

*We Warmly
Welcome You to*



Milton Lutheran Church

*Fostering community through faith,
love and service*

November 13, 2022

Twenty Second 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 Jeff Coup family in memory of her.**

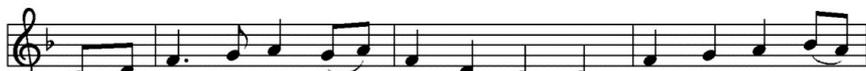
We would like to give special thanks to our worship leaders; **Gary Schaeffer: Pastor, John Warfel: Director of Music, Nancy Walters: Assistant Director of Music and Sue Warfel: Worship Assistant. As well as our, Greeters: Don and Peggy Fisher. We would also like to thank our Worship Set Up Team: Judy Farr and Helen Billhime and our Communion Assistants: Joe and Krista Yaiko.** 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: “Through the night of doubt and sorrow” (ELW 327)

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 Thessalonians 3:6-13

6Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. 7For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, 8and we did not eat anyone’s bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden

any of you. 9This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. 10For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. 11For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. 12Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. 13Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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 21:5-19

5When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 6“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.” 7They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” 8And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for

many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. 9 "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." 10 Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; 11 there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. 12 "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. 13 This will give you an opportunity to testify. 14 So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; 15 for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. 16 You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. 17 You will be hated by all because of my name. 18 But not a hair of your head will perish. 19 By your endurance you will gain your souls.

Sermon: *"Only God's Love is Forever"*

Gary Schaeffer, Pastor

Song: *"If you but trust in God to guide you" (ELW 769)*

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.

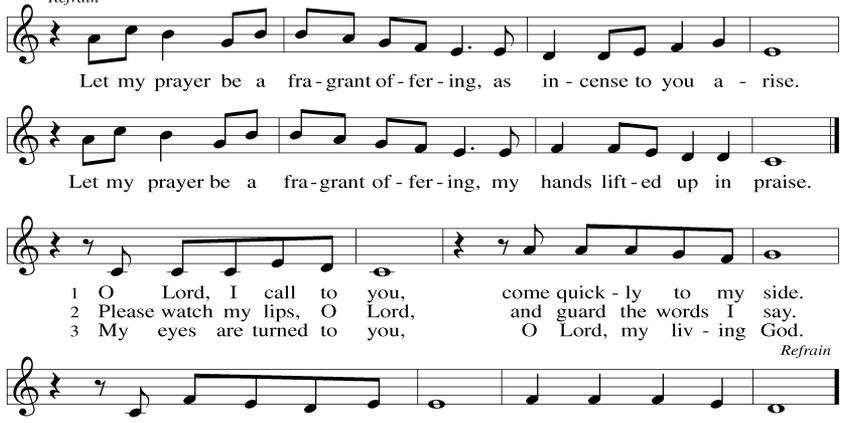
Especially we pray—
for those who govern nations of the world . . .
for the people in countries ravaged by strife or warfare . . .
for all who work for peace and international harmony . . .
for all who strive to save the earth from carelessness
and destruction . . .
for the church of Jesus Christ in 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.

Refrain



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.

Refrain

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, — go from the ta - ble in peace. —

(for sending) Go, — go, — go from the ta - ble in peace. —

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 peace
 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.

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: “God be with you till we meet again” (ELW 536)

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



Shirley M. Stigerwalt, 86, of New Columbia, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 3, 2022, at the Evangelical Community Hospital, Lewisburg. Born in New Berlin on May 17, 1935, she was the daughter of the late Palmer Walter and Mar (Drumheller) Walter Moll and her stepfather Floyd Moll. She was married to Charles E. Stigerwalt. Together they celebrated 56 years of marriage. Shirley was a 1953 graduate of Mifflinburg High School and had retired from Commonwealth Bank in Milton.

Our apologies to the family for the late entry.



CANCELLED

SAVE THE DATE!

FRIENDSGIVING
PARTY!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH, 2022

2:00 P.M. @ CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

BUFFALO VALLEY CONFERENCE CONGREGATIONS

What's Happening at MLC

NOV. 13	8:00AM	ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
	9:30AM	MORNING PRAYER WORSHIP
	11:00AM	FELLOWSHIP HOUR
	11:00AM	PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY
	4:00PM	SHARING OUR TABLES MEAL
NOV.14	12:00PM	MILTON ROTARY MTG.
	6:00PM	BOY SCOUTS
NOV.15	10:00AM	TOPS
	10:30AM	MERRY MAKERS:SENIOR GROUP
NOV.16	6:00PM	BOY SCOUTS
NOV.18	3:30PM	PARENTS HELPING PARENTS
NOV.20	ALL DAY	BLESSING OF HARVEST
	ALL DAY	CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
	8:00AM	ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
	9:30AM	WORSHIP
	11:00AM	PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY
	1:00PM	YOUTH GROUP

