

We Warmly Welcome You to



Milton Lutheran Parish

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

September 5, 2021

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Contemporary 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

(Bold italic items to be spoken)

Flowers Today as you enter the sanctuary please take a moment to be uplifted and inspired by the beauty of the flowers. This week they have been generously provided by Helen Billhime in honor of Helen's mother Mary Billhime and in loving memory of LaRue H. Billhime and Benny & Sheryl Housner.

Worship Leaders We would like to give special thanks to our worship leaders; **Gary Schaeffer- Pastor,** **John Warfel- Music Director/Organist & Kellie Brouse - 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 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 vocals, 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 take them in 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 word energized to share God's love with everyone you meet!

Gathering Music

John Warfel

Weekly Updates & Prayers

Pastor Gary Schaeffer

Prayer

Kellie Brouse

Gracious God as we gather today for worship let us take a moment and remember the gift of your grace in our lives. Help us celebrate that gift as we sing, as we hear your word, and as we pray. Guide our thoughts and feelings so that the Holy Spirit may move us to love one another. **AMEN**

Opening Song:" - Medley: Lord I Lift Your Name on High & There is a Redeemer

*Lord I lift Your name on high; Lord I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life, I'm so glad You came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way, from the earth
to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave,
from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.*

1) There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son, precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Refrain : *Thank you O my father, for giving us your son and
And sending your spirit till the work on earth is done.*

*3) When I stand in glory. I will see his face; There I'll serve my king forever, in that holy place.
(Repeat Refrain)*

Gospel Reading Mark 7:24-37

Pastor Gary Schaeffer

²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Sermon: "WWJD"

Pastor Gary Schaeffer

Song: " Bless The Lord Oh My Soul"

♩ = 65

C Dm Fmaj⁷/C G⁷/B G C G/B Am

Bless the Lord oh, my soul, bless the

3 Dm Fmaj⁷/C G⁷/B G C Cmaj⁷ Dm/C C Am⁷

Lord oh, my soul; Bless the

5 Dm Fmaj⁷/C G⁷/B G C E⁷ F Dm⁷

Lord oh, my soul, my soul; Let ev - 'ry -

7 C/G Dm⁷/G C F/G

-thing with - in me bless His name. And bless the

9 C C/E F²(#4) F F²(#4)/E^b F/E^b

Bless the Lord oh, my soul, Lord oh, my soul, bless the

11 D^{sus} $D/F\sharp$ G^{2sus} G G^{sus}/F G/F

bless the Lord oh, my soul;

Lord oh, my soul; Bless the

13 E^{sus} $E/G\sharp$ A^{2sus} Am/G F Dm^7

Bless the Lord oh, my soul, bless the

Lord oh, my soul, bless the

15 C/G Dm/G Em/G F/G

Lord oh, my soul, bless the Lord oh, my soul; Let ev - 'ry -

17 C/G Am^7 Dm^7 G^7

-thing with - in me bless His name. Bless the

19 C F/G $D.S.$ C

name. And bless the name.

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Prayers

Kelli Brouse

Let us open our hearts and minds and lift our prayers together trusting that God not only hears our prayers, but through the Holy Spirit, works to make us whole.

God of forgiveness, each us of comes before you today with heavy hearts. We have all done and said things that we shouldn't have. We have fallen short of your call to love our neighbors as ourselves. We ask that your grace be known to us now so that we can know your mercy, and through your love, be released from sin.

Lord Listen to your Children Praying

God of comfort and strength. Help all those who are sick in mind, body, or spirit. Heal the wounded and the afflicted. Comfort us in our grief, sickness and pain. Let us all be reminded that you walk alongside each of us every single day of our lives and that your love sustains us. We pause now to lift our worries to you.

Lord Listen to your Children Praying.

God of joy and thanksgiving. There is so much in the world that we have to be thankful for. For the gift of life, for all of creation, family and friends, and this community of faith Oh God. We give you thanks. We pause now to lift our thanksgivings to you.

Lord Listen to your Children Praying.

God of life. You call us out into the world as followers of Christ so that others may experience your love. Guide our comings and goings and give us the strength to share your good news with everyone we come in contact with, whether that be through our words or actions.

Lord Listen to your Children Praying.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right to give God our thanks and praise. For from the beginning of time God created everything around us. All of creation, the people we come in contact with, the emotions we feel, and of course God's only son, Jesus.

Who sacrificed himself on our behalf so that we could experience the love and forgiveness that sustains us each day and that we could be free from sin to show that love to others.

And so we remember how thousands of years ago, Jesus sat down for a meal with his disciples. How he 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.

So we gather around this bread and wine, as a community and as individuals, remembering this sacrifice and being reminded of his love for each of us. As we eat of this bread and drink of this wine let celebrate this gift as together we pray.....

Lord's Prayer

*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.*

Communion Song:

Communion

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Communion Song

Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace now and forever. *Amen*

Closing Song: "The Lamb"



1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, one per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing,
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, as way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill.
4 He sighs, he dies, he takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.
5 He rose, he rose, my heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
The Lamb, the Lamb, let earth join heav'n his praise to sing.
So still, his will on our be - half the Law to fill.
He lives, for - gives, he gives me his own righ - teous - ness.
His song pro - long till ev - 'ry heart to him be - long.

