

*We Warmly  
Welcome You to*



*Milton Lutheran Church*

*Fostering community through faith,  
love and service*

September 11, 2022

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Prayer  
The Rev. Gary Schaeffer

In Person & LIVE Streamed from the Sanctuary at Milton Lutheran Church  
at 9:30 a.m. on the Milton Lutheran Church YouTube Channel  
Visit <https://miltonlutheranchurch.org> to link to the LIVE worship.

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

**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!**

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 the Nancy Brown in memory of her husband, Roy W. Brown.

We would like to give special thanks to our worship leaders; **Gary Schaeffer: Pastor, John Warfel: Director of Music, Nancy Walters: Assistant Director of Music and Kellie Brouse: Worship Assistant.** As well as our, **Greeters: Rusty Brouse, Linwood Hill.** We would also like to thank our **Worship Set Up Team: Ann Mellman, Connie Stover, and our Communion Assistants: Carol Yost, Lynette Weisner.** These people volunteer their time to make our sanctuary unique, welcoming and beautiful every week.

## Gathering Music

Video: *"Clean Slate"*

## Welcome & Announcements

## Greeting

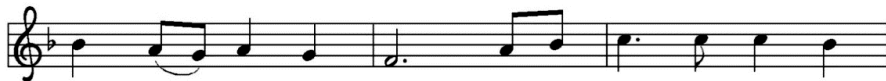
## Baptismal Song: *All Are Welcome*



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and  
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through

vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in

*Refrain*

Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,

all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

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 all around us. Especially, the West Branch of the Susquehanna River Watershed, you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

***Blessed be God now and forever.***

As we gather for worship today, we remember how you connect each of us to another in time and place. In this place, where people have gathered for thousands of years beginning with the Susquehannock tribe, then the first immigrants in what would become Milton, to today where people of all different backgrounds, traditions, and beliefs gather for worship. You bring us together in remembrance of our baptism.

***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 help them to remember that it is through your love we receive the gift of grace.

***Blessed be God now and forever.***

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.***

**Song: “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” (ELW 834)**

### **Prayer of the Day**

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

***Amen.***

### **Scripture Reading: Lamentations 3:26-33**

<sup>26</sup>It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. <sup>27</sup>It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth, <sup>28</sup>to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it, <sup>29</sup>to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope), <sup>30</sup>to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults. <sup>31</sup>For the Lord will not reject forever. <sup>32</sup>Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; <sup>33</sup>for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

## Gospel Acclamation:

Leader(s) Assembly

Lis - ten to the word of God. \_\_\_ Al - le - lu - ia.

Leader(s) Assembly

Hear the liv - ing word. \_\_\_ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Assembly

Lis - ten to the word of God. \_\_\_ Al - le - lu - ia.

Hear the liv - ing word. \_\_\_ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Gospel Reading: Luke 15:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” <sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no

repentance. <sup>8</sup>“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

**Sermon: “Clean Slate”**

Gary Schaeffer, Pastor

**Song: “Amazing Grace” (ELW 779)**

**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.

*Pause for a moment of silence*

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 the thanksgivings lifted up today in this community of faith...

*Pause*

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 . . .  
for the concerns lifted up today in this community of faith...

*Pause*

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.***

**Holy Baptism: Clyde Drumheller**

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 sin 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.

People of God, who do you present for Baptism this day?

***We present Clyde Drumheller for Baptism.***

Clyde, by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ? If so please respond with I do.

**People of the Milton Lutheran Church**

As you present Clyde today to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,  
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,  
place in his hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture him in faith and prayer,  
so that he may continue to place his trust in 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 Clyde grow in the Christian faith and life?

If so, please respond we do, **We do.**

Clyde, as a child of God do you promise to be active in your faith, to respond to the gift of God's love by sharing it with others to the best of your ability?

If so, please respond I do.

Clyde Drumheller, I baptize you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

You belong to Christ with whom you have been baptized this day. Alleluia!

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Clyde with 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.**

Clyde, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen.**

Let us welcome Clyde as a newly baptized member of the Body of Christ!



*Refrain*

Let my prayer be a fra-grant of-fer-ing, as in-cense to you a-rise.

Let my prayer be a fra-grant of-fer-ing, my hands lift-ed up in praise.

1 O Lord, I call to you,                    come quick-ly to my side.  
 2 Please watch my lips, O Lord,            and guard the words I say.  
 3 My eyes are turned to you,                O Lord, my liv-ing God.

*Refrain*

O Lord, please hear my voice; lis-ten when I cry.  
 Please turn my heart to you; chase my sin a-way.  
 I look to you for help; be my faith-ful rock.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, *as we gather around this table to receive the gift of your grace, we offer ourselves to you. All we have, everything we are, and everything we will be comes from you. We give you thanks, offer our time, gifts, and resources as people of God. Moved by your Spirit we ask that these gifts may be instruments of your love as we seek to love others. 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.***

O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child; When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom. Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

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 death, we cry out Amen. **Amen.**

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **Amen.**

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **Amen.**

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.

