



Milton Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship

Fostering Community through Faith, Love, and Service

**OCT. 18, 2026
MORNING**



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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**IN MEMORY OF MRS. KATHY
SUMMER**

We would like to give special thanks to our worship leaders.

WORSHIP LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS

Pastor: Gary Schaeffer

Director of Music: John Warfel

Worship Asst: Ellie Schaeffer

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: Linwood Hill and Clyde Drumheller

Communion Asst: Dave and Viki Campbell

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 Vickie Brown who will be leading worship while Pastor
Gary is away!

BELL PRELUDE: Fairest Lord Jesus

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

BAPTISMAL SONG: "All Are Welcome"

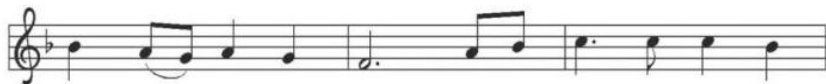
All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2 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



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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 825 "You Servants of God"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Choir Anthem: This is the Day That the Lord Hath Made

Scripture Reading: Luke 7:36-50

³⁶ One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and when he went into the Pharisee's house he reclined to dine. ³⁷ And a woman in the city who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. ³⁸ She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair, kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. ³⁹ Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner."

⁴⁰ Jesus spoke up and said to him, “Simon, I have something to say to you.” “Teacher,” he replied, “speak.” ⁴¹ “A certain moneylender had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?” ⁴³ Simon answered, “I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt.” And Jesus said to him, “You have judged rightly.” ⁴⁴ Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷ Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven loves little.” ⁴⁸ Then he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” ⁴⁹ But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?” ⁵⁰ But he said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

SERMON: Vickie Brown

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 696 “Jesus Calls Us; o’er the Tumult”

Prayers of Intercession

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

Living and true God, you inspire us to share the message of the gospel. Give your spirit of love to seminarians and those beginning their lives in ordained ministry. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give you thanks for the majesty of our oceans. Protect the abundant life within them and sustain all those who work to preserve them. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We seek your wisdom in all things. Direct all who hold positions of authority around the world, that they act with compassion, seeking the good of all. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for all people who work in dangerous or degrading environments. Grant them safety and courage, and heal all those who are injured, sick, or suffering. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We ask your blessing on those who do the quiet, unseen work of the church. Encourage them in their work of faith and labor of love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

We Are An Offering

ELW 692

Words and Music by
Dwight Liles

1 G^7 C Dm^7 $C^{\text{add}2}$ C/E
 We lift our voic - es, we lift our hands, we lift our

4 $Fmaj^7$ C/E Dm^7 G C Dm^7
 lives up to You: we are an of-fer-ing Lord, use our voic - es, Lord, use our

7 Em^7 C/E F $C^{\text{add}2}$ B^b G^7
 hands, Lord, use our lives, they are Yours: we are an of-fer-ing.

10 Em^7 A Dm^7 E^7 Am
 All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we

13 Dm^7 $C^{\text{add}2}$ B^b Dm G^7
 give to you, we give to you. We lift our

16 C Dm^7 $C^{\text{add}2}$ C/E $Fmaj^7$ C/E
 voic - es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You: we are an

19 Dm^7 G C Dm^7 Em^7 C/E
 of-fer-ing Lord, use our voic - es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our

22 F $C^{\text{add}2}$ B^b G^7 C
 lives, they are Yours: we are an of-fer-ing. We are an of-fer-ing.

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 G $\flat$ Cm7 F7sus F7 B $\flat$ (ADD2) B $\flat$

HAL-LOW - ED BE _____ THY NAME.

12 G $\flat$ G $\flat$ 9 Gdim7 D $\flat$ G $\flat$ Cm/G C7/G D

THY KING-DOM COME; THY WILL BE DONE ____

17 N.C. G $\flat$ E $\flat$ B $\flat$ /F F7sus B $\flat$ 7sus 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 G $\flat$ 7 E $\flat$ /G F7

GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAI - LY

30 B $\flat$ G $\flat$ 6 G $\flat$ 6/D G $\flat$ 6/B $\flat$ Asus A E $\flat$ 7($\flat$ 5)/A A

BREAD, AND FOR-GIVE US OUR DEBTS AS WE ____ FOR-GIVE OUR DEBT-ORS.

35 $E_m7(\flat 5)/A$ 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 $F7/E\flat$ $B\flat/D$ $E\flat6$

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 $N.C.$ $E\flat6$ $B\flat MAJ7$ $Cm7/F$ $F7$ $B\flat$ $E\flat6$

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 $F7sus$ $E\flat/G$ $B\flat/F$ $E\flat$ $B\flat sus2/D$ $B\flat/D$ $N.C.$ $E\flat/G$ $B\flat/F$ $E\flat6$ $B\flat$

A TEMPO

MEN!

Come to the Table in Love

Leader



Come, __ come, __ come to the ta - ble in love. __
come to the ta - ble in need. __
come to the ta - ble in truth. __

Assembly



We come to - geth - er in Je - sus' name. __
We come to - geth - er in Je - sus' name. __
We come to - geth - er in Je - sus' name. __
We go to live __ in Je - sus' name. __



We come to the ta - ble in love.
We come to the ta - ble in need.
We come to the ta - ble in truth.

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

Leader or All

1 "The bread that I will give
2 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat
3 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion,
4 Yes, Lord, ... I be - lieve
5 that

come to me shall not the hun - ger, and who be -
flesh for the life of the world, ... and if you
flesh of the Son of Man and . . .
I am the life If you be -
you are the Christ, ... the

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
eat of this bread, and you shall . . . live for -
drink of his blood, and drink and . . .
lieve in . . . me, e - ven . . . though you
Son of . . . God, who have

me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
ev - er, ... you shall live for - ev - er."
blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
die, ... you shall live for - ev - er."
come in - to the world.

Refrain
All

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,

and I will raise you up on the last day."

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

Music: I AM THE BREAD, Suzanne Toolan, RSM

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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”

Guide My Feet

Leader

All

1 Guide my feet
2 Hold my hand
3 Stand by me while I run this race.
4 I'm your child
5 Search my heart

Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me while I run this race.
I'm your child
Search my heart

Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me while I run this race,
I'm your child
Search my heart

for I don't want to run this race in vain.

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 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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