

We Warmly Welcome You to



Milton Lutheran Church

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

October 24, 2021

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Prayer

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 by congregation.)

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 Sumner family in honor of Kathy Sumner, beloved wife and mother.

We would like to give special thanks to our worship leaders; **Gary Schaeffer - Pastor, John Warfel- Music Director/Organist and Lynette Wiesner - 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 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 be invited to come forward during worship in one line. Pastor Gary will administer the bread. You will then proceed to the left or right depending on which side of the church you are seated on. There will be pre-filled cups with wine. Please take the cup and a communion assistant will administer the wine. You may return to your seat from the outside aisle. Communion kits are available upon entry to the church for people who have mobility concerns or who prefer to stay seated. We will administer communion to people with the kits at the end of communion. 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 vocal cords, 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 escort them to 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 world energized to share God's love with everyone you meet!

Gathering Music

Weekly Check-in and Prayers

Gary Schaeffer, Pastor

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Gary Schaeffer, Pastor

The Lord be with you

And also with you

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, you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

Blessed be God now and forever.

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land.

Blessed be God now and forever.

In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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 bring them forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

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 Prayer

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.

To you, O God, be all glory and honor through your Son, Jesus Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.*



Song "God Whose Almighty Word" (ELW 673) - Please sing the 1st and last verse.



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Text: John Marriott, 1780-1825, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN. Felice de Giardini. 1716-1796

Scripture Reading: Job 42:1-6 & 10-17,

Lynnette Weisner – Worship Assistant

42 Then Job answered the LORD:

²“I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

³“Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?”

Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did



not know.

⁴ 'Hear, and I will speak;

I will question you, and you declare to me.'

⁵ I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you;

⁶ therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes."

¹⁰ And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. ¹¹ Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money^[a] and a gold ring. ¹² The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. ¹³ He also had seven sons and three daughters. ¹⁴ He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. ¹⁵ In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. ¹⁶ After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. ¹⁷ And Job died, old and full of days.

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:46-52

Gary Schaeffer, Pastor

As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸ Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹ Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰ So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵² Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Sermon "It's All About Freedom"

Gary Schaeffer, Pastor

Song "Healer of Our Every Ill " (ELW 612) Please sing first and last verses.





1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -
ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

Text: Georg Neumark, 1621-1681; tr. composite
Music: WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT, Georg Neumark
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Dedication Of Our Name- Milton Lutheran Church

People of God: Today we seek God's blessing as we gather with thankful hearts to dedicate our new name to the glory of God.



Blessed are you, O Lord our God. You divided day from night, you appointed times and seasons for work and rest, for tearing down and building up, for old and new, for tradition and change. You blessed your people through every generation with the promise of your love and faithfulness.

Be with us now as we dedicate our new name, The Milton Lutheran Church, to your glory and praise. Grant us faith to know your gracious purpose in all things, give us joy in them, and lead us to the building up of your kingdom, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who live and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *AMEN*

Let us give thanks to God.

Thanks be to God.

Prayers

Lynnette Weisner – Worship Assistant

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.

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 . . .

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 . . .



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.

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.

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:

beyond the stars; beneath the sea;

within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness:

through the water; by night and day;

across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son:

at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;

beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

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 love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:

in our gathering; within this meal;

among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Sung By John Warfel

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 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 and ever. Amen.

Communion

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Communion Song

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.*

Closing Song—"Amazing Grace" (ELW 779) Please sing 1st and last verse.





1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5
Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

Blessing

The God of steadfastness and encouragement
grant you to live in harmony with one another,
in accordance with Christ Jesus.

Amen.

Sending

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.





Please Join Us In Prayer This Week For

Joanie Fisher

Ken Gaugler

Karen Smith

Mae Jones

Terry Deaner

Patricia Muffly

Patsy Aunkst

Julie Benshoff

Gerald Greenly

Kimberly Dill

Jim Seidel & Family

Doris Heffelfinger

Chole Henderson

Kathy Longenberger

Nancy Cochran

& Family

Gabby Ricco

Florence & Pete Ishler

Mary Lou Benshoff

Family & friends of

Mary Ellen Bartholomew

Family & friends of

Patricia Engelman

Acorns



"The only real prison is fear, and the only real freedom
is freedom from fear."

-Aung San Suu Kyi

"For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and
enhances the freedom of others."

-Nelson Mandela

Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember.

Involve me and I learn.

-Benjamin Franklin



This Week at Milton Lutheran Church

SUN., Oct. 24

8:00 AM Sunday School in the Library

9:30 A.M. Worship Service. **Blessing for our new Name & Vote for your favorite Pumpkin.**

Live stream available.

WED., Oct. 27

7:00 PM Bible Study Led by Pastor Gary Schaeffer in the library all are welcome to join us!

SUN., Oct. 31

8:00 AM Sunday School in the Library

9:30 A.M. Worship Service (Reformation) at Live stream available.

A Note From Our Outreach Team

The Outreach team would like to focus the month of October on Disaster Relief. While we all know there are disasters happening all around us, our main focus this month would be for those affected by Hurricane Ida in Louisiana. We are asking you to consider making a donation either via check/cash (marked specifically for disaster relief) in the offering plate or by reaching out to any member of the Outreach team. We will see that the funds are deposited and forwarded to the relief program set up through the ELCA for Hurricane Ida. I also am including a link if you would want to make a donation directly to them through the ELCA. <https://community.elca.org/emailviewonwebpage.aspx?erid=20e3e4c8-dde1-40b6-9dcd-1047cbcd5290&trid=20e3e4c8-dde1-40b6-9dcd-1047cbcd5290> Thank you as always for your continued support. Blessings, The Milton Lutheran Parish Outreach Team





JOIN THE FUN FOR A GREAT CAUSE!

Sunday, November 14 Chili Cook-off & Comedy Night 6:00 PM in the basement of the church. Join us for some time of fun and fellowship as we taste some great chili and enjoy a few laughs! Make your own Chili to be judged, share some funny stories, or jokes with friends and support Lutheran Disaster Response. We will be voting for our favorite chili by making monetary donations. All proceeds will go to Lutheran Disaster Response in support of those affected by hurricane Ida. A special trophy will be presented to the winner!

Psst.. Pastor Gary says he makes the best chili ever! So, we need to bring our best chilis, I know we have some great cooks out there!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

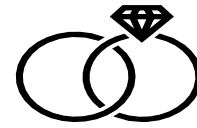
Tuesday 10/26

Paul Stover

Wednesday 10/27

Craig Lawler

Norm Showers



HAPPY

ANNIVERSARY!

Shannon & Stephen Moll will be celebrating
6 years on Sunday, October 24.



Milton Lutheran Church Leadership Team	
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Blind Bartimaeus receives his sight!

