

*We Warmly Welcome You to*



# *Milton Lutheran Parish*

Serving God through faith formation, worship,  
service, evangelism, and fellowship.

February 21, 2021  
First Sunday in Lent

Contemporary Service

In person & LIVE streamed from the Sanctuary at Trinity Lutheran at 9:30 a.m.  
on the Milton Lutheran Parish YouTube Channel

Visit <https://miltonlutheranparish.faith/> to link to the LIVE worship

*Thank you for being here. Whether this is your first time here, or you have been with us for a while, please know this . . . we are glad you have chosen to worship with us.*

*(Bold italic items to be spoken)*

**Welcome and Announcements**

Pastor Gary Schaeffer

**Prelude Music**

John Warfel



## Prayer

Kellie Brouse

Gracious God as we gather today for worship let us take a moment and remember the gift of your grace in our lives. Help us celebrate that gift as we sing, as we hear your word, and as we pray. Guide our thoughts and feelings so that the Holy Spirit may move us to love one another. **AMEN**

## Opening Medley: "Change my Heart" and "Holy, Holy"

John Warfel

*1 Change my heart, O God;  
make it ever true.*

*Change my heart, O God;  
may I be like you.*

*You are the potter;  
I am the clay.*

*Mold me and make me;  
this is what I pray.*

*Change my heart, O God;  
make it ever true.*

*Change my heart, O God;  
may I be like you.*

*1 Holy, holy,*

*holy, holy,*

*holy, holy,*

*Lord God Almighty;*

*And we lift our hearts before you,*

*As a token of our love,*

*Holy, holy, holy, holy.*

*5 Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,  
Hallelujah;*

*And we lift our hearts before you,*

*As a token of our love,*

*Hallelujah, hallelujah.*

## Worship Video- "John the Baptist"

### Scripture Reading- Mark 1:9-15

Pastor Gary Schaeffer

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." <sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. <sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God,<sup>15</sup> and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

### Sermon- "John the Baptist and the Season of Lent"

Pastor Gary Schaeffer

### Song: "As the Deer"

John Warfel

*1 As the deer pants for water,*

*So my soul longs after you.*

*You alone are my heart's desire,*

*And I long to worship you.*

*You alone are my strength, my shield,*

*To you alone may my spirit yield;*

*You alone are my heart's desire,*

*And I long to worship you.*



## Prayers-

Kellie Brouse

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.

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.

*Lord Listen to your Children Praying*

God of comfort and strength. 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 all be reminded that you walk alongside each of us every single day of our lives and that your love sustains us. We pause now to lift our worries to you.

*Lord Listen to your Children Praying.*

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

*Lord Listen to your Children Praying.*

God of life. 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 we come in contact with, whether that be through our words or actions.

*Lord Listen to your Children Praying.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor Gary Schaeffer

P- The Lord be with you

**C- And also with you**

P- Lift up your hearts

**C- We lift them up to the Lord**

P- Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C- It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right to give God our thanks and praise. For from the beginning of time God created everything around us. All of creation, the people we come in contact with, the emotions we feel, and of course the God's only son, Jesus.



Who sacrificed himself on our behalf so that we could experience the love and forgiveness that sustains us each day and that we could be free from sin to show that love to others.

And so, we remember how thousands of years ago, Jesus sat down for a meal with his disciples. How he 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.

So, we gather around this bread and wine, as a community and as individuals, remembering this sacrifice and being reminded of his love for each of us. As we eat of this bread and drink of this wine let celebrate this gift as together we 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.**

### **Communion**

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

### **Communion Song**

John Warfel

### **Communion Blessing**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace now and forever. AMEN

### **Sending Song: "Let There Be Praise"**

John Warfel

*1 Let there be praise,*

*Let there be joy in our hearts.*

*Sing to the Lord,*

*Give God the glory.*

*Let there be praise,*

*Let there be joy in our hearts.*

*Forever more let his love fill the air,*

*And let there be praise.*



## Blessing and Sending

Kellie Brouse

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.**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

John Warfel

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## *News and Announcements from the Parish*



## **40 Days With Jesus Worship Series**

February 21st- April 4th

*Journey online or in person with us as we connect with God and one another through Lent and Easter. Each week we will explore a different biblical character or story that reminds us the importance of God's love shown through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.*

### Sunday Worship Schedule

9:30 A.M.

Feb. 21st- "John the Baptist"  
Feb. 28th- "Simon Peter"  
March 7th "The Temple Cleansing"  
March 14th "Nicodemus"  
March 21st "God's Voice In the Thunder"  
March 28th "The Passion Story"

### Holy Week Schedule

7:00 P.M.

April 1st- "Maundy Thursday"  
April 2nd- "Good Friday"

### Easter Sunday

8:00 A.M.- 9:30 A.M.

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There are different ways that you may participate in worship with us. You can attend in-person in the church building abiding by social distancing guidelines, you can participate online through our live stream, or you can attend in Trinity's parking lot by tuning into 87.9 FM on your car radio.

### **This Week at Milton Lutheran Parish . . .**

Sun., Feb. 21 In person worship at Trinity 9:30 A.M. Service will also be live streamed.  
Mon., Feb. 22 **Happy Anniversary Allene & Elwood Engleman- 63 years!**  
Tue., Feb. 23 **Happy Birthday Franklin Scott!**  
Wed., Feb. 24 Bible Study is Posted on the Website and Social Media  
Thu., Feb. 25 **Happy Anniversary Rose & Terry Deaner- 49 years!**  
Sun., Feb. 28 **Happy Birthday Karen Martello!**  
In person worship at Trinity 9:30 A.M. Service will also be live streamed.



<b>Milton Lutheran Parish Leadership Team</b>	
Pastor	Gary Schaeffer
Parish Organist, Music Director	John Warfel
Sexton/Custodian	Chuck Stahl and Helen Billhime
Treasurers	Rich Handy, Carol Yost, Craig Lawler, and Lorraine Lawler
Groundskeeper	Bob Greenly
Parish Council	Krisa Yaiko, President; Don Fisher, Vice President; Lynnette Weisner, Secretary; Rose Handy, Bill Heimbach, Donna Spear
Christ Council	Donna Spear, President; Tonya Wargo, Vice President; Penny Ulmer, Secretary; Rich Handy, Treasurer, Kellie Brouse, Kay Dunn, Don Fisher, Nancy Mensch, Nancy Walters
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