# We Warmly Welcome You to



# Milton Lutheran Church

Fostering community through faith, love and service

# November 20th, 2022 Christ the King

# **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 <a href="https://miltonlutheranchurch.org">https://miltonlutheranchurch.org</a> 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!



We would like to give special thanks to our worship leaders;

Pastor: Gary Schaeffer
Director of Music: John Warfel

**Assistant Director of Music: Nancy Walters** 

Worship Assistant: Sue Warfel Greeters: Don and Peggy Fisher

Worship Set Up Team: Judy Farr and Helen Billhime Communion Assistants: Joe and Krista Yaiko.

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: "Now Thank We All Our God" (ELW 840)

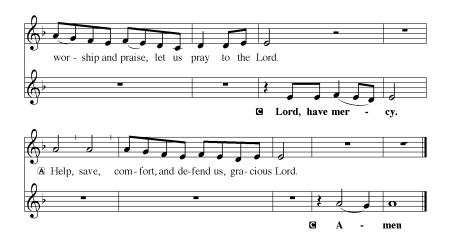
#### **GREETING**

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.

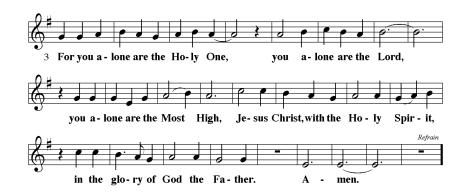
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#### **HYMN OF PRAISE**





#### 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: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous

Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### **PSALM 46**

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. Selah

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

"Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Bring to God the Harvest"



#### GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-16

"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Praise to you, O Christ.

"Blessing of Food Donations"

**SERMON: "Let Your Light Shine Through"** 

HYMN: "Beautiful Savior" (ELW 838)

#### **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 communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

We pray for your church. Embolden denominations and faith-based organizations in creative and collaborative ministries and increase our work for the sake of the gospel. We give you thanks for our partners in ministry, especially United in Christ Lutheran Church, Saint Paul's United Church of Christ, The Getting Ahead Foundation, our scout troops and venturing crew, and so many more. Lord in your mercy, *receive our prayer*.

We pray for the earth. Protect waterways from pollution and animal habitats from destruction Especially the west branch of the Susquehanna watershed. Guide us in careful stewardship of waters, plant life, and animals. Lord, in your mercy, *receive our prayer*.

We pray for the nations of the world. Instill in every leader's heart a desire for justice and peace. Support the work of international collaborations that seek the goals of health and joy for all people. Guide our leaders toward peace especially in places where war and conflict occur.

Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

We pray for all who are undermined or oppressed. Amplify the voices of the unheard and break open stubborn systems of injustice. We pray for the people living in poverty and especially those who struggle to keep up with the demands of life. Bring about your righteousness and fill us all with your redeeming

light. Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

We pray for our community of faith. Guide us all toward your will for us in this place. Help us to be constant discernment, and nurture new leaders with fresh ideas. Give this congregation a spirit of discipleship and service. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.** 

Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

#### Amen.



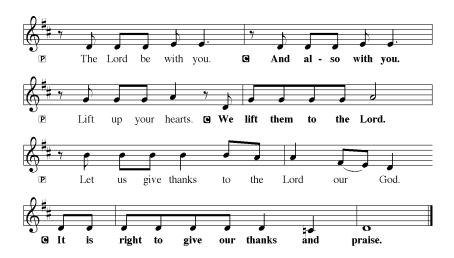
#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, as we gather around this table to receive the gift of your grace, we offer ourselves to you. All that we have, eve-

rything 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.

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#### COMMUNION BLESSING

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

#### Amen

"Don't Let Go"-by Gentri

#### **BLESSING**

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

#### Amen

CLOSING HYMN: "Crown Hymn With Many Crowns" (ELW 855)

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, NOV 20	ALL DAY BLESSING OF HARVEST HOME ITEMS		
	ALL DAY CHRIS THE KING SUNDAY		
	8-9:00AM	ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL	
	9:30-11 WORSHIP		
	11AM-12	PASTORS BIBLE STUDY	
	1-2:30PM	YOUTH GROUP	
MON, NOV 21	12-1PM MILT 6-8PM 7-8:30PM	ON ROTARY CLUB BOY SCOUTS COUNCIL	
TUE, NOV 22	10-11AM	TOPS	
WED, NOV 23	6-8PM	BOY SCOUTS	
FRI, NOV 25	9-9:30AM 3:30-5:30P	HIKING TRIP PARENTS HELPING PARENTS	





