



MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fostering Community through Faith, Love & Service

MAY 25TH 2025

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MORNING PRAYER



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:

Helen Billhime

**IN MEMORY AND HONOR OF
ALL MILITARY PEOPLE**

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Lutheran Church at
9:30am on the Milton Lutheran Church YouTube Channel. Visit
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WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Thank you for joining us today. Whether you've worshipped with us before or this is your first time, we want you to know that you are welcome. As Christians we recognize that each of us comes to worship just as we are. God loves us and so we love others, no expectations, no judgment, only acceptance grace, and love.

(Bold italic items to be spoken by congregation.)

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: Ann Mellman and Cindy Kopyscianski

Communion Asst: Chuck Stahl and Helen Billhime

Worship Setup: Connie Stover

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

BAPTISMAL SONG: "Come, All You People"

Come, All You People

Uyaimose



U - ya - i - mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;
1 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;
2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;
3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;



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u - ya - i - mo - se Zvi - no.
come now and wor - ship the Lord.
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Text: Alexander Gondo; tr. I-to Loh, b. 1936, alt.

Music: UYAIMOSE, Alexander Gondo

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THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Water! Water! We praise you, O God, for water—
The West Branch of the Susquehanna Watershed,
the rain that nourishes animals and plants,
the water for drinking and bathing.
We praise you, O God, for water.

We praise you, O God, for water.

We praise you, O God, for our water stories—
a flood that cleansed the earth,
the sea that drowned the enemy,
a river that healed leprosy.
We praise you, O God, for water.

We praise you, O God, for water.

We remember the waters of Jesus—
baptized in the Jordan River,
calming the Sea of Galilee,
drinking from Jacob's Well,
healing at the pool of Bethesda,
washing the disciples' feet.
We praise you, O God, for water.

We praise you, O God, for water.

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. We praise you, O God, for baptism.

We praise you, O God, for baptism.

O God, you are the Ocean, sustaining this earth.

O God, you are the River, saving us from death.

O God, you are the Fountain, granting us health and well-being.

We praise you, O God,

today, tomorrow, forever.

Amen, and amen.

Amen, and amen.

OPENING

O Lord, open my lips, ***and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.***



Give glory to God, our light, and our life.

Oh, come, let us worship and praise.

HYMN: ELW 723 "Canticle of the Turning"

Prayer of the Day

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, 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

SCRIPTURE READING: Galatians 3: 23-29

²³ Before the coming of this faith, [\[1\]](#) we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. ²⁴ So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.

²⁶ So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

SERMON

HYMN: ELW 641 "All Are Welcome"

Prayers of Intercession

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Unite your people with communities of faith throughout the world. Further cooperation between people of different faith traditions and bless our non-Christian neighbors, that we learn and grow in deeper relationship. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Bless the earth with fresh water, clean air, and rich soil. Nurture growing crops and encourage communities developing sustainable farming practices. Help us to live in balance and harmony with your good creation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Reconcile nations and communities suffering from violence and conflict. Protect refugees, asylum-seekers, and all who flee their homes seeking safety and security. Make all nations safe for both migrants and residents. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Sustain all who are in need, especially individuals and families struggling with trauma or addiction. Support caregivers, especially nurses, doctors, counselors, and social workers. Come alongside all who are ill or struggling. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

This Memorial Day weekend, we remember all who have died in military service. Soothe loved ones who mourn, and strengthen support systems for veterans and their families. Bring peace among nations, that war and conflict around the world might cease. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give you thanks for all your saints raised to new life in Christ. Gather us, with them, into the peace only you can give. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

Let My Prayer Be a Fragrant Offering

Refrain



Let my prayer be a fra-grant of-fer-ing, as in-cense to you a - rise.



Let my prayer be a fra-grant of-fer-ing, my hands lift-ed up in praise.



1 O Lord, I call to you, come quick-ly to my side.
2 Please watch my lips, O Lord, and guard the words I say.
3 My eyes are turned to you, O Lord, my liv-ing God.

Refrain



O Lord, please hear my voice; lis-ten when I cry.
Please turn my heart to you; chase my sin a-way.
I look to you for help; be my faith-ful rock.

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 GM CM7 F7sus F7 B \flat (ADD2) B \flat
 HAL-LOW - ED BE _____ THY NAME.

12 GM GM9 Gdim7 DM GM CM/G C7/G D
 THY KING-DOM COME; THY WILL BE DONE _____

17 N.C. GM E \flat B \flat /F F7sus B \flat sus 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 GM7 E \flat /G F7
 GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAI - LY

30 B \flat GM6 GM6/D GM6/B \flat Asus A Em7(\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!

This Is Christ's Body



This is Christ's bod - y, bro - ken and blest. Feed us with



mer-cy and love. We are Christ's bod - y,



bro - ken and blest. Heal us and make us one.

Text: Anne Krentz Organ, b. 1960

Music: BROKEN AND BLESSED, Anne Krentz Organ

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COMMUNION

The Body of Christ given for you.

The Blood of Christ shed for you.

COMMUNION SONG: "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; set your
3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave him -
4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your
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 and the
self for the life of the world. Come to the one who is
home in the life - giv - ing Word. Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly
bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn; trust his re - turn and, with



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 more.
One of God, and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.
ev - 'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are re - born.

Refrain

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

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.

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 866 “We Are Marching in the Light”

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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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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