



# MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Fostering Community through Faith, Love & Service*



CONTEMPORARY

**JULY 20TH 2025**

IN PERSON & LIVE STREAMED FROM THE  
SANCTUARY @ MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH @  
9:30AM ON THE MLC YOUTUBE CHANNEL. VISIT  
[HTTPS://MILTONLUTHERANCHURCH.ORG](https://miltonlutheranchurch.org) FOR  
LINK TO LIVE 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:

*Mike, Lynnette, Amanda,  
and Claire Weisner*

**IN MEMORY OF RUPPLE,  
GLADYS, BRANDT, AND PEGGY  
WEISNER**

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:** Cindy Coup

**WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS**

**Greeters:** Chris Palko and Linwood Hill

**Communion Assistant:** Kay Dunn and Connie Stover

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.

## **GATHERING SONG**

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

**SONG: Oceans (Where My Feet Fail)/No Longer Slaves**

### **Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)**

#### **Verse 1**

You call me out upon the waters  
The great unknown where feet may fail  
And there I find You in the mystery  
In oceans deep my faith will stand.

#### **Chorus 1**

And I will call upon Your name  
And keep my eyes above the waves  
When oceans rise  
My soul will rest in Your embrace  
For I am Yours and You are mine

#### **Verse 2**

Your grace abounds in deepest waters  
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide

Where feet may fail, and fear surrounds me  
You've never failed, and You won't start now.

### **Interlude**

Oh, and You are mine oh

### **Bridge**

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders  
Let me walk upon the waters  
Wherever You would call me  
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander  
And my faith will be made stronger  
In the presence of my Savior

### **Interlude**

Yeah, yeah yeah yeah  
Oh Jesus yeah, my God

### **Chorus 2**

I will call upon Your name  
Keep my eyes above the waves  
My soul will rest in Your embrace  
I am Yours and You are mine

### **No Longer Slaves**

Woah, woah  
Woah, Woah

You unravel me with a melody  
You surround me with a song  
Of deliverance from my enemies  
'Til all my fears are gone

I'm no longer a slave to fear  
I am a child of God  
I'm no longer a slave to fear  
I am a child of God  
(Woah, Woah)

From my mother's womb  
You have chosen me  
Love has called my name  
I've been born again to your family  
Your blood flows through my veins

I'm no longer a slave to fear  
I am a child of God  
I'm no longer a slave to fear  
I am a child of God  
I'm no longer a slave to fear  
I am a child of God  
I'm no longer a slave to fear  
I am a child of God

Woah, Woah  
Woah, woah  
Woah, Woah  
Woah, Woah

You split the sea, so I could walk right through it  
My fears are drowned in perfect love  
You rescued me so I could stand and say  
I am a child of God

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My fears are drowned in perfect love  
You rescued me so I could stand and say  
I am a child of God  
I am a child of God  
Yes, I am a child of God

## PRAYER

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. *Amen.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SERMON: “The Better Part”

### GOSPEL PASSAGE: Luke 10:38-42

<sup>38</sup> Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus’s feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me.” <sup>41</sup> But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, <sup>42</sup> but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

## **SONG: Hymn of Heaven**

### **Verse 1**

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven  
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets  
To look upon the one who bled to save me  
And walk with Him for all eternity

### **Chorus 1**

There will be a day  
When all will bow before Him  
There will be a day  
When death will be no more  
Standing face to face  
With He who died and rose again  
Holy holy is the Lord

### **Verse 2**

And ev'ry prayer we prayed in desperation  
The songs of faith  
We sang through doubt and fear  
In the end we'll see that it was worth it  
When He returns to wipe away our tears

### **Chorus 1**

There will be a day  
When all will bow before Him  
There will be a day  
When death will be no more  
Standing face to face  
With He who died and rose again

Holy holy is the Lord

### **Verse 3**

And on that day we join the resurrection  
And stand beside the heroes of the faith  
With one voice a thousand generations  
Sing worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
And on that day we join the resurrection  
And stand beside the heroes of the faith  
With one voice a thousand generations  
Sing worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Forever He shall reign

### **Chorus 2**

So let it be today  
We shout the hymn of Heaven  
With angels and the Saints  
We raise a mighty roar  
Glory to our God  
Who gave us life beyond the grave  
Holy holy is the Lord  
So let it be today  
We shout the hymn of Heaven  
With angels and the Saints  
We raise a mighty roar  
Glory to our God  
Who gave us life beyond the grave  
Holy holy is the Lord  
Holy holy is the Lord  
Holy holy is the Lord



## PRAYERS

Let us open our hearts and minds and lift our prayers together trusting that God not only hears our prayers, but through the Holy Spirit, works to make us whole.

Sung

*O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, answer me.*

*O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and listen to me.*

God of forgiveness, each of us comes before you today with heavy hearts. We have all done and said things that we shouldn't have. We have fallen short of your call to love our neighbors as ourselves. We ask that your grace be known to us now so that we can know your mercy, and through your love, be released from sin.

Help all those who are sick in mind, body, or spirit. Heal the wounded and the afflicted. Comfort us in our grief, sickness, and pain. Let us be reminded that you walk alongside us every day of our lives and that your love sustains us. We pause now to lift our worries to you...

There is so much in the world that we have to be thankful for. For the gift of life, for creation, family and friends, and this community of faith Oh God. We give you thanks. We pause now to lift our thanksgivings to you...

You call us out into the world as followers of Christ so that others may experience your love. Guide our comings and goings and give us the strength to share your good news with everyone, whether that be through our words or actions.

Sung

*O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, answer me.*

*O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and listen to me.*

## COMMUNION

### 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.*

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

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

**SONGS DURING COMMUNION – 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.



1	Break	now	the	bread	of	Christ's	sac - ri - fice;	giv - ing
2	Seek	not	the	food	that	will	pass	a - way;
3	Love	as	the	one	who,	in	love	for
4	Dwell	in	the	one	who	now	dwells	in
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
self	for	the	life	of	the	world.	Come	to	the	one
home	in	the	life -	giv - ing	Word.	Know	on -	ly	Christ,	Ho -
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
One	of	God,	and	be -	lieve	in	the	truth	you	have
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

### 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*

### SONG: Open the Eyes of My Heart

#### Chorus

Open the eyes of my heart Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You

#### Verse

To see You high and lifted up  
Shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing holy holy holy

### 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**

DIANNE PERRIN

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AARON MURRAY

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF GENE KELLEY

LEAH KELLEY

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## **HOMEBOUND**

MARY BILLHIME

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