

*We Warmly
Welcome You to*



Milton Lutheran Church

*Fostering community through faith,
love and service*

September 18, 2022
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Traditional
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 Paul and Connie Stover and Family in memory of Loved Ones.

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 Val Gardner: 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: PSALM 93

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God, *we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen*

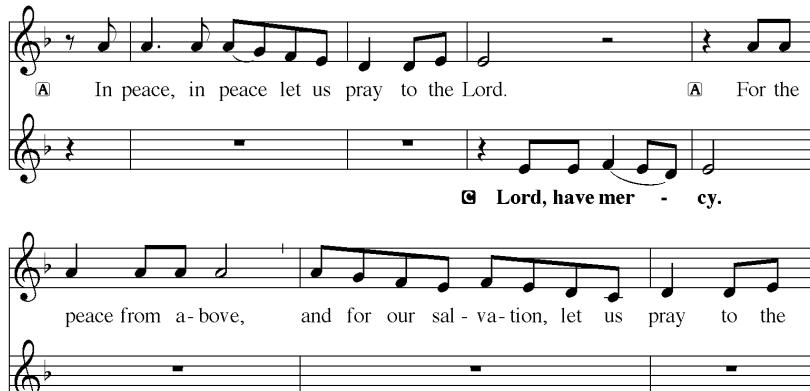
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen

HYMN: RISE UP, O SAINTS OF GOD! (ELW 669)

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE



Musical notation for the Kyrie hymn, featuring three staves of music. The first two staves are in common time (indicated by a 'C') and the third staff is in half time (indicated by a 'H'). The lyrics are:

In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord. For the
Lord, have mer - cy.

peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the



C Lord, have mercy.



C Lord. A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their

C Lord, have mercy.



C Lord, have mercy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

1 Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we

worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

2 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the

world: have mercy, have mercy on us; you are seated

at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

3 For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Refrain

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: GENESIS 12:1-9

A reading from Genesis, chapter 12 verses 1-9

¹Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan,

⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram jour

The word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

PSALM 93

- 1 The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength. He has established the world; it shall never be moved;
- 2 **your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.**
- 3 The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.
- 4 **More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the Lord!**
- 5 Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The musical notation consists of two staves of music. The first staff shows the beginning of the Alleluia: "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?". The second staff continues with "You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia." The music is in common time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are primarily quarter notes and eighth notes.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 28:16-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 16th Chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED

HYMN: SON OF GOD, ETERNAL SAVIOR (ELW 655)

APOSTLES CREED

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

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.*

*He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into the dead.*

On the third day he rose again.

*He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

*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*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

God our Savior, you keep your church in faith and truth. Accompany those preparing for baptism or affirmation of baptism. Enlighten preachers, teachers, seminarians, and all those who share your good news with the world.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Divine teacher, you instruct your children to be responsible stewards of your creation. Show us how best to care for the

earth and its resources, and guide those who work to develop sustainable practices.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Ruler of the nations, you direct those in authority. Give leaders wisdom and compassion so that all may live in peace. Inspire public servants to follow the example of courageous leaders and safeguard the dignity of each person.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Helper of the needy, you lift up those who are oppressed. Breathe justice into economic and social systems that perpetuate poverty and hunger. Sustain food ministries, clothing banks, and emergency shelters.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Sustainer and giver of life, you bless this congregation with abundance. Instruct us in the proper and faithful use of wealth and resources, that we share generously.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of glory, you gather your saints around your throne. Keep us thankful for the witness of those who have gone before us, and bring us with them to the heavenly feast that has no end.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, fill to the brim our
 cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown,
 that we may be fed, we may be fed with the bread of life.
 Gath- er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
 prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta-ble with your pres- ence,
 and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, *as we gather around this table to receive the gift of your grace, we offer ourselves to you. All that 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.*

Trusting in your mercy and moved by your Spirit we ask that these gifts may be instruments of your love as we seek to love others. Amen.

DIALOGUE

¶ The Lord be with you. ¶ And al - so 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.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
 that we should at all times and in all places
 give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
 through our Savior Jesus Christ;
 who on this day overcame death and the grave,
 and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of ever-
 lasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
 with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us.

Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,

Holy One of Israel,

Word of God incarnate,

Power of the Most High,

one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to 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.*

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION

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

COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace.

Amen

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

The musical notation consists of six staves of music in common time, treble clef, and G major. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with each staff containing a portion of the text. The lyrics are:

C Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev- 'ry -
one what God has done. Let all who
seek the Lord re - joice, re - joice and
bear Christ's ho - ly name. Send us, O God, with your
prom - is - es, and lead us forth in joy
with shouts of thanks- giv- ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

BLESSING

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

Amen

CLOSING HYMN: LET JUSTICE FLOW (ELW 717)

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.

What's Happening at MLC

Sun, Sept. 18	Adult Sunday School, 8am Traditional 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
Sun, Sept. 25	Adult Sunday School, 8am Contemporary Worship, 9:30am
Mon, Sept. 26	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Boy Scouts, 6pm
Tue, Sept. 27	TOPS, 10am Boy Scouts, 5:30pm
Wed, Sept. 28	Blood Drive: 1125 Mahoning, 1pm-6pm Boy Scouts, 6pm Pastor's Bible Study, 7pm
Thur, Sept. 29	Getting Ahead, 5:30pm
Fri, Sept. 30	Parents Helping Parents, 3:30pm

Happy Birthday



9/22 Charlotte Marts

9/24 Chuck Stahl

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 and Terry Deaner, Mary Billhime, Ed Coup, Patsy and Jack Aunkst, Julie Benshoff, Gerald Greenly, Jim Seidel & Family, Melvin Crist.

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

Sunday, September 18th @ 12:00 P.M. Meet at 100 Mahoning St. Milton
Carpool to Dales Ridge - T450 Lewisburg, PA

Join us this Sunday, September 18th at 12pm for our first hiking excursion. We will meet at the church and carpool to Dale's Ridge trail in Lewisburg, PA. The hike is easy and open to all ages. Pet's are welcome as well! Bring a snack and following the hike we will talk about some options for hikes in the future.

A JOURNEY THROUGH LUTHER'S SMALL CATCECHISM



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!

Wednesday evenings at 7pm

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Any articles, events, photos and/or thank you notes you'd like to have printed in the September Newsletter need to be in the office **by Monday, September 26.**

Coming This Fall!



An intergenerational worship experience like none other....

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 25 at 11:30am

In partnership with:



A large graphic in the background shows several hands of different skin tones and sizes reaching out towards each other, symbolizing support and community.

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.

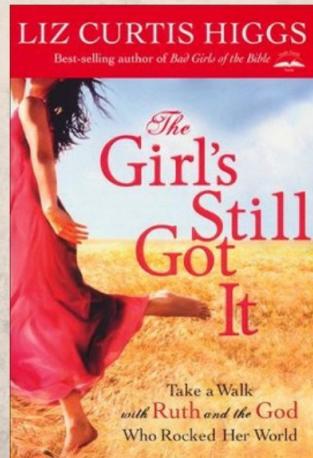
SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES!

The Young and the Restless Adult Sunday School
(Kellie's Class) with resume **Sunday September 11th** 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.

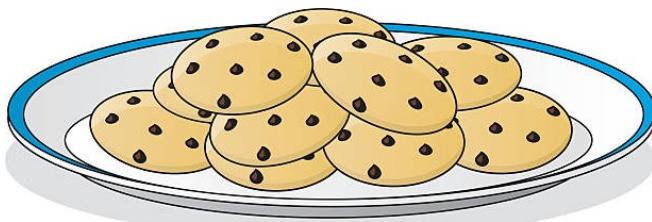
Join us as we read Liz Curtis Higgs' book on the biblical character Ruth. Everyone is welcome!



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.

FELLOWSHIP TIME

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



**TIME
to smile!**



After taking a break for the summer our volunteer crew is ready to resume taking pictures for our new church directory. Be sure to stay after worship and get your picture taken!

MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM	
Pastor	Gary Schaeffer
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Assistant Director Of Music	Nancy Walters
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Digital Ministry Team	Aaron Coup, Rick Coup, Seth Reitz, Gaven Russell, Garrett Russell, Ellie Schaeffer
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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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