We Warmly Welcome You to



Milton Lutheran Church

Fostering community through faith, love and service

October 9, 2022 Eighteenth 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 Lynnette Weisner in memory of love 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 Karen Fry: Worship Assistant. As well as our, Greeters: Helen Billhime and Nancy Brown. We would also like to thank our Worship Set Up Team: Sue Warfel and Chuck Stahl, and our Communion Assistants: Penny Ulmer and Cindy Coup. These people volunteer their time to make our sanctuary unique, welcoming and beautiful every week.

Today we have Rose Williams with us. Rose Williams has a long history of working alongside low- income families. Realizing that poverty is a complex problem, she researched and discovered Dr. Ruby Payne's book, "A Framework for Understanding Poverty". Dr. Payne's definition of poverty is— the extent to which one does without resources. Money is only one of eleven resources needed for a stable life.

Seeing a need in the community, in 2017, Rose began the first local Getting Ahead group. Here we investigated how to build our resources and developed plans to reach goals. Getting Ahead participants and volunteers come together as a close - knit group supporting each other.

The Getting Ahead in the Valley initiative can be found in 47 U.S. states and 7 countries. We have been fortunate to have the support of individuals and community organizations. It does "take a village" to continue to provide Getting Ahead in the Valley to individuals that are ready to move from poverty to stability.

Rose became a certified Bridges Out of Poverty trainer and Getting ahead in a Just Getting'- by World facilitator in 2014.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

CONFESSION 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: "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" (ELW 865)

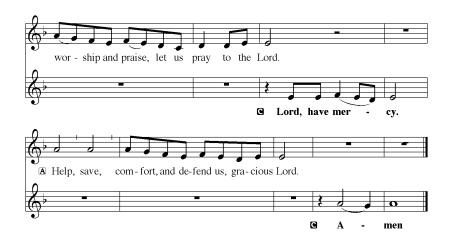
GREETING

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.

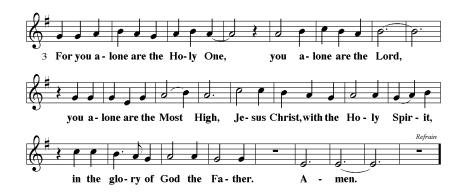
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HYMN OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Deuteronomy 15:7-11

⁷If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted toward your needy neighbor. ⁸You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. ⁹Be careful that you do not entertain a mean thought, thinking, "The seventh year, the year of remission, is near," and therefore view your needy neighbor with hostility and give nothing; your neighbor might cry to the Lord against you, and you would incur guilt. ¹⁰Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. ¹¹Since there will never cease to be some

in need on the earth, I therefore command you, "Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 111

- ¹ Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
- ² Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who de light in them.
- ³ Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.
- ⁴ He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful.
- ⁵ He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- ⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.
- ⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.
- ⁸ They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.
- ⁹ He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name.
- ¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: MATTHEW 26:6-13

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 26th Chapter. *Glory to you, O Lord.*

⁶Now while Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, ⁷a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, and she poured it on his head as he sat at the table. ⁸But when the disciples saw it, they were angry and said, "Why this waste? ⁹For this ointment could have been sold for a large sum, and the money given to the poor." ¹⁰But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? She has performed a good service for me. ¹¹For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. ¹²By pouring this ointment on my body she has prepared me for burial. ¹³Truly I tell you, wherever this good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her." The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: "Always With Us?"

the communion of saints,

HYMN: "Baptized in Water" (ELW 456)

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 forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, we give you thanks for bishops, pastors, and deacons. Inspire leaders of the church to proclaim your mighty deeds, that your saving faith may be known to all.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Majestic God, we give you thanks for land and water, seedtime and harvest. Break down boundaries we construct between ourselves and the rest of your creation. Bring renewal and restoration to places affected by pollution and deforestation.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Mighty God, we give you thanks for those in our community, nation, and world who work for justice and peace. Guide those who govern to act on behalf of those marginalized by race, ethnicity, or religion.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Merciful God, we give you thanks that you hear the cries of those in need. Restore to community those who are stigmatized by illness, feel rejected, or who live in isolation. Send healing to all who suffer.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Faithful God, we give you thanks for the healing ministries of this congregation. Equip those who visit, care, and pray for the sick. Give insight to doctors, nurses, home health aides, and all practitioners of medical arts.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Eternal God, we give you thanks for your faithful people who have gone before us to your glory. Renew our trust in your eternal promises of mercy, redemption, and new life.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*



