

*We Warmly Welcome You to*



# *Milton Lutheran Parish*

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

July 25, 2021

9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Prayer

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

*(Bold italic items to be spoken by congregation.)*

**Flowers** Today as you enter the sanctuary please take a moment to be inspired by the beauty of the flowers. This week they have been generously provided by Pam Diehl and family in loving memory of her parents David & Karen Wagner.

## **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 of 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- 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 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**

**John Warfel**

### **Weekly Check-in and Prayers**

**Kellie Brouse**

### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

**Kellie Brouse**

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 Prayer**

**Kellie Brouse**

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.*

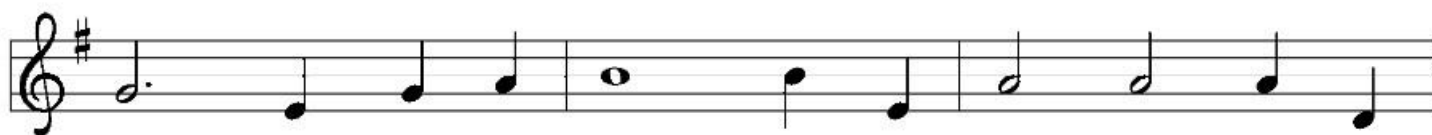
**Song Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult (ELW 696) - Please sing the 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> verse.**



## John Warfel



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our  
2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the  
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice  
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and  
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me:"  
kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.  
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895

Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

## Scripture Reading- 2 Kings 4:42-44

### Penny Ulmer

<sup>42</sup>A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." <sup>43</sup>But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" <sup>44</sup>He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

## Gospel Reading - John 6:1-21

### Kellie Brouse

<sup>1</sup>Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup>Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was



near. <sup>5</sup>When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” <sup>6</sup>He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” <sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup>“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. <sup>11</sup>Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup>When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” <sup>13</sup>So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup>When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

<sup>15</sup>When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

<sup>16</sup>When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup>got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup>The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup>When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. <sup>20</sup>But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” <sup>21</sup>Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

## **A Message for Kids**

### **Sermon “Prayer and the Small Things”**

**Kellie Brouse**



Song - Break Now The Bread of Life (ELW 515) Please sing the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> verses.

John Warfel



1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you  
2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you  
3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly



broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page  
blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,  
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live



I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.  
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!  
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841–1913, alt.

Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826–1888

## Prayers

Penny Ulmer

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 . . .

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** **Kellie Brouse**

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Lift up 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 By John Warfel**

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 debtors 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**  
**Kellie Brouse**

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**Communion Song**  
**John Warfel**

**Communion Blessing –**  
**Kellie Brouse**

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood  
of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will  
give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and  
Lord.  
*Amen.*





Closing Song-The Church of Christ, in Every Age (ELW 729) Please sing 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> verse.

John Warfel



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by  
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000

Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698-1768

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## **Blessing**

**Kellie Brouse**

The God of steadfastness and encouragement  
grant you to live in harmony with one another,  
in accordance with Christ Jesus.

*Amen.*

## **Sending**

**Kellie Brouse**

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

*Thanks be to God.*

## **Postlude**

**John Warfel**

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### **News and Announcements from the Parish**

**Sunday, July 25 - Fellowship Hour** with snacks and refreshments will take place after worship in the basement of Trinity on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. Sponsored by Parish Council, we are hoping others will sign-up to host on other weeks.

**Thursday, July 29 - Discernment Discussion Meeting at 10 AM in the library at Trinity**. As we continue our discernment process of becoming one congregation, below is the remaining meeting date and time. Everyone is encouraged to attend at least one of these gatherings, if you have not gotten to one yet please try to make this one. The group will meet in the library on the main floor of Trinity.

**Sunday, August 1 – Annual Congregational Meetings** will take place during worship. On this Sunday we will vote on our annual budgets, council members, and the motion presented by the parish leadership to merge our two congregations. Bishop Barbara Collins from the Upper Susquehanna Synod will be present for our meeting and worship.

**Sunday, August 8 - Community Meal** is served in drive-by style at 1125 Mahoning St., Milton from 5 to 6 PM. If you'd like to volunteer to help set up, serve, or clean up please contact the parish office at 570-742-4601.