Refrain



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own!



The Lamb is reign - ing on his throne!

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Blessing and Sending

Kelli Brouse

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.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Upcoming Meetings & Events



Sunday, September 12 Sunday School 8:30 AM in the Library. Kellie Brouse will be leading Sunday School for anyone that would like to attend.



Sunday, September 12 & 26 Fellowship Hour, immediately following worship outside, due to mask mandate, and weather permitting. Light refreshments are served. Come join us and chat, smile and laugh with us! All are welcome!



Wednesday, September 15 Bible Study 7:00 PM Begins, **Wednesday September 15th at 7:00 P.M.** in the library. Pastor Gary will be leading bible study each week. We will begin our study by using the book “**Everyday Ubuntu**” by **Mungi Ngomane**. You can pick up your book anytime in September by stopping off at the church office. You can join us in person or online. If you want to join us online for Bible Study, please let the church office know so we can send you the Zoom link.



Saturday, September 18 Harvest Festival Don't forget to visit us at our booth on Broadway for the Milton Harvest Festival on Saturday, September 18th. This year we will be serving Beignets. **Volunteers are needed to sign-up for 2-hour increments.** If you would like to volunteer, please let a member of our outreach team know.



Sunday, September 19 Youth Group & Confirmation our first night of **Youth Group on Sunday, September 19th at 6:00pm!** The first formal **Confirmation class will then be Sunday, October 3rd at 5:00pm.**



Tuesday, September 21 - Milton Lutheran Parish Council Meeting 7:00 PM held in the third-floor meeting room. This is an opening meeting all are encouraged to attend.



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 3 -Blessing of the Animals from 6:00 to 9:00 PM Join us for our Blessing of the Animals on the island at **Milton State Park**. Together with Pr. Justin Lingenfelter and the community of faith at United In Christ Lutheran Church, we will gather to give thanks for the blessing of all God’s creatures. Traditionally falling close to the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi (October 4th), this time will be an opportunity to give thanks for the creatures and critters in our own lives! All are invited to stop by the park any time in that hour window with their pet friends to receive a pet blessing! If Fido or Snowball can’t make it, feel free to bring a collar, food bowl, or picture as we give thanks for the blessings they are in our lives! **In addition, we will be collecting pet food/litter/supplies that will be donated to the Danville SPCA as we seek to reciprocate the blessing that these critters provide in our lives!**

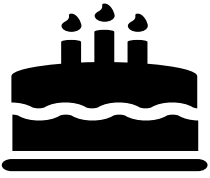


Sunday, October 10 - Community Meal at 5:00 PM In partnership with Bethany United Methodist Church, The Milton Lutheran Parish & Saint Paul’s United Church of Christ. All meals will be provided as take out, either by drive up or walk up. Menu to be announced soon, so watch this section for more information



Please Join Us In Prayer This Week For

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| Patricia Muffly | Gerald Greenly |
| Patsy Aunkst | Doris Heffelfinger |
| Mary Lou Benshoff | Chole Henderson |
| Julie Benshoff | Kathy Longenberger |
| Terry Deaner | Mina Hover |
| Joanie Fisher | Florence & Pete Ishler |
| Ken Gaugler | Jim Seidel |
| Karen Smith | Kimberly Dill |
| John Pittsnogle | Pastor Pat Pittsnogle & Family |
| Kathy Rearick | |



This Weeks Birthdays

Sunday 9/5

Judith McNeal
John Wargo

Monday 9/6

Nevin Yost

Wednesday 9/8

Andrea Dehart-Robbins
Dawn Russell

Sunday 9/12

Rose Handy

This Week at Milton Lutheran Parish

Sun. Sept. 5

Worship at 9:30 AM. Live stream available.

Mon. Sept. 6

Office Closed in observance of Labor Day

Wed. Sept. 8

Online Bible Study posted to website.

In person Bible study starts on Wed. Sept 15th. Stop by the office to pick up your free book!

Sun. Sept 12

Sunday School 8:30 AM - All are encouraged to attend.

Worship at 9:30 AM. Live stream available.

Fellowship Hour immediately following worship **outside due to mask mandate and weather permitting**. Join us for some light refreshments graciously organized and provided by this week's volunteers!

This Weeks Anniversary's

Friday 9/10 John & Tonya Wargo celebrating 33 years!

Saturday 9/11 Scott & Amy Solomon celebrating 22 years!



Acorns of the Week

"As I walked out the door toward the gate that would lead to my freedom, I knew if I didn't leave my bitterness and hatred behind, I'd still be in prison."

-Nelson Mandela

"If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude."

-Maya Angelou

"The weak can never forgive.

Forgiveness is an attribute of the strong."

-Mahatma Ghandi

Milton Lutheran Parish Leadership Team

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Pastor	Gary Schaeffer
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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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