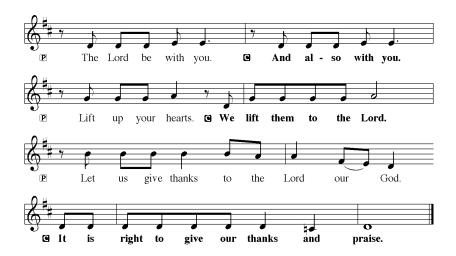
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

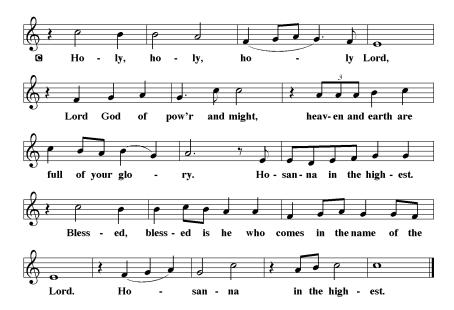


PREFACE

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 everlasting 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



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

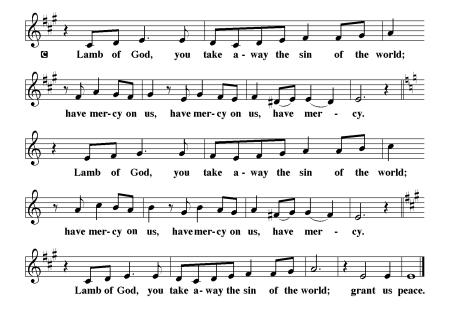
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION

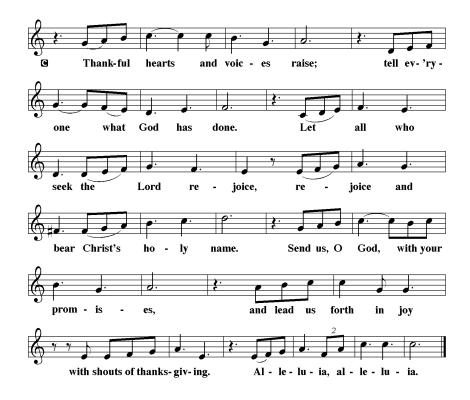
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Amen

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



BLESSING

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

Amen

CLOSING HYMN: Baptized and Set Free (ELW 453)

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, Oct. 9 Adult Sunday School, 8am Traditional Worship, 9:30am

Building Transition Team Mtg, 10:30am

Fellowship Hour, 10:30am Hiking Group, 12:30pm

Mon, Oct. 10 Boy Scouts, 6pm

Tue, Oct. 11 TOPS, 10am

Wed, Oct. 12 Boy Scouts, 6pm

Getting Ahead Board Mtg, 6pm

Pastor's Bible Study, 7pm

Thu, Oct. 13 Worship Team Mtg, 1pm

Getting Ahead, 5:30pm

Fri, Oct. 14 Parents helping Parents Group, 3:30pm

Sun, Oct. 16 Adult Sunday School, 8am

Contemporary Worship, 9:30am

Youth Group, 6pm

Mon, Oct. 17 Boy Scouts, 6pm

Council Mtg, 7pm

Tue, Oct. 18 TOPS, 10am

Wed, Oct. 19 Senior Group, 10:30am

Boy Scouts, 6pm

Pastor's Bible Study, 7pm

Thu, Oct. 20 Getting Ahead, 5:30pm

Fri, Oct. 14 Parents helping Parents Group, 3:30pm

Sat, Oct. 22 Scouts Chicken BBQ, 3pm

Trunk-or-Treat, 3pm-5pm



Happy Birthday



10/12 Richard Coup 10/13 Austin Mitch

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.

Memorial Gifts

<u>Abiding Memorial in memory of Doris Moore:</u>

Jeff and Cindy Coup

Abiding Memorial in memory of Lin Davis:

Jeff and Cindy Coup

Ann Mellman



FELLOWSHIP HOUR

SUNDAY OCT. 9TH

FOLLOWING WORSHIP



Downstairs in the fellowship hall.

A JOURNEY THROUGH LUTHER'S SMALL CATCECHISM

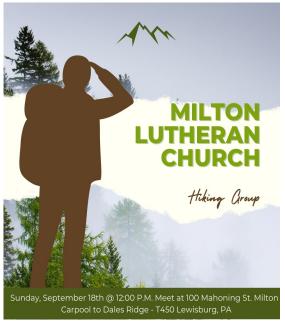


Wednesday Evenings @ 7:00 P.M. September 14th-October 26th

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!

Our hiking group has two hikes planned for October.