Happy Birthday



11/15 Connie Stover

11/18 Cindy Kopyscianski

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



HAPPY Anniversary

11/15 Seth and Lindsay Tanner



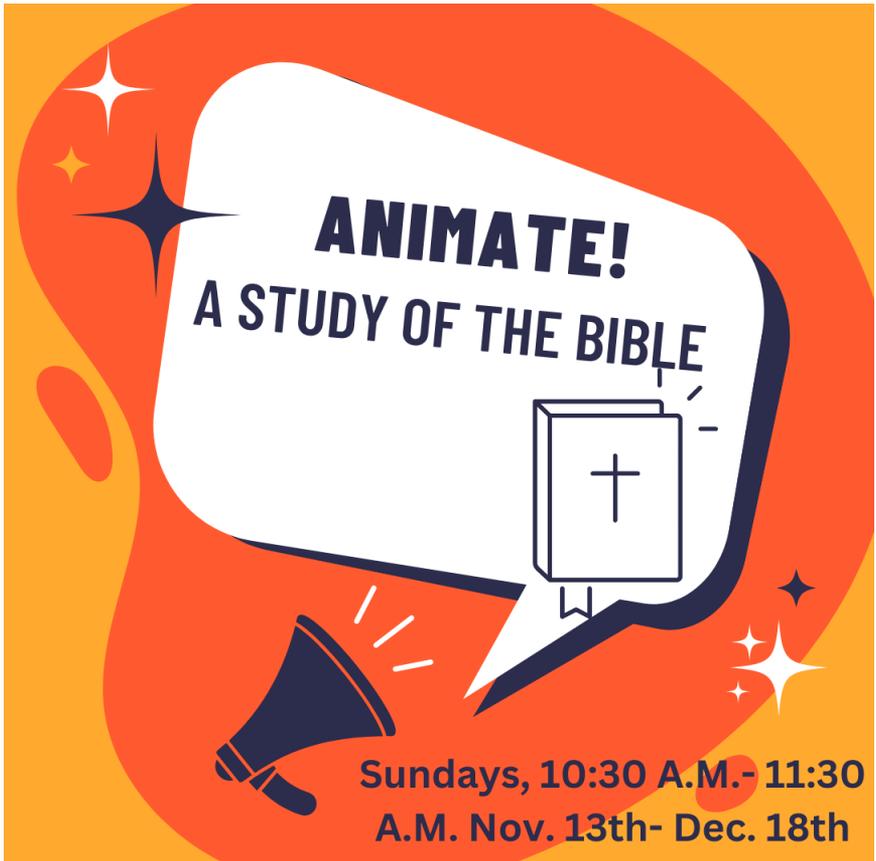
Please Join Us In Prayer For...

Tresha Sudol, Frannie Brouse, 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.



You're invited to join us for our hiking group's next hike! We will be hiking the Ketchum Falls Trail on Friday, Nov. 25th. Hikers should meet in the church parking lot at 9:00 A.M. and we will carpool to the trail together. The Ketchum falls trail is a moderate hike with beautiful waterfall views!



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!

FOOD DRIVE

HARVEST HOME



**HELP DONATE TO THOSE IN HUNGER!
ACCEPTING CANNED FOOD AND
NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS**

NOV 6TH-20TH

**ALL DONATIONS WILL BE
GIVEN TO THE MILTON
ROTARY FOOD PANTRY**

Starting November 6th we will be collecting non-perishable food items to donate to the Rotary food pantry. You can drop off these items anytime between Nov. 6th-20th and there will be a special blessing of the donated items during worship on Nov. 20th. Please be sure to check your expiration dates on donated items.



We are keeping this new tradition alive with the hanging of the greens worship on Sunday, Nov. 27th. Come dressed in your comfy clothes as together we decorate our worship space for the advent season. Worshipping online with us? Join us virtually and decorate your own worship space at home!



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.



FELLOWSHIP HOUR

**SUNDAYS
NOV. 13TH & 27TH**

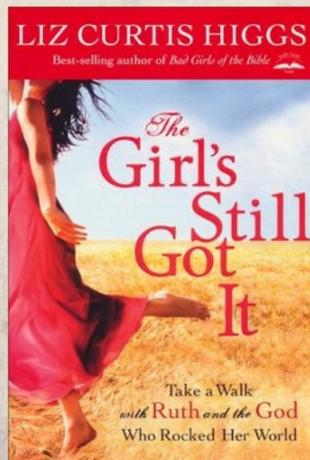
FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Downstairs in the
fellowship hall.

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!



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Publishers Weekly

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MERRY MAKERS

SENIOR'S GROUP

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH, 10:30 A.M- 12:30 P.M.

MEAL

CONVERSATION

BINGO

Our Merry Makers Senior's Group will be meeting again on November 15th. There will be a homemade Thanksgiving Dinner, more bingo, and a speaker. We hope you will join us and bring a friend!



YOU'RE INVITED!

CHRISTMAS CRAFT WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26 | 3:00PM

Milton Lutheran Church

100 Mahoning Street, Milton, PA



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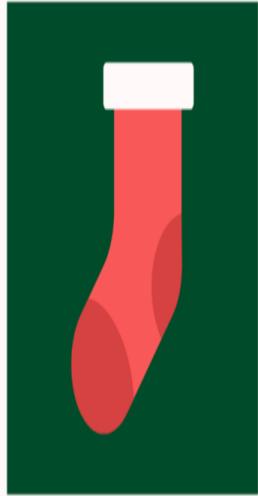


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Crafts! Cocoa! Cookies! Carols!



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 entryway or contact the church office by No-

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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