love.*

Where there is joy and hope...

*Free us to share it together;*

And make us one...

*As you are one...*

Before God and you who are near me I release anything against you. I regret all I have done to harm you. I stand beside the wrong in my life and ask for God's forgiveness.

*Before God and you who are near, we release anything we hold against one another. We regret all the harm we have done. We stand beside the wrong in our lives and ask for God's forgiveness.*

*A brief moment of silence.*

Jesus says to us, each one: 'Go and sin no more, Come and follow me.' Now we bind our hands with honesty as we offer them to each other and our prayer to you. (*Join Hands*)

## 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.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

*Let us give our thanks and praise.*

Blessed is our brother Jesus, who walks with us the road of our world's suffering,

And is known to us in the breaking of the bread.

On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread and having blessed it.

He broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying,

This is my body, given for you.

In the same way he took the wine and having given thanks for it, he poured it out.

And gave it to his disciples, saying,

This cup is the new relationship with God, sealed with my blood.

Take this and share it.

I shall drink wine with you next in the coming Kingdom of God.



Loving God, it is through your goodness that we have this bread and wine to offer.

Which earth has given, and human hands have made.

In the sharing of this bread, may we know your resurrection presence, and may we know that, in touching all bread, all matter, it is you that we touch.

What we do here is celebrate the life that Jesus has shared among his community through the centuries and shares among us now.

Made one with Christ, and thus one with each other, let us offer these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice. **AMEN**

## **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

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

## **COMMUNION SONG – John Warfel**

## **COMMUNION BLESSING**

Here us now, O Christ, and breathe your Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine. May they become for us your body, vibrant with your life, healing, renewing, and making us whole. And as the bread and wine which we've had are changed into us, may we be changed again into you, bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh, loving and caring in the world. **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 SONG: ELW 886 “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”**

## Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
- 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
- 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!  
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.  
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

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| 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,<br>O fallen human race!<br>Look and be saved through faith alone,<br>be justified by grace! | 6 To God all glory, praise, and love<br>be now and ever giv'n<br>by saints below and saints above,<br>the church in earth and heav'n. |
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Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

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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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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**

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