1. The Mile Run Trail. October 9th. This is a loop that starts from a parking area at the north side of the Mile Run Exit off I-80 outside the PennDOT maintenance area. We will meet at the Church Parking lot at 12:30 pm to car-pool to the parking area. The hike is about 2.5 miles up a nice trail then about 2.5 miles back down a gravel road to the starting



point. Sturdy hiking shoes are suggested since the trail up is rocky and uneven most of the way. A daypack with water, walking stick(s), and a snack would be a good idea too.

2. The Bob Webber Trail at Pine Creek Valley. October 22nd We will meet at the church parking lot at 9:00 and car-pool to the Ross Run Access Area along the Pine Creek Trail. The drive to the trailhead is about 1 ¼ hours. The Ross Run Parking area is on the left of the road. Dress, in layers as it will be chilly in the morning, but you will want to shed a layer hiking up the 1,300' mountain side. You will need a day pack with plenty of water and a lunch to be eaten as we enjoy the beauty at the top and a walking stick (s).



SENIORS MINISTRY

TUESDAY. OCTOBER 18TH, 10:30 A.M- 12:30 P<mark>.M.</mark>

MEAL

CONVERSATION

BINGO

Our first Senior Ministry group will meet on Wednesday, October 18th at 10:30 A.M. in the fellowship hall. We will gather for a meal, bingo and conversation. We hope you will join us and invite a friend!

CHURCH COUNCIL

Council will meet on Monday October 17 at 7pm.



We will be distributing hygiene products and self care items to people in our community.

We will be collecting donations for the following items until October 9th.

Shampoo: Men's and Women's
Body Wash: Men's and Women's
Bar Soap: Men's and Women's
Tooth paste: Adult and Children
Tooth Brushes: Adult and Children

Facial Tissue: Boxes **Toilet Paper:** 4 Packs



Milton Lutheran Church and United In Christ will be doing Trunk-or-Treat at Saint Paul's Halloween Event on Saturday, October 22. We need you to do a trunk! Signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the main entry.

You can buy trunk kits on Amazon for \$15!

Want to help, but don't want to decorate a trunk?

Donations of candy would be appreciated!
Please place your candy donations in the "Halloween
Candy" box in the main entry.

Come dressed in your Halloween costume

FOR A SPOOKY CELEBRATION AT

Saint Paul's United Church of Christ
1125 Mahoning Street, Milton
3 to 5 p.m.
Saturday, October 22

Milton Lutheran Church, United in Christ Lutheran, and Saint Paul's

TRUNK OR TREAT!







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!



Camp Mount Luther will have their annual Evening at Shade Mountain Winery. This is a fundraising opportunity to share fellowship, entertainment, and locally produced wine, all to benefit the camp. There will be a limit of 50 people for this year's event, which will run from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, October 28, 2022. Entertainment will be provided by Mark Alexander, a local acoustic musician. Menu to include heavy appetizers, desserts, and a complementary glass of wine.

If you would like to attend please sign-up at the church no later than October 9th.

Cost is a donation. Consider a donation equal or greater to the food and entertainment provided. If you choose to purchase any bottles of wine that evening, camp receives a portion of the proceeds.



The welcome table is a new kind of intergenerational worship for people of all ages. Our first gathering will be on Tuesday, November 1st at 5:00 P.M. in the fellowship hall. We hope you will join us for worship, a meal, discussion, and fellowship. Bring someone along with you!

BUILDING TRANSITION TEAM

Building Transition Team will meet today during fellowship hour in the church library.



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 October 24th at 6:30 P.M. Even if you were unable to attend previously 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.

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.

MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Pastor	Gary Schaeffer
Director of Music	John Warfel
Assistant Director of Music	Nancy Walters
Office Administrator	Terri Cromwell
Digital Ministry Coordinator	Seth Reitz
Custodian	Chuck Stahl
Treasurer	Rose Deaner
MLC Council	President: Lynnette Weisner Vice President: Rusty Brouse Secretary: Kay Dunn Chris Coup, Kevin Fry, Nancy Wal- ters, Connie Stover, Joe Yaiko,
Worship Team	Jeff Coup, Kellie Brouse, Nancy Walters, Sue Warfel, John Warfel
Digital Ministry Team	Aaron Coup, Rick Coup, Seth Reitz, Gaven Russell, Garrett Russell, Ellie Schaeffer
Outreach Team	Connie Stover, Kay Dunn, Claire Weisner, Lynnette Weisner, Carol Yost, Linwood Hill, Krista Yaiko, Ka- ren Martello, Peggy Fisher, Cindy Trapane
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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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