O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.

O God, you are wine: warm our hearts and make us one.

O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly,

O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.

Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer (Sung)

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.

Leader

Come, \_\_\_ come, \_\_\_ come to the ta - ble in love. \_\_\_  
 come to the ta - ble in need. \_\_\_  
 come to the ta - ble in truth. \_\_\_  
 go from the ta - ble in peace. \_\_\_

(for sending) Go, \_\_\_ go, \_\_\_

Assembly

We come to - geth - er in Je - sus' name. \_\_\_  
 We come to - geth - er in Je - sus' name. \_\_\_  
 We come to - geth - er in Je - sus' name. \_\_\_  
 We go to live \_\_\_ in Je - sus' name. \_\_\_

We come to the ta - ble in love. \_\_\_  
 We come to the ta - ble in need. \_\_\_  
 We come to the ta - ble in truth. \_\_\_  
 We go from the ta - ble in peace. \_\_\_

*Additional stanzas (ad lib.):*

Come... in hope  
 Come... with thanks  
 Come... in song  
 Come... with friends  
 Come... and eat

## Communion

*The Body of Christ given for you.  
 The Blood of Christ given for you.*

## Post Communion Canticle

*Refrain— sung twice each time*



Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -  
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our



bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa  
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your



ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.  
prais-es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.



1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,  
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

*Repeat stanza, then sing refrain*



I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.  
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

## 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.**

**Song: "Lord, Speak to Us (ELW 676)**

## Blessing

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

**Amen.**

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.***

The God of all grace + bless you now and forever.  
***Amen.***

### **Sending**


Together we at the Milton Lutheran Church  
***Foster community through faith love and service.***

Go forth in faith, to live out our mission.  
***Thanks be to God.***

### **Postlude**

# What's Happening at MLC

Sun, Sept. 11	<b>RALLY DAY</b> Adult Sunday School, 8am Morning Prayer Worship, 9:30am Brunch, 10:30am
Mon, Sept. 12	Boy Scouts, 6pm
Tue, Sept. 13	TOPS
Wed, Sept. 14	Boy Scouts, 6pm Pastor's Bible Study, 7pm
Thur, Sept. 15	Getting Ahead, 5:30pm
Fri, Sept. 16	Parents Helping Parents Group, 3:30pm Beignet Dough Making, 4pm
Sat, Sept. 17	<b>MILTON HARVEST FESTIVAL</b> Booth Setup, 7am Beignet Dough Making, 8am Booth, 9am-4pm Booth Teardown/Cleanup, 4pm
Sun, Sept. 18	Adult Sunday School, 8am Morning Prayer Worship, 9:30am Youth Group, 6pm
Mon, Sept. 19	Boy Scouts, 6pm Council Mtg, 7pm
Tue, Sept. 20	TOPS, 10am
Wed, Sept. 21	Boy Scouts, 6pm Pastor's Bible Study, 7pm
Thur, Sept. 22	Getting Ahead, 5:30pm
Fri, Sept. 23	Parents Helping Parents, 3:30pm



# HAPPY *Anniversary*

9/11/99 *Scott and Amy Solomon*  
9/13/14 *Lee and Barbara Brandau*  
9/14/63 *Joe and Mary Solomon*  
9/15/79 *David and Karen Walize*  
9/16/73 *Jay and Terri Bastian*



## *Happy Birthday*



9/12 *Rose Handy*  
9/16 *Karen Fry*

*If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please call the church office with these dates.*

### **Please Join Us In Prayer For...**

Jo Ann Galbraith, Joanie Fisher, Ken Gaugler, Rose & Terry Deaner, Mary Billhime, Ed Coup, Patsy & Jack Aunkst, Julie Benschoff, Gerald Greenly, Jim Seidel & Family, Larry Crist

If you know someone who needs to be added or removed from the prayer list, please call the church office.

# **Sunday, September 11th**

**Worship @ 9:30 A.M.  
Brunch @ 10:30 A.M.**

**Get plugged into small groups, bible  
studies, opportunities for everyone!**

**RALLY DAY 2022  
MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH**

We will be kicking off the fall with a great Rally Day on Sunday, September 11th. In addition to worship there will be a brunch downstairs in the fellowship hall. You are invited to bring a brunch item to share! You will have the chance to find out more about the upcoming ministries at MLC and get involved. We hope to see you there!



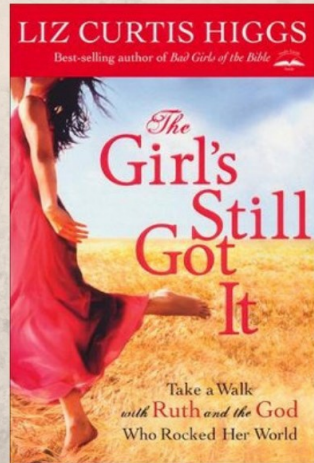
# SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES!

