

*We Warmly  
Welcome You to*



*Milton Lutheran Church*

*Fostering community through faith,  
love and service*

November 27th, 2022

**Hanging of the Greens**

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 weeks flowers were generously donated by Bonnie Heimbach & Family in memory of parents Shirley & Raymond Pentycofe.**



**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: Kellie Brouse**

**Greeters: Don and Peggy Fisher**

**Worship Set Up Team: Judy Farr and Helen  
Billhime**

**Communion Assistants: Joe and Krista Yai-  
ko.**



## Gathering Music

### Greeting

### Introduction

Leader:

In the days to come  
the mountain of the LORD's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hill;  
all the nations shall stream to it.  
Many peoples shall come and say:

All:

***"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that God may teach us God's ways  
and that we may walk in God's paths."***

Worship Assistant:

With what shall we come to God's house?

Leader:

Bring branches of cedar and holly,  
bring evergreens and a pine tree,  
hang wreaths, lights and garlands.

All:

***Bring forth the sense of hope this advent season as we prepare  
our worship space, Listen to the words of the prophets.***

***Let us make our hearts and this space a place of inward and out-  
ward preparation for the One that gives us second birth.***

### Opening Prayer

Good Lord, by your mercy  
guide our outward actions in such ways

that our inward being is formed  
in faith, hope, and love.  
May the decorations we offer  
engage our senses during the days of Advent  
and enliven our praise and worship,  
in the name of the child of Bethlehem,  
our risen and coming savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Opening 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)*

## *Hanginq of the Greens*

### **Songs**

#### **Lighting the Advent Wreath**

We light one candle.

*And we pray for peace.*

We light one candle.

*And we pray that swords will be turned into plowshares.*

We look for the arrival of God's Son, our Prince of peace.

*Come to us, Prince of Peace*

#### **Gospel Reading- Mark 12: 28-34**

<sup>28</sup> One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

<sup>29</sup> "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

[e] <sup>30</sup> Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' [f] <sup>31</sup> The second is this: 'Love your

neighbor as yourself.<sup>[g]</sup> There is no commandment greater than these.”

<sup>32</sup> “Well said, teacher,” the man replied. “You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. <sup>33</sup> To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

<sup>34</sup> When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.

**Video- ‘Why? A Thanksgiving Comedy’**

**Sermon- Being Neighborly Means....Having Fun**

**CHOIR: “Christmas is Coming”**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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**

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.***

## **Communion**

# You Are Holy

## Du är helig

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!

\* May be sung in canon.

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### **Communion Blessing**

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. ***Amen.***

### **Blessing**

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

### **Closing Song: Soon and Very (ELW 439)**

### **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

<b>SUN, NOV 27</b>	<b>ALL DAY</b> <b>ALL DAY</b> <b>8-8:30AM</b> <b>9:30-11 AM</b> <b>11AM-12PM</b> <b>11AM-12PM</b>	<b>ADVENT 1</b> <b>HANGING THE GREEN</b> <b>ADULT S UNDAY SCHOOL</b> <b>WORSHIP</b> <b>FELLOWSHIP HOUR</b> <b>PASTORS BIBLE STUDY</b>
<b>MON, NOV 28</b>	<b>12-1PM</b> <b>6-8PM</b> <b>6:30-8PM</b>	<b>MILTON ROTARY MTG</b> <b>BOY SCOUTS</b> <b>GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP</b>
<b>TUE, NOV 29</b>	<b>10-11AM</b>	<b>TOPS</b>
<b>WED, NOV 30</b>	<b>6-8PM</b>	<b>BOY SCOUTS</b>
<b>THU, DEC 1</b>	<b>5:30-7PM</b>	<b>GETTING AHEAD MTG</b>
<b>FRI, DEC 2</b>	<b>3:30-5:30PM</b>	<b>PARENTS HELPING PARENTS</b>



# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



## **NO ANNIVERSARY'S**



12/1 Crystal Gnidovec

12/1 Julie Benschhoff

### **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 Benschhoff, Gerald Greenly, Jim Seidel & Family, Melvin Crist, April and Schuyler.*

***If you know someone who needs to be added or removed from the prayer list, please call the church office.***

# Join us



for worship @ the Milton Lutheran Church  
as we explore the wonder of Christmas.

