

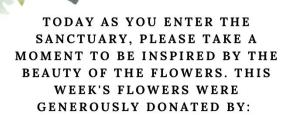
Fostering Community through Faith, Love &

## NOVEMBER 23RD 2025

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**MORNING PRAYER** 



# Rick and Judy Coup IN HONOR OF RICK AND JUDY

# IN HONOR OF RICK AND JUDY COUP'S 45<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY AND JOHN AND SUE WARFEL'S 50<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

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: Cuff and Sharon Greiner

Communion Asst: Helen Billhime and Connie Stover

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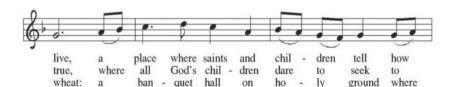
9:30am on the Milton Lutheran Church YouTube Channel. Visit <a href="https://miltonlutheranchurch.org">https://miltonlutheranchurch.org</a> to link to the LIVE worship.

GATHERING MUSIC
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
GREETING
BAPTISMAL SONG: "All Are Welcome"

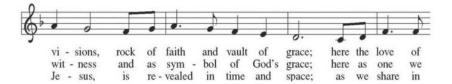
#### All Are Welcome



- build a house where love can dwell and
- all can safe ly Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
- 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and











#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Let us pray...

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water all around us. Especially, the West Branch of the Susquehanna River Watershed, you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

#### Blessed be God now and forever.

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.

### Blessed be God now and forever.

In baptism, we are joined to Christ's death and resurrection. We are washed in God's mercy, sealed by the Spirit, and called beloved Children of God. Yet we confess that we do not always live as people of grace. Let us return to the waters of life, confessing our sins and trusting God's promise.

Brief silence for reflection

God of Life, we confess that we forget we belong to you. We turn from your ways, we fail to love our neighbors, and we doubt your power to make all things new. Forgive us, O God. Wash us again in your grace. Renew in us the joy of baptism, so that we may rise to serve you in freedom. Amen.

Hear the good news. By Water and the Spirit, you are buried with Christ and raised to new life. In Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. You are made clean, renewed and sent to shine with the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

HYMN: ELW 693 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Promise Song"

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 23:33-43

<sup>33</sup> When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one

on his left. <sup>34</sup> [[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup> And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup> and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup> There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup> And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup> Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." <sup>43</sup> He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

#### **SERMON**

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 634 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

ELW 692 "We Are an Offering"

## We Are An Offering



#### 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.

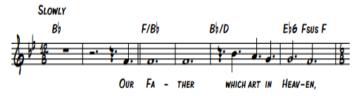
Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever.

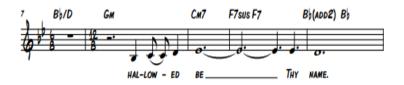
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#### LORD'S PRAYER

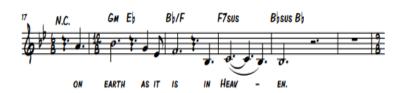
## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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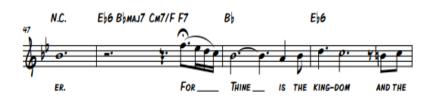


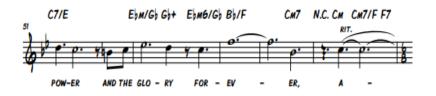














## Come to the Table in Love

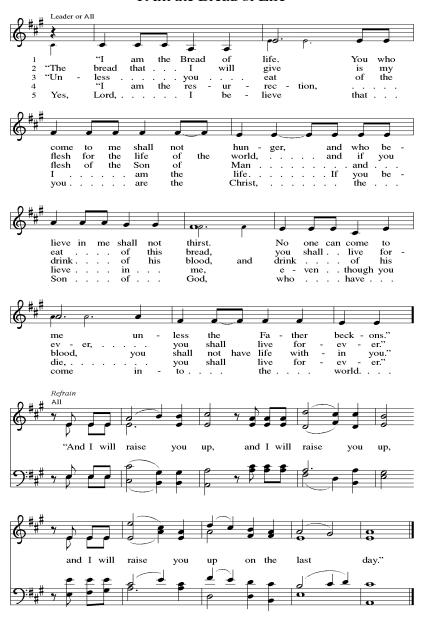


#### COMMUNION

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

COMMUNION SONG: "I Am the Bread of Life"

#### I Am the Bread of Life



Text: Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b. 1927, based on John 6

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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.* 

## COMMUNION SONG: ACS "Guide My Feet"



Text: African American spiritual

Music: GUIDE MY FEET, African American spiritual

#### **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 855 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

#### **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
Friday- Sunday

12:00 P.M.- 5:00 P.M.
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Monday- Thursday

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