

We Warmly Welcome You to



Milton Lutheran Church

*Fostering community through faith,
love and service.*

January 16, 2022

Second Sunday of Epiphany

Traditional Service

In Person & LIVE Streamed from the Sanctuary at Milton Lutheran Church at 9:30 a.m.
on the Milton Lutheran Church YouTube Channel

Visit <https://miltonlutheranchurch.org/> to link to the LIVE worship

(Bold italic items to be spoken by congregation.)

Today as you enter the sanctuary please pause and take a moment to admire the flowers and be inspired by their beauty. This week they have been generously provided by John and Judy Farr in loving memory of the Farr and Collins family.

We would like to give special thanks to our worship leaders; **Gary Schaeffer- Pastor, John Warfel- Music Director & Nancy Walters Worship Assistant** . Also our, *Greeters* –**Rusty Brouse & Linwood Hill**, and our *Communion Assistants* - **Penny Ulmer & Cindy Coup**

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 judgement, only acceptance, grace, and love.

As a community we have certain traditions in how we worship. You are invited to join with us in those traditions. Please know that there is no pressure and that you can worship in whatever way feels most comfortable to you.

There are times during the service that you will be invited to stand or sit as a way of engaging our whole selves in worship. If you are worshipping online, we invite you to sit or stand from wherever you may be. You will also be invited to join us as we sing our hymns out of the Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Red Book- ELW) or With One Voice (Blue Book- WOV). If you are joining us online the songs will be made available to you in this bulletin. You may also participate by speaking the parts of the service that are ***Bold Italicized***.

Offering- Everyone is invited to give an offering before or after worship. There are baskets located at the rear of the sanctuary for you to place your offering. If you are worshipping online you are welcome to send your offering directly to our parish office at 100 Mahoning St. Milton, PA. All the offerings we receive are used to accomplish the mission of our parish. Please know that you are in no way obligated to give financially. If you are not in a place to give, please know that we are just glad that you chose to worship with us.

Communion Kits - We do receive communion each week as a community. If you are joining us in person, you will receive a communion kit when you arrive. Inside the kit is a piece of bread or communion wafer and a container of wine. When it comes time for communion, you'll be asked to open the containers and receive the bread and wine. If you are joining us online you may use your own bread, wine and/or grape juice for communion. If you do not have wine or grape juice you can receive communion with just the bread. We believe communion to be the ultimate expression of God's love and forgiveness in our lives. Anyone that desires to feel that love and forgiveness is encouraged to receive communion, without exceptions.

Kids in Worship- We encourage children to join us in worship and participate as best as they can. We believe that all sound and movements are precious to God, especially those that come from our youngest participants. If your child needs to stretch their legs or their vocal cords, they are welcome to do that in our worship space. If you would rather have them participate somewhere where they have some more freedom, then we encourage you to escort them to the chapel located in the back of the sanctuary. Regardless of your decision, please know that they are welcome here!

Thank you again for joining us today. We pray that this worship sends you out into the world energized to share God's love with everyone you meet!

GATHERING MUSIC

WORSHIP VIDEO- "JOY RIDE"

WEEKLY CHECK-IN AND PRAYERS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen

HYMN "WHAT FEAST OF LOVE" (ELW 487) Please sing the first and last verses.

What Feast of Love



- 1 What feast of love is of-fered here, what ban-quet come from heav-en?
- 2 What light of truth is of-fered here, what cov-e-nant from heav-en?
- 3 What wine of love is of-fered here, what crim-son drink from heav-en?



What food of ev-er-last-ing life, what gra-cious gift is giv-en?
What hope of ev-er-last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv-en?
What stream of ev-er-last-ing life, what pre-cious blood is giv-en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav-en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav-en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet-est wine of heav-en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man-na giv-en!
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv-en!
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv-en!

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Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you

KYRIE (SUNG)

A In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord. **A** For the
C Lord, have mer - cy.

peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the

Lord. **A** For the peace of the whole world, the well - be - ing of the
C Lord, have mer - cy.

Church of God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. **A** For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their
C Lord, have mer - cy.

wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

☒ Lord, have mer - cy.

☒ Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

☒ A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

SCRIPTURE READING: ISAIAH 62:1-5

Nancy Walters Worship Assistant

A reading from Isaiah, Chapter 62 verses 1-5.

