

*We Warmly Welcome You to*



# *Milton Lutheran Parish*

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

August 22, 2021

13<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 Deb Owens in loving memory of her Mother.

We would like to give special thanks to our worship leaders; Gary Schaeffer- *Pastor*, John Warfel- *Music Director/Organist* and Cindy Coup- *Worship Assistant*.



## 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- 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

### Weekly Check-in and Prayers

Gary Schaeffer, Pastor

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

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**

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 You Are the Way (ELW 758) - Please sing the 1<sup>st</sup> and last verse.**



- 1 You are the way; to you a - lone from sin and death we flee;
- 2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;
- 3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;
- 4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,



all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.  
you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.  
and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.  
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

Text: George W. Doane, 1799–1859, alt.  
Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

**Scripture Reading Hebrews 12:18-29**

**Cindy Coup**

<sup>18</sup> You have not come to something<sup>[a]</sup> that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, <sup>19</sup> and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup> (For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.” <sup>21</sup> Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”) <sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup> and to the assembly<sup>[b]</sup> of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup> and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

<sup>25</sup> See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! <sup>26</sup> At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” <sup>27</sup> This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup> Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; <sup>29</sup> for indeed our God is a consuming fire.



## Gospel Reading - Luke 13:10-17

<sup>10</sup> Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. <sup>11</sup> And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." <sup>13</sup> When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup> But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." <sup>15</sup> But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? <sup>16</sup> And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" <sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

## A Message for Kids

Sermon "He Saw Her" Gary Schaeffer, Pastor

Song – Blessed Assurance (ELW 628) Please sing the 1<sup>st</sup> and last verses.



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

### Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915  
Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908



**Order for Baptism- Hunter Ryan Farr**

Pastor Gary Schaeffer

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Called by the Holy Spirit, and trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Hunter Ryan Farr baptized into Christ? If so, answer -- **I do.**

As you bring Hunter to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with gifts and responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, the Ten Commandments, and place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Hunter grow in the Christian faith and life? If so, answer -- **I do.**

Sponsor, do you promise to nurture Hunter in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

**Response: I do.**

People of God, do you promise to support Ray, and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

**We do.**

People of God, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God, the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**





Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*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.*

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the water and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raised us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.*

Hunter Ryan Farr, I baptize you in the name of the Father + and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit + *Amen.*

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your sons and daughters new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Stir up in Hunter the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. *Amen.*

Hunter Farr, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. *Amen.*

### **Presentation of Candle**

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify God in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.*

### **Prayers**

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**

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**

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

## **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.*

Closing Song-How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds (ELW 620) Please sing 1<sup>st</sup> and last verse.



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in  
2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole and  
3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, my  
4 By thee my prayers ac - cep - tance gain al -



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,  
calms the heart's un - rest; 'tis man - na to the  
shield and hid - ing place; my nev - er - fail - ing  
though with sin de - filed. The dev - il charg - es



heals our wounds, and drives a - way all fear.  
hun - gry soul and to the wea - ry, rest.  
trea - sury, filled with bound - less stores of grace.  
me in vain, and I am owned a child.

5 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,  
my prophet, priest, and king,  
my Lord, my life, my way, my end,  
accept the praise I bring.

6 How weak the effort of my heart,  
how cold my warmest thought;  
but when I see thee as thou art,  
I'll praise thee as I ought.

7 Till then I would thy love proclaim  
with every fleeting breath;  
and may the music of thy name  
refresh my soul in death!

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.

Music: St. PETER, Alexander R. Reinagle, 1799–1877

## Blessing

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

*Amen.*



## Sending

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

*Thanks be to God.*

## Postlude

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### News and Announcements from the Parish



**Saturday, August 22 – Backpack Blessing.** In getting ready for going back to school, we will be blessing back packs during today's worship service. Those of you attending online please feel have your back packs ready.



**Saturday, August 22 - Fellowship Hour.** Immediately following worship service downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us this week for refreshments. Special thanks to the Farr family for providing and sharing cake to celebrate Hunter Ryan Farr's baptism today.



**Saturday, August 28 - Pig Roast** We are having a Parish Pig Roast on Saturday August 28<sup>th</sup> starting at 5 P.M. Be sure to bring your coffee can, 5-gallon bucket or Drum or other percussion instrument of your choice to make some joyful noise together! There will be music, food, and lots of fun things to do and people to see. In case of inclement weather, we will be inside.



**Wednesday, September 29 -Blood Drive 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM** The blood mobile will be at 1125 Mahoning St. They will be there and ready to accept blood donations from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Please stop by to give blood if you can. With so much going on in the world your donation is needed now more than ever. Next Blood drive will be December 1, 2021.



**Sunday, October 10, 2021 - Community Meal at 5:00 PM** In partnership with Bethany United Methodist Church, The Milton Lutheran Parish & Saint Paul's United Church of Christ. All meals will be provided as take out, either by drive up or walk up. Menu to be announced soon, so watch this section for more information.

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

Sun., Aug. 22      9:30 A.M. Worship Service at Trinity. Live stream available.

Mon., Aug. 23      **Happy Birthday Patsy Aunkst!**  
**Happy Birthday Mike Kaar!**

Wed., Aug 25      Bible Study is Posted to Website and Social Media  
**Happy Anniversary Steve & Cindy Trapano!**



Sat., Aug 28

**Happy Birthday John Martello!**  
**Happy Anniversary Bill & Penny Hoover!**  
**PARISH PIG ROAST!**

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