**Saturday, August 28- Pig Roast** We are having a Parish Pig Roast on Saturday August 28<sup>th</sup> starting at 5 P.M. More details are coming soon, but make sure you get this on your calendars! You will not want to miss it!

**Getting Ahead - Volunteers Needed**- The getting ahead foundation is looking for volunteers to help prepare meals for the families participating in the program this year. Meals take place each week on Thursday evenings at 5:00 P.M. Volunteers would come to the church around 3 P.M. to prepare food, help serve and clean up. If you are able to help, please let the office know and we can get you on the list.



**Pastoral Coverage**- Pastor Gary will be out of the office beginning July 18<sup>th</sup> (After worship) and returning to the office on July 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 A.M. Pastor Lisa Barnes will be providing Pastoral coverage while he is away. If you have a Pastoral emergency please contact the parish office and our parish administrator, Robin will contact Pastor Barnes for you. The office hours are Mon, Tue, & Thu 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. and Wed Noon to 5 P.M. The office phone number is 570-724-4601.

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

- Sun., July 25      9:30 A.M. Worship Service at Trinity. Live stream available.  
**Happy Birthday Veronica Neff!**
- Mon., July 26      **Happy Birthday Betty Baumer!**  
**Happy Birthday Jeff Coup!**
- Tue., July 27      **Happy Birthday Andrew McNeal Sr!**  
**Happy Anniversary Dale & Nancy Cochran!**
- Wed., July 28      Bible Study is Posted to Website and Social Media
- Thu., July 29      **Discernment Discussion Group in the Library at 10 AM**  
**Happy Birthday Karen Day!**  
**Happy Birthday Emily Fitzgerald!**
- Fri., July 30      **Happy Birthday Nancy Hoffman!**
- Sat., July 31      **Happy Birthday Sue Warfel!**
- Sun., August 1      **Annual Congregational Meeting** at 9:30 A.M. during Worship Service at Trinity. Live stream available



<b>Milton Lutheran Parish Leadership Team</b>	
Pastor	Gary Schaeffer
Parish Organist, Music Director	John Warfel
Parish Office Administrator	Robin A. McKean-Power
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	Don Fisher, President; Krista Yaiko, Vice President; Lynnette Weisner, Secretary; Rose Handy, Bill Heimbach, Donna Spear
Christ Council	Kellie Brouse, President; Don Fisher, Vice President; Penny Ulmer, Secretary; Rich Handy, Treasurer, Kay Dunn, Nancy Walters, Tonya Wargo, Donna Spear
Trinity Council	Krista Yaiko, President; Jeff Coup, Vice President; Crystal Gnidovec, Secretary; Kate Budman, Kevin Fry, Bill Heimbach, Connie Stover, Dawn Russell, Cindy Trapane
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, Karen Martello
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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Parish Office Administrator email: [info@miltonlutheranparish.faith](mailto:info@miltonlutheranparish.faith)

Additional Campus Location: Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church – 1125 Mahoning Street, Milton, PA 17847

Website: <https://miltonlutheranparish.faith/>

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## **Important Information for Congregational Meeting August 1, 2021**

You should have received the voting rules and procedures and other materials in the mail this week. Please make sure that you read and understand all the Rules & Procedures for voting at the Congregational meeting next Sunday during worship. Please be aware **you must be present to vote.** Voting will be done during the congregational meeting, at the beginning of service, if you cannot stay for the entire service you may still vote, but you must be present. Remember to check in when arriving at church on August 1, check in will be just inside the main entrance doors. You will need to sign in to receive your ballot. If you do not have a ballot you will not be able to vote. Please be sure to sign in and that you receive your ballot once you've signed in. The Bishop will be attending the vote and witnessing the election.

If you have any questions about the mailing or voting process, please feel free to bring them to the discernment discussion group on July 29<sup>th</sup> at 10 A.M. Or speak to any of the council members or Pastor Gary.

The outcome of the election will be announced before service ends on August 1, 2021. If you cannot stay the election outcome will also be posted on the Milton Lutheran Parish website.

**Thursday July 29 - Discernment Discussion Meeting at 10 AM in the library at Trinity.** The group will meet in the library on the main floor of Trinity.







John 6:1-21

Jesus took the food, gave thanks, and shared with all. ;)

