

We Warmly Welcome You to



Milton Lutheran Church

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

November 7, 2021

All Saint's Sunday
Traditional Service

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.)

Today as you enter the sanctuary please pause and take a moment to admire the flowers and be inspired by their beauty. This week they have been provided by the Milton Lutheran Church congregation for all to share in memory of loved ones.

We would like to give special thanks to our worship leaders; **Gary Schaeffer- Pastor, John Warfel- Music Director/Organist & Penny Ulmer - 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 church office at 100 Mahoning St. Milton, PA. All the offerings we receive are used to accomplish the mission of our church. 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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
and of the † Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Have mercy on us, O God.

We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor. We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger. We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy. Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and to treasure mercy and justice. Turn us from our ways to your ways, and free us to serve those in need. Amen.

God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins for † Jesus' sake and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God.

Amen.

REMEMBRANCE OF THE SAINTS

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation, who comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

Let us Pray. O' God, we remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you on earth, who now rest from their labors, especially...

Mary Ellen Bartholomew 10/14/2021, George L. Bolich 7/5/2021, Georgia Boyer 5/29/2021, Patricia Engelman 10/16/2021, Bonnie J. Erb 1/25/2021, George Fisher 11/7/2020, Nancy Mensch 5/17/2021, Edward E. Nelson 5/29/2021, Raymond E. Pentycufe (Penny) 1/13/2021, Dorothy Jean Poeth 1/4/2021, Stella Webb 10/28 2020 and Darlas Yost 11/3/2021.

Keep us in union with all your saints, and bring us with them to the joyous feast of heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

HYMN "SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER" (ELW 423) Please sing the first and last verses.



1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

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.

KYRIE (SUNG)

A In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord. **A** For the
G Lord, have mer - cy.

peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the

Lord. **A** For the peace of the whole world, the well - be - ing of the
G Lord, have mer - cy.

Church of God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. **A** For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their
G Lord, have mer - cy.

wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

☒ Lord, have mer - cy.

☒ Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

☒ A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: REVELATION 21:1-6A

Penny Ulmer – Worship Assistant

A reading from Revelation the 21st Chapter

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home^[a] of God is among mortals.

He will dwell^[b] with them;

they will be his peoples,^[c]

and God himself will be with them;^[d]

⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶ Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 24 Read Responsively

¹ The earth is the LORD’s and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;

² for he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.

³ Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
 And who shall stand in his holy place?
⁴ Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
 who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
 and do not swear deceitfully.
⁵ They will receive blessing from the LORD,
 and vindication from the God of their salvation.
⁶ Such is the company of those who seek him,
 who seek the face of the God of Jacob. [▩] *Selah*
⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates!
 and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
 that the King of glory may come in.
⁸ Who is the King of glory?
 The LORD, strong and mighty,
 the LORD, mighty in battle.
⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates!
 and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
 that the King of glory may come in.
¹⁰ Who is this King of glory?
 The LORD of hosts,
 he is the King of glory.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: John 11:32-44
 Gary Schaeffer, Pastor

The holy Gospel according to John the 11th Chapter

Glory to you O Lord

³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, “Where

have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

SERMON "WATERBUGS AND DRAGONFLIES"

Gary Schaeffer, Pastor

HYMN "FOR ALL THE SAINTS" (ELW 422) Please sing all verses.

*1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*5 The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their
might; thou, Lord, their captain in the well-
fought fight; thou, in the darkness drear, their
one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious
day: the saints triumphant rise in bright
array; the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's
farthest coast, through gates of pearl
streams in the countless host, singing to
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.*

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897

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

Hear us, O God

Your mercy is great.

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

We give you thanks for social ministries of the church around the world and for every ministry that heals, lifts up, and empowers those who are poor, oppressed, abused, abandoned, or ignored. Build up your ministries and prosper all works of mercy. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We praise you for the bounty of creation and a world of abundance. Protect the earth from all who would devour its resources. Create and strengthen sustainable communities who honor your creation with loving care. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give you thanks for leaders who seek peace for all nations and lead efforts toward greater justice. Accompany all who suffer the wounds of war, with veterans who carry battle scars from the past, and all who promote peace today. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We praise you for plentiful harvests and generous hearts. Send needed resources and caring neighbors to all those in need. We pray for refugees, orphans, widows, those unemployed, those suffering abuse, and all who are in need. Restore to health all who are sick in any way.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We praise you for missionaries who share your love in new communities and bring compassion for all. Continue to raise up missionaries for lives of service in your name.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give you thanks for the saints of this congregation who have inspired, challenged, loved, and taught us. Comfort all who grieve and lead us by their example until you gather us in your heavenly home.

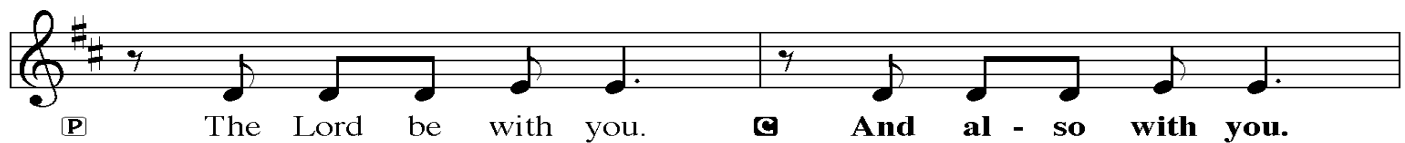
Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

