

*We Warmly Welcome You to*



*Milton Lutheran Church*

Fostering community through faith, love and service.

November 21, 2021

Christ The King

Morning Prayer

In Person & LIVE Streamed from the Sanctuary at 100 Mahoning St. at 9:30 a.m.  
on the Milton Lutheran Church YouTube Channel

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*(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 Ann Melman and family, in honor of their beloved husband and father Robert Mellman.

We would like to give special thanks to our worship leaders; **Pastor Justin Lingenfelter, John Warfel- Music Director/Organist, and Penny Ulmer - Worship Assistant** Also our ,  
**Greeters - Cuff & Sharon Greiner, Communion Assistants - Helen Billhime & Chuck Stahl.**

## 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**

**Pastor Justin Lingenfelter**

#### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

**Pastor Justin Lingenfelter**

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**

**Pastor Justin Lingenfelter**

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 "Lead on, O King Eternal" (ELW 805) - Please sing first and last verses.



1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;  
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,



hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.  
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;  
for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.



Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;  
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir-ring drums,  
Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;



and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.  
but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.  
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862-1917

Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879

## **Scripture Reading: Revelations 1:4b-8**

Penny Ulmer – Worship Assistant

<sup>b</sup>Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

## **Gospel Reading: John 18:33-37**

Pastor Justin Lingenfelter

<sup>33</sup>Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” <sup>35</sup>Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” <sup>37</sup>Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

## **Sermon “Truth on Trial”**

Pastor Justin Lingenfelter

Song "Rejoice for Christ Is King" (ELW 430) Please sing all verses.



1 Re - joice, for Christ is king! Your Lord and king a - dore;  
2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;  
3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
4 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit



re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:  
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:  
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:  
and bow to his com - mand and fall be - neath his feet:

*Refrain*



Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; re -



joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Music: LAUS REGIS, William E. Fischer, 1849-1936

## **Prayers**

Penny Ulmer – 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**

**Pastor Justin Lingenfelter**

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**

### **Communion Song**

### **Communion Blessing**

**Pastor Justin Lingenfelter**

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.*

Closing Song- "Crown Him with Many Crowns" (ELW 855) Please sing first and last verses.



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,  
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,  
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
 whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;  
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.  
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4  
 Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

## **Blessing**

**Pastor Justin Lingenfelter**

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

*Amen.*

## **Sending**

**Pastor Justin Lingenfelter**

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**

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### *Please Join Us In Prayer This Week For*

Joanie Fisher

Ken Gaugler

Karen Smith

Mae Jones

Terry Deaner

Patricia Muffly

Patsy Aunkst

Julie Benschhoff

Gerald Greenly

Kimberly Dill

Jim Seidel & Family

Doris Heffelfinger

Chole Henderson

Nancy Cochran

& Family

Family & Friends of  
Florence & Pete Ishler

Mary Lou Benschhoff

Russ Wynn

Mary Billhime

Family & Friends of

Darlas Yost

## Chili Cook Off



*Congratulations to Carol Yost for winning the Chili Cook off! Also a huge thank you to all who brought chili to share, all who tasted the many delicious chilis, those who told jokes and of course all who voted! We raised over \$600.00 for Lutheran Disaster Relief! Thank you all!!*

## This Week at Milton Lutheran Church

### SUN., Nov 21

8:00 AM Sunday School in the Library – Led by Kellie Brouse

9:30 A.M. Worship Service Pulpit Exchange w/ Pastor Justin Lingenfelter.

Live stream available.

5:00 P.M. Advent Bonfire at Zion Lutheran Church 39 Paradise St. Turbotville, PA

6:00 P.M. Youth Group at Zion Lutheran Church come for the bonfire  
and stay for Youth group!

### WED., Nov 24

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

### SUN., Nov 28

8:00 AM Sunday School in the Library- Led by Kellie Brouse

9:30 A.M. Worship Service Advent begins –

**“Hanging of the Greens”.**

Live stream available. Joining us for worship online? You are encouraged to bring your Advent/Christmas decorations with you as we prepare our worship spaces together. There will be dedicated time during the service where we will decorate, sing songs, and have a time of fellowship. Share a photo with us of your home worship space so we can see it!



**Coming Next Month... December 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>- Meal Prep and Meal distribution. Volunteers and donations needed. Community Meal volunteer information:** We will be making Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Ham Gravy, glazed carrots, rolls, and cookies. In addition to being invited to share in this meal there are a few different ways you can help out.

1. Volunteer for food prep on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 A.M.-11:30 A.M. at 100 Mahoning St.
2. Volunteer for food distribution on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M. at 1125 Mahoning St.
3. Donate food items for the meal. Donations must be dropped off to the church by Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> . There is a sign-up sheet at the main entryway of 100 Mahoning St.

**Sunday, Dec 5, Free Community Meal at 5:00 PM** In partnership with St. Paul's AME, The Milton Lutheran Church & Saint Paul's United Church of Christ. **Served at 1125 Mahoning St., Milton. Menu: Ham, mashed potatoes, ham gravy, glazed carrots, apple sauce and a dinner roll. All meals will be provided as take out.**

**Sunday, Dec 19, Christmas Craft Party begins at 5:00 PM** at United In Christ Lutheran Church. 1875 Churches Rd. Lewisburg. Everyone is welcome! There will be Christmas crafts, caroling and a cookie exchange. Bring a plate of cookies to share and take some new ones home with you. Volunteers are needed to lead crafts. If you are able to lead a craft please sign-up in the main entryway. We are asking people to provide their own craft supplies (enough for 100 people). If you are unable to provide your own supplies but still want to lead a craft please indicate on the sign-up sheet and we will provide a craft for you. Masks are expected.

**Wednesday, Dec 22, "Blue Christmas" 7:00 PM** at Milton Lutheran Church, 100 Mahoning St. If you struggle with sadness or feel overwhelmed by grief at this time of year. This service is for you. We will be partnering with United in Christ Lutheran Church and St. Paul's United Church of Christ to provide this worship service for people in need.

**Friday Dec 24 Christmas Eve Service 7:00 PM Family Service & 11:00 PM Traditional Service**

*Please see the Calendar insert for more details and this month's birthdays and anniversaries. Feel free to take it home and put it on the frig so you always know what's happening!*

<b>Milton Lutheran Church Leadership Team</b>	
Pastor	Gary Schaeffer
Church Organist & Music Director	John Warfel
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### **Office Hours**

Monday – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tuesday - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Wednesday – Noon to 5 p.m.

Thursday - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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.

### **Office Location:**

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