*4:00 P.M. - Contemporary Worship*

*10:30 P.M. - Special Music*

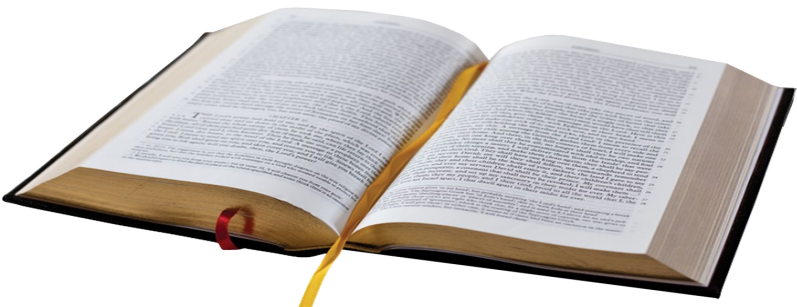
*11:00 P.M. - Traditional Worship with candlelight*

*The Wonder of*  
**CHRISTMAS**

CHECK US OUT ONLINE AT  
[MILTONLUTHERANCHURCH.ORG](http://MILTONLUTHERANCHURCH.ORG)  
100 MAHONING ST. MILTON, PA 17847



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!





# SHARING OUR TABLES

## FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

A ministry partnership of Milton and West Milton congregations.

Saint Paul's at 1125 Mahoning Street, Milton



Sunday, December 4

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Join us for a meal of Ham,  
mashed potatoes, corn, and cake

*Eat-in or Take-out*

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! Sign-ups are available on the bulletin board and we are accepting donations for food items as well as volunteers to help with set-up, food service, and clean-up. Thank you for your support of this vital ministry!



A night sky with a starburst of light in the upper center. Below the starburst, the words "The Wonder of CHRISTMAS" are written in a white, serif font. The word "The" is in a smaller, cursive font, while "Wonder of" is in a larger, cursive font, and "CHRISTMAS" is in a large, bold, serif font. Below the text, a manger scene is visible, showing a wooden manger filled with hay and a white cloth. The background is a dark, starry night sky with a blue and purple gradient.

*The Wonder of*  
**CHRISTMAS**

Saturday, December 24th



Join our

# Visitation Team

Meeting Wednesday, November  
30th @ 7:00 P.M.

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.



YOU'RE INVITED!

# CHRISTMAS CRAFT WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26 | 3:00PM  
Milton Lutheran Church  
100 Mahoning Street, Milton, PA



Sponsored by:





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



**FELLOWSHIP HOUR**

# SUNDAYS NOV. 13TH & 27TH

**FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

Downstairs in the fellowship hall.



## Being Neighborly

AN ADVENT WORSHIP SERIES BASED ON THE LIFE AND  
TEACHINGS OF FRED ROGERS

**Sundays Nov. 27th- Dec. 18th**

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!

**Sunday,  
December 4th  
11:30 A.M- 1:00 P.M.**

## **Self-Care Sanctuary**

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

**Milton Lutheran Church  
100 Mahoning St. Milton. PA**



The next Self-Care sanctuary is right around the corner and will take place on December 4th from 11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. We are looking for volunteers to help with set-up, distribution, and clean-up. If you would like volunteer to help please sign up on the bulletin board. We are also asking volunteers to connect with Steph Byers of Pastor Gary before the day of the distribution.

In partnership with:



# GRIEVE

## WITH THOSE IN GRIEF

A grief support group for those on  
the journey together.

**You are welcomed here.**

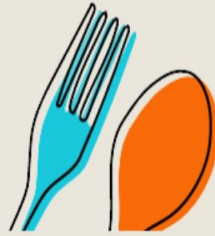
Our next grief support group gathering will take place on Monday, November 8th at 6:30 P.M. This month's gathering will be at United In Christ: 1875 Churches Road, Lewisburg, PA 17837.

Tuesday, December 6th

5:00 P.M.

Worship

Discussion



Service

THE WELCOME  
TABLE



Meal

An intergenerational worship experience like none other...

Play

Community

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

Pastor	Gary Schaeffer
Director of Music	John Warfel
Assistant Director of Music	Nancy Walters
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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	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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