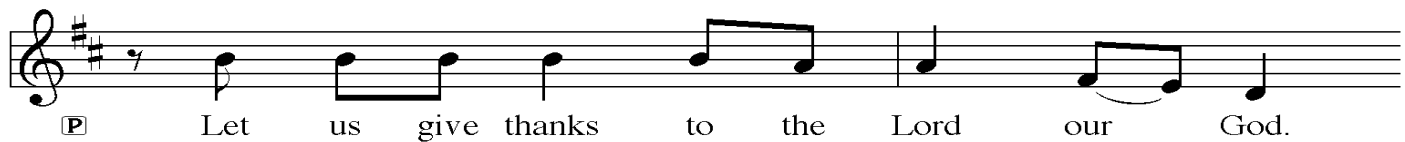
DIALOGUE



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.*

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thank-ful hearts and voices raise; tell ev-'ry -
one what God has done. Let all who
seek the Lord rejoice, rejoice and
bear Christ's ho - ly name. Send us, O God, with your
prom - is - es, and lead us forth in joy
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

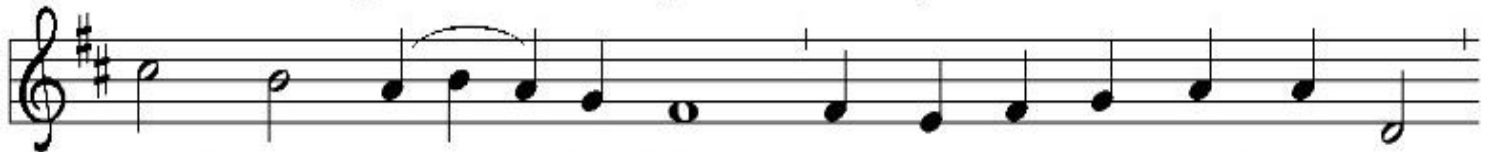
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "RISE, SON OF RIGHTEOUSNESS"(ELW 657) Please sing the 1st & last verses.



1 Rise, O Sun of righ - teous - ness; with your
2 Rouse our hearts from slum - ber deep; may your
3 Gath - er in your scat - tered flock; give us
4 Burst the bars of stub - born pride; make the
5 Hon - or, praise, and glo - ry be to the



might cre - a - tion bless. Shine up - on your church to - day,
word with - in us leap. Give us voic - es to pro - claim
wa - ter from the rock. Bless the u - ni - ty we share
heav'n - ly path - way wide. Raise us up from sin and death
ho - ly Trin - i - ty! May your gra - cious will be done:



show - ing all your gen - tle way. Have mer - cy, Lord.
prais - es to your ho - ly name. Have mer - cy, Lord.
in our shep - herd's lov - ing care. Have mer - cy, Lord.
with your Spir - it's liv - ing breath. Have mer - cy, Lord.
make us one, as you are one. Have mer - cy, Lord.

Text: Christian David, et al.; tr. Frank W. Stoldt, b. 1958

Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Notice to the Congregation:

We need volunteers from the congregation to be Greeters and Communion Assistants. Anyone of any age who is interested may volunteer. Participating in these duties is a wonderful way to meet new people, or people you may have been sitting in church with but have never really had a chance to speak with. If you have questions about what each position entails, please see Pastor Gary. He is happy to answer your questions. There will be a sign-up sheet coming to you. So take a leap of faith and volunteer, it will be a rewarding experience!

Holiday Gift Drive: Once again this year we are working with the **Milton School District** to ensure every child feels the joy of receiving a gift this holiday season. Please reach out to Krista Yaiko if you have any questions, her cell phone number is 570-742-7772. There will be a sheet with numbers listed, you are to print your name and phone number next to the number (or numbers depending on how many gifts) you would like to donate. All gifts should be new and wrapped, don't forget to get your tag(s) off the tree in the lobby. All gifts need to be dropped off at the church no later than Sunday, Dec 5, 2021. In years past this has been a fun and much appreciated contribution to the kids in our school. We look forward to another joyful and successful year!

Turn back time: Daylight savings time ends Sunday, November 7, at 2 AM. remember to set your clocks back an hour. We wouldn't want you to miss any of the fun things we have going on!



Please Join Us In Prayer This Week For

Joanie Fisher
Ken Gaugler
Karen Smith
Mae Jones
Terry Deaner
Mary Billhime

Kimberly Dill
Nancy Cochran
& Family
Family & Friends
of Darlas Yost
Russ Winn

Patricia Muffly
Patsy Aunkst
Jack Aunkst
Mary Lou Benshoff
Julie Benshoff
Gerald Greenly

Doris Heffelfinger
Chole Henderson
Kathy Longenberger
Florence & Pete Ishler
Jim Seidel & Family
Gabby Ricco

If you know someone who needs to be added or removed from the list please call the office, so that we may update the list properly. Thank you for your assistance.

This Week at Milton Lutheran Church

SUN., Nov. 7

8:00 AM Sunday School in the Library, led by Kellie Brouse.

9:30 A.M. Worship Service. Live stream available.

***5:00 PM Confirmation & 6:00 PM- Youth Group at United in Christ Church**

(*held the first and third Sunday of the month only)

MON., Nov. 8

Church Council Meeting 7 PM in 3rd floor conference room,
all are encouraged to attend.

WED., Nov. 10

7:00 PM Bible Study in the library, led by Gary Schaeffer, Pastor.

SUN., Nov. 14

8:00 AM Sunday School in the Library

9:30 A.M. Worship Service. Live stream available.



Sunday, November 14, Chili Cook-off, and 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! Please bring 2 to 4 quarts of chili to be shared and judged, a way to keep it warm (crock pot or sterno) and your own serving spoon or ladle for dishing it out. We will provide serving bowls and utensils.

Psstt... 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!

Milton Lutheran Church Leadership Team	
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