- 1For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.*
- 2The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.*
- 3You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.*
- 4You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.*
- 5For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.*

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 36:5-10 Read Responsively

Nancy Walters Worship Assistant

- ⁵Your love, O LORD, reaches ¹ to the heavens,
and your faithfulness ¹ to the clouds.
- ⁶*Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like ¹ the great deep;
you save humankind and ani- ¹ mals, O LORD.*
- ⁷How priceless is your ¹ love, O God!

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, leave the gloom - y
2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and
3 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der o - ver this sur -
4 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend, and



haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's splen - dor,
glad - ly greet him. There he stands al - read - y knock - ing;
pass - ing won - der that the bread of life is bound - less
dear - est trea - sure, peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing,



there with joy your prais - es ren - der. Bless the one whose grace un -
quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing, o - pen wide the fast - closed
though the souls it feeds are count - less; with the choic - est wine of
joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing: hum - bly now, I bow be -



bound - ed this a - maz - ing ban - quet found - ed; Christ, though heav' n - ly,
por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal: "Come, and leave your
heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious
fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you; wor - thi - ly let



high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
loved one nev - er; dwell with - in my heart for - ev - er."
con - so - la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.
me re - ceive you, and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–1677; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*

Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

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APOSTLES CREED

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Uniting God, you call forth different gifts in those who follow you. Encourage us to welcome the diverse benefits and blessings of the whole church in teaching, preaching, prophecy, healing, and more. Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

Nurturing God, you bring forth crops from the soil and bounty from the trees. Increase the produce of the land and bless all who toil in fields and orchards. Provide for good working conditions and keep them safe. Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

Empowering God, you offer compassion for those who are overlooked or forgotten. Open the hearts of local, national, and world leaders to show such compassion and love for their neighbors. Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

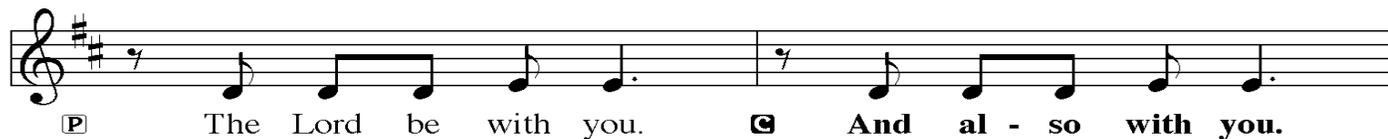
Sheltering God, in Jesus you travelled among us without a place to lay your head. Provide safe places to sleep and rest for those who have no place to live. Sustain ministries that offer food, clothing, and peace of mind. Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

Renewing God, you bring life out of death. Help us part with those things that are no longer beneficial to us and open our hearts to see where new life is budding in this congregation. Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

Joyful God, we thank you for the gift of laughter and the joy of your grace in our lives. Help us to see the joy that surrounds us each day and help us to celebrate the gift of your love with others. Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

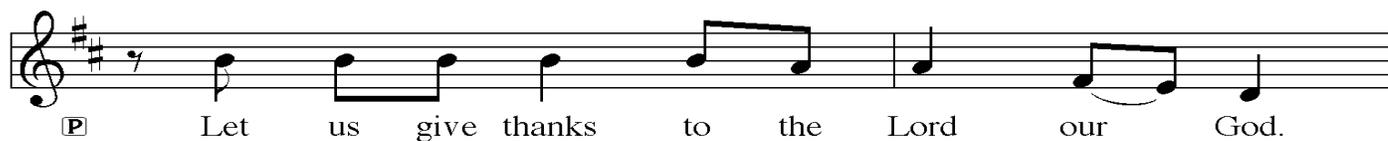
DIALOGUE



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should,
at all times, and in all places,
give thanks and praise to you,
almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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 for 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

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

*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.*

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer-cy on us, havemer-cy on us, have mer - cy.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG

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

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. *Amen*

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev- 'ry -
one what God has done. Let all who
seek the Lord re - joice, re - joice and
bear Christ's ho - ly name. Send us, O God, with your
prom - is - es, and lead us forth in joy
with shouts of thanks-giv- ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

BLESSING

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "WE ARE MARCHING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD" (ELW 310) Please sing all verses

We Are Marching in the Light of God



Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
 We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



nyen' kwen - khos'. *Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',*
 light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing ...
 We are praying ...
 We are singing ...