# 11/22/75 John and Susan Warfel



11/20 Allene Engleman 11/21 Mary Solomon

11/22 Chris Trate

11/23 Terry Deaner 11/24 Stephanie Byers

11/25 Donna Spear

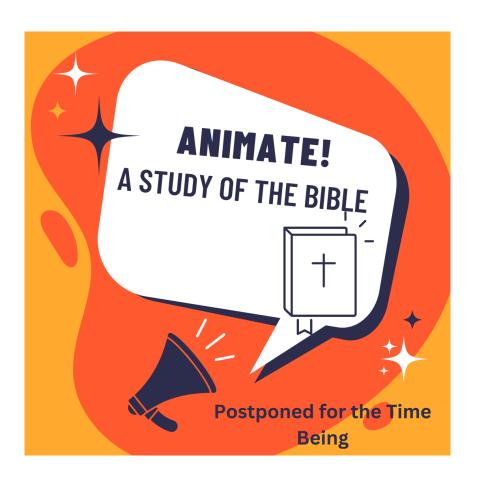
# Please Join Us In Prayer For...

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.

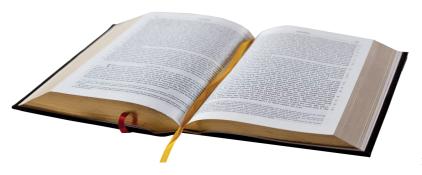
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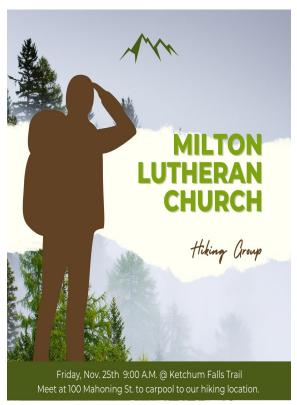


This week as we gather for worship we are reminded that we are the salt of the earth and as such we are sent out into the world to be the light in the world. It may not always be easy, but as people of God, God calls us to love one another, to stand up for those in need, to bring light into the dark places, and love our neighbors. We hope you will join us this week either online or in person as we learn of ways to let our lights shine.



We have decided to postpone the Animate bible study for the time being. We will plan to resume this bible study in the near future!





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

# **CHURCH COUNCIL**

Council will meet on Monday November 21st at 7pm.





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





This advent season we will enter the world of Fred Rogers. Mr. Rogers was one of the most impactful persons of the 21st century. As a Presbyterian Pastor Mr. Rogers created the show Mr. Roger's Neighborhood. Through his ministry he was able to touch the lives of millions of people and bring forth a message of love and acceptance for all. We hope you will join us each Sunday in Advent, starting with Nov. 27th as we hear stories about, learn, and explore his life. Our theme, 'Being Neighborly' is broken up into four different topics based on what it means to be neighborly.

Week 1- (Nov. 27th) Having Fun Week 2- (Dec. 4th) Loving Unconditionally Week 3- (Dec. 11th) Standing Up for Others Week 4- (Dec. 18th) Loving When It's Hard 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!





Our next grief support group gathering will take place on Monday, November 8th at 6:30 P.M. This month's gathering will be at United In Christ: 1875 Churches Road,

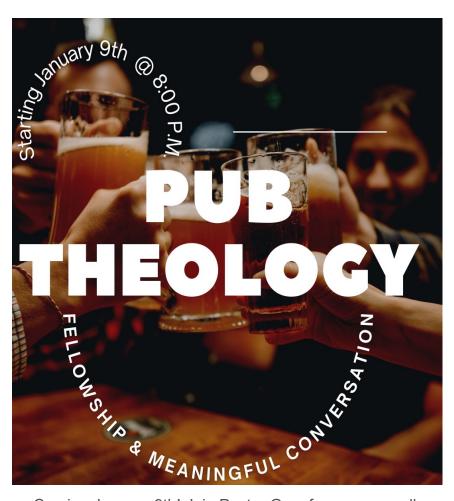


We are ready to bring back this important ministry of our church. If you are interested in serving on a visitation team that will visit homebound and shut-in members please join us for an informational meeting on Wednesday, November 30th @ 7:00 P.M. in the Library.



Join us on December 6th for our dinner Welcome Table gathering. There will be great food, worship, crafts, and lots of fun for everyone!





Coming January 9th! Join Pastor Gary for a new small group especially for people who would like a different kind of fellowship and conversation about faith & spirituality. A location for our gathering will be determined at a later date.



# MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

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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 8am-2pm

Tuesday 8am-2pm

Wednesday 8am-2pm

Thursday 8am-2pm

Friday 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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