The Young and the Restless Adult Sunday School (Kellie's Class) with resume **Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am in the library.** We will start with a book study.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Resumes Sunday,  
September 11th @  
8:00 A.M.

Join us as we read Liz Curtis Higgs' book on the biblical character Ruth. Everyone is welcome!



We will again be studying/reading a book by Liz Curtis Higgs called **The Girl's Still Got It**. We will be “taking a walk with Ruth and the God who rocked her world.” You do not need to buy the book; the church has done that. There are copies in the office.



# MILTON HARVEST FESTIVAL



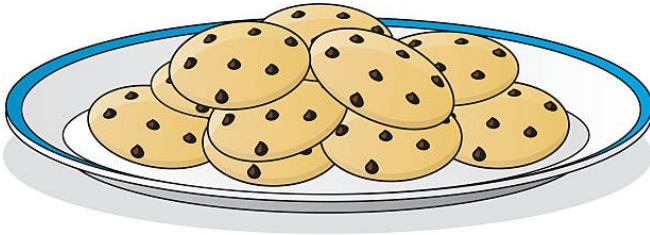
MLC will be making beignets again at the Milton Harvest Festival on Saturday, September 17.

Please see the signup sheet in the main entry for making dough and working at the harvest festival. We need a minimum of 5-6 people at the booth at all times. We have broken the day up in shifts. All hands on deck as many hands make light work!



# FELLOWSHIP TIME

MLC is bringing back fellowship time! On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month there will be a cookie bar in the fellowship hall. Helen Billhime is in charge of getting volunteers to sign up and bring in cookies. There is a sign up sheet on the board in the main entryway. Each person is asked to please bring in at least 2 dozen cookies.



After taking a break for the summer our volunteer crew is ready to resume taking pictures for our new church directory. We will begin again on **Sunday, September 11th**. Be sure to stay after worship and get your picture taken!

## A JOURNEY THROUGH LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM



by heart

Wednesday Evenings @ 7:00 P.M.  
September 14th-October 26th

Have you ever found yourself wondering what Lutherans believe? Maybe you have been a lifelong Lutheran, but feel like you need a refresher course on the tenants of the Lutheran faith. You may be new to the Lutheran church and want to find out more. If any of these things are true for you then this is the course for you! Join us for this seven week course led by Pastor Gary!

# Coming This Fall!

Worship

Discussion

Service

THE WELCOME  
TABLE

Meal

An intergenerational worship experience like none other....

Play

Community

The welcome table is a new kind of worship experience that will be coming this fall. Our first planning meeting will take place on **Sunday, September 25th at 11:30am** in the fellowship hall. Have kids? Bring them with you! We will have pizza, start our planning, and there will be things for the kids while we meet.

**Sunday, September 26 ~ 11:30am**

In partnership with:



# GRIEVE

## WITH THOSE IN GRIEF

A grief support group for those on the journey together.

**You are welcomed here.**

Joined together, the communities of Milton Lutheran Church, Saint Paul's UCC, and United In Christ have started a new monthly grief support group. We met in August and will meet again on September 26th at 6:30 P.M. This time we will gather at MLC, 100 Mahoning St. Milton. Even if you were unable to attend our first gathering we hope you will still consider attending.

Each month we will focus on a chapter in Julie Yarbough's *Beyond the Broken Heart: A Journey Through Grief*. Copies of the book are available in the church office. If you plan to attend please let Pastor Gary know or sign-up on the volunteer board.

Maybe you know someone struggling with grief? This group is open to everyone, feel free to let them know we are gathering. If you find yourself struggling with grief after the loss of a loved one, a broken relationship, or the overall strain on your being, know that this group is for you. No matter where you are on the journey you are welcomed here.

<b>Milton Lutheran Church Leadership Team</b>	
Pastor	Gary Schaeffer
Director of Music	John Warfel
Assistant Director Of Music	Nancy Walters
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Digital Ministry Coordinator	Seth Reitz
Custodian	Chuck Stahl
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Digital Ministry	Aaron Coup, Rick Coup, Seth Reitz, Gaven
Outreach Team	Connie Stover, Kay Dunn, Claire Weisner, Lynnette Weisner, Carol Yost, Linwood Hill, Krista Yaiko, Karen Martello, Peggy Fisher,
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Property Team	Don Fisher, Chuck Stahl, Bob Greenly, Rusty Brouse, Helen Billhime, Bill Heimbach, Seth Reitz, Joe Yaiko

## **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday	1pm - 5pm
Tuesday	2pm - 5pm
Wednesday	1pm - 5pm
Thursday	1pm - 5pm
Friday	Office Closed

Please feel free to Email or drop off bulletin announcements or newsletter articles.

## **Pastoral Office Hours**

Mon, Tue, Wed & Thursday 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.

Please call the office to reserve time to speak with Pastor Gary.

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