

*We Warmly Welcome You to*



## *Milton Lutheran Parish*

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

June 13, 2021

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Prayer 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)***

Upon entering the sanctuary this week please pause and enjoy the peaceful beauty of the flowers. This week our flowers have been generously provided by Chuck Stahl and family, in loving memory of Joyce Stahl, a wonderful wife and mother.

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prayers and God Moments**

**Prelude**

John Warfel

## **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Pastor Gary Schaeffer

The Lord be with you

*And also with you*

Let us pray...

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water, you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

*Blessed be God now and forever.*

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land.

*Blessed be God now and forever.*

In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*Blessed be God now and forever.*

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that those who are here may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Opening**

O Lord, open my lips, *and my mouth shall proclaim your praise. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

Give glory to God, our light and our life.

*Oh, come, let us worship and praise.*

Opening Hymn: "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (807)



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.  
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

## Scripture Reading- Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

Karen Fry

<sup>1</sup>It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD,  
to sing praise to your name, O Most High;  
<sup>2</sup>to herald your love in the morning  
and your faithful-ness at night;  
<sup>3</sup>on the psaltery, and on the lyre,  
and to the melody of the harp.  
<sup>4</sup>For you have made me glad by your | acts, O LORD;  
and I shout for joy because of the works | of your hands.  
<sup>12</sup>The righteous shall flourish | like a palm tree,  
and shall spread abroad like a ce-dar of Lebanon.  
<sup>13</sup>Those who are planted in the house of the LORD  
shall flourish in the courts of our God;  
<sup>14</sup>they shall still bear fruit in old age;  
they shall be | green and succulent;  
<sup>15</sup>that they may show how up-right the LORD is,  
my rock, in whom there is no injustice.

## Gospel Reading Mark 4:26-34

Pastor Gary Schaeffer

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,<sup>27</sup> and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

<sup>30</sup>He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

## Sermon- "The Gift of Faith"

Pastor Gary Schaeffer

## Hymn of the Day: "Seek Ye First The Kingdom of God" (783)

John Warfel

1) *Seek ye first the kingdom of God and it's righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu alleluia.*

*3) We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.  
Allelu alleluia.*

**Prayers-**

Karen Fry

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

Mighty God of mercy, we thank you for the resurrection dawn, bringing the glory of our risen Lord who makes every day new.

Especially we thank you —

for the sustaining goodness of your creation . . .

for the new creation in Christ and all gifts of healing and forgiveness . . .

for the gifts of relationship with others . . .

for the communion of faith in your church . . .

for all that are graduating this year and moving on to the next phase in their lives....

for educators who have faithfully served our schools this past year....

for the gift of faith that enables us to serve others...

Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children, and bring about your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the living Lord.

Especially we pray —

for those who govern nations of the world . . .

for the people in countries ravaged by strife or warfare . . .

for all who work for peace and international harmony . . .

for all who strive to save the earth from carelessness and destruction . . .

for the church of Jesus Christ in every land . . .

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Great Thanksgiving**

Pastor Gary Schaeffer

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Lift your hearts.

*We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:

beyond the stars; beneath the sea;  
within each cell; with every breath.

*We praise you, O God.*

Generations bless your faithfulness:

through the water; by night and day;  
across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

*We bless you, O God.*

We give you thanks for your dear Son:

at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;  
beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

*We thank you, O God.*

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 love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end,  
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Christ has died.*

*Christ is risen.*

*Christ will come again.*

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:

in our gathering; within this meal;  
among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus,  
by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

*Amen.*

## **Lord's Prayer (Sung)**

John Warfel

Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## **Communion**

Pastor Gary Schaeffer

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

## **Communion Song**

### **Communion Blessing**

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

### **Closing Hymn: "As the Grains Of Wheat" (465)**

John Warfel

Hymn 465 in the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal book. Please sing the first and second verse.

**Refrain: As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; so may all your people from all the ends of the earth be gathered into one in you.**

**1) As this cup of blessings is shared within our midst, may we share the presence of your love.**

**(repeat refrain)**

**2) Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come all creation shares this feast with you.**

### **Blessing**

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

*Amen.*

### **Sending**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

*Thanks be to God.*

### **Postlude**

## *News and Announcements from the Parish*

**Blood Drive** On June 2<sup>nd</sup> the American Red Cross Blood Mobile was at Christ Lutheran Church for their regular blood drive. We are so happy to say that we exceeded our blood drive goal, with 105% of our goal achieved! Thank you to the 47 participants, who gave 44 pints of blood, which will help 112 patients! Thank you all so much for this awesome turn out.

### *Congratulations Graduates!*

#### *Morgan Solomon*



Daughter of Scott & Amy Solomon and granddaughter of Joe and Mary Ann Solomon, and Tom and Dee Fitzgerald of Northumberland PA. Morgan Graduated from Milton High School as Valedictorian and her class president. She was a member of the National Honor Society, the National Spanish Honor Society, and student government. She was also a reporter and editor for the Milton High School newspaper. She will be attending the Rochester Institute of Technology majoring in Applied and Computational Mathematics.

#### *Garrett Russell*



Garrett, son of Dawn Russell, who is a member of our parish. Garrett achieved the distinction of graduating 12<sup>th</sup> in his class, putting him in the top 5% of his graduating class. Garrett was a member of the National Honor Society, in addition, he was also a member of the Spanish Honor Society and student government. He was also a member of the Outdoor Club and the Math Club. He also was on the Milton High School baseball team. Garrett will be attending Bloomsburg College in the Fall.



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

- Sun., June 13      **Happy Birthday Linea Brouse!**  
**Happy Birthday Morgan Solomon!**  
 Worship at 9:30 AM. Live stream available.
- Mon., June 14      **Happy Birthday LaCinda Coup! Happy Birthday Grace Hubler!**  
**Parish Council Meeting 7:00 PM at Trinity – all are welcome**
- Tue., June 15      Bible Study posted to social media & website.
- Thu., June 17      **Happy Birthday Krista Yaiko!**
- Sat., June 19      **Happy Anniversary Andy & Judy McNeal!**
- Sun., June 20      Worship at 9:30 AM. Live stream available.

<b>Milton Lutheran Parish Leadership Team</b>	
Pastor	Gary Schaeffer
Parish Organist, Music Director	John Warfel
Digital Ministry Coordinator	Seth Reitz
Sexton/Custodian	Chuck Stahl and Helen Billhime
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