

*We Warmly
Welcome You to*



Milton Lutheran Church

*Fostering community through faith,
love and service*

October 16, 2022

Nineteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Contemporary Service
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)

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 Nevin and Carol Yost in honor of the anniversaries of Nevin and Carol Yost, Nevin and Kara Yost, and Zach and Ruth Scott.

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: Helen Billhime and Nancy Brown.** We would also like to thank our **Worship Set Up Team: Sue Warfel, 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.

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.

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Gary Schaeffer, Pastor

Prayer

Kellie Brouse, Worship Assistant

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:

“Open the Eyes of My Heart & 10,000 REASONS”

*O-pen the eyes of my heart, Lord,
O-pen the eyes of my heart,
I want to see You, I want to see You.*

*O-pen the eyes of my heart, Lord,
O-pen the eyes of my heart,
I want to see You, I want to see You.*

*To see you high and lifted up
shining in the light of Your glo-ry.
Pour out Your pow’r and love as we sing Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly.
(Repeat 2 times)*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I’ll worship Your holy name*

*The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I’ll worship Your holy name*

*You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I’ll worship Your holy name*

*And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name*

*Worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name*

*Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name*

Scripture Reading: Luke 18:1-8

Gary Schaeffer, *Pastor*

¹Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" ⁶And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Sermon: "The Judge"

Gary Schaeffer, *Pastor*

Song: "Days of Elijah"

***These are the days of Elijah
Declaring the Word of the Lord
And these are the days of Your servant Moses
Righteousness being restored***

***And though these are days of great trials
Of famine and darkness and sword
Still we are the voice in the desert crying
Prepare ye the way of the Lord!***

Chorus

***Behold He comes riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call
So lift your voice it's the year of Jubilee
And out of Zion's hill, salvation comes***

***And these are the days of Ezekiel
The dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days of Your servant David
Rebuilding a temple of praise***

***And these are the days of the harvest
The fields are as white in the world
And we are the labourers in Your vineyard
Declaring the Word of the Lord***

***There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah (hey)***

Prayers: Lord Listen to your Children Praying
Kellie Brouse, Worship Assistant

***(Lyrics) Lord Listen to your children praying, Lord send
your spirit in this place, Lord listen to your children pray-
ing, Send us love, Send us power, send us grace.***

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 of us 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

Gary Schaeffer, Pastor

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.....

***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.***

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gary Schaeffer, Pastor

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. 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.

Communion

Gary Schaeffer, Pastor

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

Communion Songs

John Warfel

Communion Blessing

Gary Schaeffer, Pastor

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

Closing Song: "In Christ Alone"

***In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand
In Christ alone, Who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died***

*The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live*

*There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ*

*No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the pow'r of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand*

Blessing

Kellie Brouse, *Worship Assistant*

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

Sending

Kellie Brouse, *Worship Assistant*

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



HAPPY *Anniversary*

10/12/13 Zach and Ruth Scott
10/22/94 Chuck and Kim Mitch



Happy Birthday



10/16 Rich Handy

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

Please Join Us In Prayer For...

Jaime Evock, Jo Ann Galbraith, Joanie Fisher, Ken Gaugler, Rose & Terry Deaner, Mary Billhime, Ed Coup, Patsy & 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. Thank you.

What's Happening at MLC

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 Senior Group, 10:30am
Wed, Oct. 19	Boy Scouts, 6pm Pastor's Bible Study, 7pm
Thu, Oct. 20	Getting Ahead, 5:30pm
Fri, Oct. 21	Parents Helping Parents, 3:30pm
Sat, Oct. 22	Hiking Group, 9am Scouts Chicken BBQ, 3pm Trunk-or-Treat, 3pm-5pm
Sun, Oct. 23	Adult Sunday School, 8am Morning Prayer Worship, 9:30am Fellowship Hour, 10:30am
Mon, Oct. 24	Boy Scouts, 6pm Grief Support Group, 6:30pm
Tue, Oct. 25	TOPS, 10am
Wed, Oct. 26	Boy Scouts, 6pm Pastor's Bible Study, 7pm
Thu, Oct. 27	Getting Ahead Mtg, 5:30pm
Fri, Oct. 28	Parents Helping Parents, 3:30pm



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! Sign-up 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.

