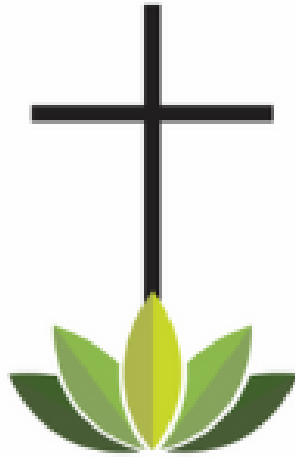


We Warmly Welcome You to



Milton Lutheran Parish

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

April 25, 2021
4th Sunday of Easter
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

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.

Scripture Reading- 1 John 3:16-24

Kellie Brouse

16We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. 17How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

18Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. 19And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him 20whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. 21Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; 22and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

23And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. 24All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Reading- John 10:11-18

Pastor Gary Schaeffer

[Jesus said:] ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the



sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Sermon: "A shepherd for all of us"

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

Communion Blessing

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

Closing Song: "Let There Be Praise"

John Warfel

1 Let there be praise,

Let there be praise,

Let there be joy in our hearts.

Let there be joy in our hearts.

Sing to the Lord,

Forever more let his love fill the air,

Give God the glory.

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

News and Announcements from the Parish

We are happy to announce the formation of two new teams that will be working for the good of the parish! We would also like to especially thank the volunteers on these teams for all they do!

Ministry Planning Team

This month we have put together a new team that will serve our parish. The ministry planning team will work over the next year in developing a plan for our parish that will enable us to accomplish our mission and vision. Together we will discern what God's will is for our parish and how God is leading us into the future. The members are: Penny Ulmer, Rose Handy, Lynette Weisner, Ruth Scott, Joe Yaiko and Cindy Coup.



Property Team

Our newly formed Parish Property Team met for the first time this month. This team will work together to meet the needs for both properties of our parish. We started by developing a list of immediate needs for both properties and plan to develop a list of long-term needs as well. The team will also coordinate with volunteers and paid contractors to maintain both properties. The members are: Don Fisher (point person for Christ) Chuck Stahl (point person for Trinity), Bob Greenly, Rusty Brouse, Helen Billhime, Bill Heimbach, Seth Reitz, Joe Yaiko.

A Note from Pastor Gary . . . In light of the verdict of the Derek Chauvin trial these texts remind me of the fullness of God's grace. Regardless of which side you fall on we are reminded that both Derek Chauvin and George Floyd are sheep of Jesus' flock. It's important for us to remember this promise, not only because of what happened, but also because we too need to be reminded of how God gathers us all together through his grace. As the week moves on I pray that we are able to recognize God's desire to gather us together in love so that we can share that love with others and bring voice to the pain that people in our flock may be experiencing.

This Week at Milton Lutheran Parish . . .

Sun. April 25 Adult Sunday School 8 AM & Worship at 9:30 AM. Live stream available

Wed April 28 Happy Birthday James Seidel!

Bible Study posted on website & social media

Sun. May 2 Adult Sunday School 8 AM & Worship at 9:30 AM. Live stream available

Milton Lutheran Parish Leadership Team	
Pastor	Gary Schaeffer
Parish Office Administrator	Robin A. McKean-Power
Parish Organist, Music Director	John Warfel
Digital Ministry Coordinator	Seth Reitz
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
Trinity Council	Krista Yaiko, President; Jeff Coup, Vice President; Crystal Gnidovec, Secretary; Kate Budman, Kevin Fry, Bill Heimbach, Connie Stover, Dawn Russell, Cindy Trapano
Worship Team	Jeff Coup, Kellie Brouse, Nancy Walters, Sue Warfel, John Warfel
Digital Ministry Team	Aaron Coup, Rick Coup, Seth Reitz, Stephen Moll, Donna Spear
Outreach Team	Connie Stover, Kay Dunn, Claire Weisner, Lynnette Weisner, Carol Yost, Linwood Hill, Krista Yaiko
Discipleship Team	Rose Handy, Ed Coup, Kate Budman, Kellie Brouse
Parish Ministry Team	Penny Ulmer, Rose Handy, Lynette Weisner, Ruth Scott, Joe Yaiko and Cindy Coup
Parish Property Team	Don Fisher (point person for Christ) Chuck Stahl (point person for Trinity), Bob Greenly, Rusty Brouse, Helen Billhime, Bill Heimbach, Seth Reitz, Joe Yaiko

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