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

Please Join Us In Prayer This Week For

Gerald Greenly

Jim Seidel & Family

Doris Heffelfinger

Chole Henderson

Nancy Cochran & Family

Jack & Patsy Aunkst

Joanie Fisher

Ken Gaugler

Karen Smith

Mae Jones

Terry Deaner

Patricia Muffly

Mary Lou Benshoff

Julie Benshoff

Mary Billhime

Jeremiah Bolich



Important Notices

Updated Mask Policy

We are still making masking optional. However, we would like to strongly encourage **everyone** to wear a mask while they are inside the church building. As the cases are climbing again in our area it is important to do what we can to mitigate the spread of the virus. This is for worship, all events, and meetings at the church. Keep in mind that exposure to the virus either by a member or the staff would require us to quarantine for 5 -10 days as a congregation which would close the office and place all church ministry online. While we recognize that wearing a mask is uncomfortable our hope is to minimize the possibility of spread, maximizing our opportunities to gather in person.

Communion Kits: Also we will be returning to using communion kits as another safety precaution. Please remember to pick up your kits as you enter the sanctuary.

Offering Reminder - Please remember to make check payable to Milton Lutheran Church. Please remember to write your full name on the outside of the envelope. We are no longer using the envelope numbers previously assigned.

This Week at Milton Lutheran Parish

SUN., Jan 16

8:30 AM Sunday School in the Library with Kellie Brouse. Today we begin our new series, "Bad Girls of the Bible" it's not too late to join us!

9:30 A.M Worship Service at Trinity. Live stream available.

Following Worship- Church undecorating

Community Meal prep and service at 1125 Mahoning St. 1pm-5pm.

6:00 PM Youth Group at United in Christ

Wed Jan 19

Bible Study -Wednesday evenings at 7:00 P.M. in the library.

Pastor Gary will be leading bible study each week. Starting Jan. 26th we will be doing a series on the parables of Jesus. Participants will be given a participant guide and all are welcome to attend. If you'd like to join us online for Bible Study please let the church office know and we will get you the zoom link.

SUN., Jan 23

8:30 AM Sunday School in the Library

9:30 A.M Worship Service at Trinity. Live stream available.

6:00 PM GAME NIGHT& POT LUCK at 100 Mahoning St.

Coming Up..

Game Night & Pot Luck Jan 23 at 6:00 P.M. at 100 Mahoning inside the Fellowship Hall

(downstairs) Come join us for a fun church family night out! Bring some food to share and your favorite board games, cards or other games your family loves to play.

5:00 P.M. Confirmation & 6:00 P.M. Youth Group at United in Christ located at 1875 Churches Rd. Lewisburg. Confirmation is usually the first Sunday of the month and Youth Group is the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

Milton Lutheran Church Leadership Team	
Pastor	Gary Schaeffer
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Office Administrator	Robin A. McKean-Power
Digital Ministry Coordinator	Seth Reitz
Sexton/Custodian	Chuck Stahl
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Outreach Team	Connie Stover, Kay Dunn, Claire Weisner, Lynnette Weisner, Carol Yost, Linwood Hill, Krista Yaiko, Karen Martello, Peggy Fisher
Discipleship Team	Rose Handy, Ed Coup, Kate Budman, Kellie Brouse
Ministry Planning Team	Penny Ulmer, Rose Handy, Lynette Weisner, Ruth Scott, Joe Yaiko and Cindy Coup
Property Team	Don Fisher (point person for 1125 Mahoning St.) Chuck Stahl (point person for 100 Mahoning St.), Bob Greenly, Rusty Brouse, Helen Billhime, Bill Heimbach, Seth Reitz, Joe Yaiko

Office Hours

Monday – 9 A.M. to 2 P.M.

Tuesday - 9 A.M. to 2 P.M.

Wednesday – 12 Noon to 5 P.M.

Thursday - 9 A.M. to 2 P.M.

Friday - Office Closed

Please feel free to Email or drop off bulletin announcements or newsletter articles.

Pastoral Office Hours

Mon, Tue, Wed & Thursday 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.

Please call the office to reserve time to speak with Pastor Gary.

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