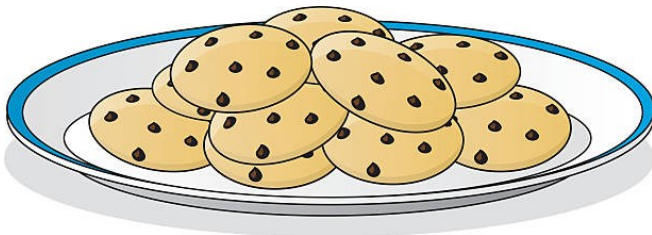
TIME to smile!



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!

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 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.

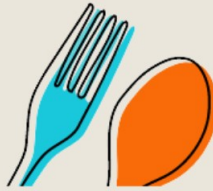


Tuesday, November 1st

5:00 P.M.

Worship

Discussion



Service

THE WELCOME
TABLE



Meal

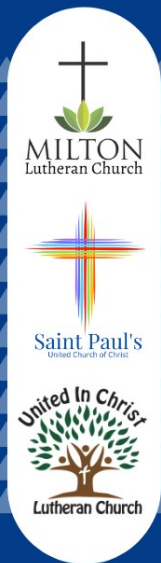
An intergenerational worship experience like none other....

Play

Community

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!

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 October 24th at 6:30 P.M. at St. Paul's (1125 Mahoning St.) 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.

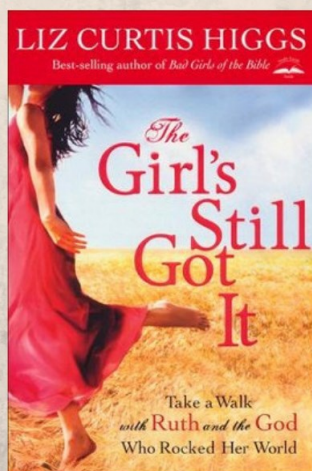
Maybe you know someone struggling with grief? This group is open to everyone, feel free to let them know we are gathering.

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.

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!



“A perfect blend of humor, extensive research, descriptive language, and insightful commentary...”

Publishers Weekly

Walk with Ruth as she travels from Moab to Bethlehem, certain of her calling, yet uncertain of her future. Hold Naomi's hand and watch love put the pieces of her broken life back together. And hang out with Boaz, their kinsman-redeemer, who blesses both women and honors God, big time.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

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!

YOUTH GROUP

On Sunday October 16th we will meet at Milton Lutheran Church at 6pm for dinner followed by Youth Group.

Youth Group is open to all students in grades 7-12 and typically runs for about two hours!

If you are or have a youth member interested in being part of Youth Group, please reach out to Pastor Gary and we'll get you connected!



**MILTON
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CHURCH**

Hiking Group

Sunday, October 9th @ 12:30 P.M. & Saturday, October 22nd @ 9:00 A.M.
Meet at 100 Mahoning St. to carpool to our hiking location.

Our hiking group has one more hike planned for October, 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).

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100 MAHONING ST. MILTON, PA

SENIORS MINISTRY

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH, 10:30 A.M- 12:30 P.M.

MEAL

CONVERSATION

BINGO

Our first Senior Ministry group will meet on Tuesday, 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



Buffalo Valley Conference of the Upper Susquehanna Synod ELCA

The Buffalo Valley Conference spans all of Union County and the upper portion of Northumberland County. Buffalo Valley Conference has its own Facebook page where we share community events happening within our conference.

Check it out here, www.facebook.com/bvcuss/

And don't forget to  LIKE the page!

Poinsettias

Price is \$10

Order forms are on the bulletin board.



Help us fill the sanctuary with beautiful poinsettias this Christmas, all to the glory of God!

Please write clearly on the order form who your poinsettia is in memory or honor of.



Sunday, October 30

Don't forget to wear **RED!**



Scout Troop
605
Chicken BBQ



1/2 Chicken, Mac & Cheese,
Baked Beans & Bun

October 22nd Noon to
3pm Milton Lutheran
Church

\$10.00 per meal

**Contact Dean Crites for
Tickets**

570-490-1196



MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Pastor	Gary Schaeffer
Director of Music	John Warfel
Asst Director Of Music	Nancy Walters
Office Administrator	Terri Cromwell
Digital Ministry Coordinator	Seth Reitz
Custodian	Chuck Stahl
Treasurer	Rose Deaner
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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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