

*We Warmly
Welcome You to*



Milton Lutheran Church

*Fostering community through faith,
love and service*

October 23, 2022

Twentieth 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 Kathy Sumner's family in memory of her.**

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.

Gathering Music

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: “Here I Am, Lord” (ELW 574)

Prayer of the Day:

Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion’s mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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.

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Gospel Reading: Luke 18:9-14

⁹He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even

look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Sermon: "Sinner and Saint"

Gary Schaeffer, Pastor

Song: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" (ELW 742)

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.



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.



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, ___ 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.

Communion Song:

1*



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

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: “Abide with Me” (ELW 629)

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, 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
Sun, Oct. 30	REFORMATION SUNDAY Adult Sunday School, 8am Traditional Worship, 9:30am Fellowship Hour, 10:30am
Mon, Oct. 31	Newsletter Deadline Boy Scouts, 6pm Grief Support Group, 6:30pm
Tue, Nov. 1	TOPS, 10am Welcome Table, 5pm
Wed, Nov. 2	Boy Scouts, 6pm
Thu, Nov. 3	Getting Ahead Mtg., 5:30pm
Fri, Nov. 4	Parents Helping Parents, 3:30pm Scouts Game Night: 5pm

Happy Birthday



10/26 Paul Stover

10/27 Craig Lawler

10/27 Norm Showers

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

Please Join Us In Prayer For...

Frannie Brouse, Jaime Evoke, 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.

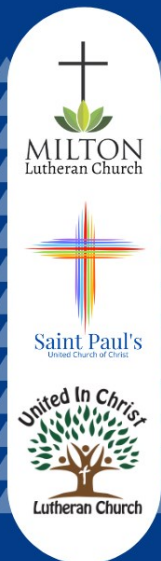
FELLOWSHIP HOUR

**SUNDAY
OCT. 23RD**

**FOLLOWING
WORSHIP**

Downstairs in the
fellowship hall.

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.

Poinsettias

Price is \$10

Order forms are on the bulletin board.

Order Deadline is Nov. 2



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!

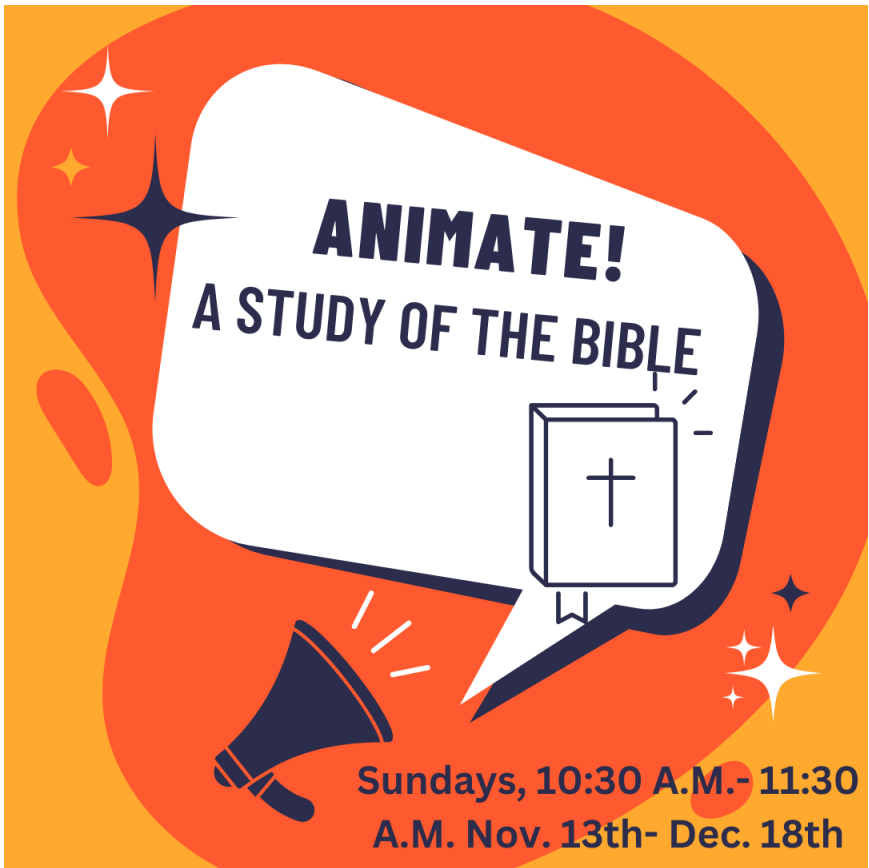
A JOURNEY THROUGH LUTHER'S SMALL CATCECHISM



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!



As we finish up our By Heart bible study we are getting ready to start something new! Join us on Sunday mornings following worship for a bible study of studying the bible. Yep you heard that right! Pastor Gary will lead us through a 6 week program of looking at the bible, how we read it, it's history, and how to interpret it for our lives today. We will meet in the library and everyone is welcome!

Free hygiene/
self-care
products to
anyone that
needs them.

Sunday
November 6th
11:30am-1pm

Self-Care Sanctuary



100 MAHONING ST. MILTON, PA



Coming this November!

We will be distributing hygiene products and self care items to people in our community. A volunteer list and more details will be coming soon!



**ALL SAINTS
WORSHIP
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH**

Join us for this special worship service as we take time to remember our church members who have died this past year as well as our loved ones. There will be a special time of prayer and remembrance during worship.



SHARING OUR TABLES

FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

A ministry partnership of Milton and West Milton congregations.

Saint Paul's at 1125 Mahoning Street, Milton



Sunday, November 13

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Join us for a meal of salad, baked ziti with meatballs, garlic bread, and dessert.

Take-out is available.

Partners in Ministry: Milton Lutheran Church, Saint Paul's United Church of Christ, United In Christ Lutheran Church, and St. Paul's AME Church.

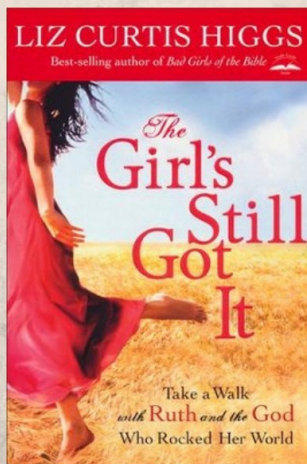
Our next community meal is right around the corner. Volunteers are needed the day of the meal for food prep and food service. We are also in need of food donations. Please sign-up on the board in the main entry-way.

There will also be a holiday meal on Sunday, December 4. More details to come!

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

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!



Join us on November 26th for a Christmas Craft Party! We will gather from 3:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M. for some fun, crafts, songs, cookies, and hot chocolate. If you are willing to volunteer to lead a craft table please sign-up in the main entrance or contact the church office by November 20th.

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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