

We Warmly Welcome You to



Milton Lutheran Church

*Fostering community through faith,
love and service.*

December 5, 2021

2nd Sunday Of Advent

Contemporary 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)

Today as you enter the sanctuary please take a moment to be uplifted and inspired by the beauty of the flowers. This week they have been generously provided by Lin Davis & Family in memory of McCellan Paul Whitenight (Mac) and beloved wife and mother Meg Davis.

We would like to give special thanks to our worship leaders; **Gary Schaeffer- Pastor, John Warfel- Music Director/Organist & Kellie Brouse Worship Assistant.** Also our, **Greeters – Ann Mellman & Cindy Kopyscianski , Communion Assistants - Carol Yost & Lynette Wiesner.**

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 of 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 or grape juice. Please take the cup and a communion assistant will administer the wine or juice. 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 vocals, 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 take them in 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

John Warfel

Weekly Updates & Prayers

Pastor Gary Schaeffer

Prayer

Kellie Brouse

Gracious God as we gather today for worship let us take a moment and remember the gift of your grace in our lives. Help us celebrate that gift as we sing, as we hear your word, and as we pray. Guide our thoughts and feelings so that the Holy Spirit may move us to love one another. *AMEN*

Opening Song: "Emmanuel" & "Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel" - Medley

Words and Music by
Bob McGee

♩ = 80

C/E F F/E Dm⁷ G⁷ C Gm⁶/B^b A⁷ A⁷/C[#]

Em - man - u - el, _____ Em - man - u - el, _____ His name is

6 Dm Dm/C G⁷/B G C E⁷ F F/E

called _____ Em - man - u - el: _____ God with us, _____

11 Dm⁷ G⁷ C Gm⁶/B^b A⁷ A⁷/C[#]

_____ re - vealed in us! _____ His name is

14 Dm Dm/C G⁷/B G C

called _____ Em - man - u - el.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Please sing first and second verses of "Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel".



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
teach us your will and guide our way, Re-joice! Re-joice!
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

Gospel Reading- John 6:25-34

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸ Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹ Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰ So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³² Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which^[a] comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴ They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Sermon: "Don't Eat The Bad Bread"

Pastor Gary Schaeffer

Song: "Open the Eye's of My Heart"

*O-pen the eyes of my heart, Lord,
O-pen the eyes of my heart, I want to
see You, I want to see You.*

*To see you high and lifted up
shining in the light of Your glo-ry.
Pour out Your pow'r and love as we sing "Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly.*

Prayers

Kellie Brouse

(Lyrics- Lord Listen to your children praying. Lord send your Spirit in this place. Lord Listen to your children praying. Send us love. Send us power. Send us grace.)

Let us open our hearts and minds and lift our prayers together trusting that God not only hears our prayers, but through the Holy Spirit, works to make us whole.

God of forgiveness, each of us comes before you today with heavy hearts. We have all done and said things that we shouldn't have. We have fallen short of your call to love our neighbors as ourselves. We ask that your grace be known to us now so that we can know your mercy, and through your love, be released from sin.

Lord Listen to your Children Praying...

God of comfort and strength. Help all those who are sick in mind, body, or spirit. Heal the wounded and the afflicted. Comfort us in our grief, sickness and pain. Let us all be reminded that you walk alongside each of us every single day of our lives and that your love sustains us. We pause now to lift our worries to you.

Lord Listen to your Children Praying...

God of joy and thanksgiving. There is so much in the world that we have to be thankful for. For the gift of life, for all of creation, family and friends, and this community of faith Oh God. We give you thanks. We pause now to lift our thanksgivings to you.

Lord Listen to your Children Praying...

God of life. You call us out into the world as followers of Christ so that others may experience your love. Guide our comings and goings and give us the strength to share your good news with everyone we come in contact with, whether that be through our words or actions.

Lord Listen to your Children Praying...

O God, you provide us with gifts to be offered to your name and you accept them as a sign of our loving service. Through your grace, grant that the offering you enable us to make may bring a sense of love and joy to those that need it this Christmas season.

Lord Listen to your Children Praying...

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right to give God our thanks and praise. For from the beginning of time God created everything around us. All of creation, the people we come in contact with, the emotions we feel, and of course God's only son, Jesus.

Who sacrificed himself on our behalf so that we could experience the love and forgiveness that sustains us each day and that we could be free from sin to show that love to others.

And so we remember how thousands of years ago, Jesus sat down for a meal with his disciples. How he 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.

So we gather around this bread and wine, as a community and as individuals, remembering this sacrifice and being reminded of his love for each of us. As we eat of this bread and drink of this wine let celebrate this gift as together we pray.....

Lord's Prayer

*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

Pastor Gary Schaeffer

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Communion Songs

John Warfel

Communion Blessing

Pastor Gary Schaeffer

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace now and forever. *Amen*

Closing Song: " Soon Very Soon (ELW 439)



1 Soon and ver - y soon
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
3 No more dy - in' there,
4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
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no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon

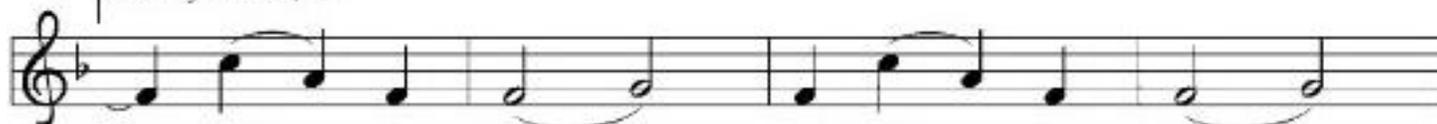


soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

Coda after stanza 4



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

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Music: VERY SOON, Andraé Crouch

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Blessing

Kellie Brouse

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.

Sending

Kellie Brouse

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 For

Gerald Greenly	Joanie Fisher	Family & Friends of
Kimberly Dill	Ken Gaugler	Florence & Pete Ishler
Jim Seidel & Family	Karen Smith	Mary Lou Benschhoff
Doris Heffelfinger	Mae Jones	Russ Wynn
Chole Henderson	Terry Deaner	Mary Billhime
Nancy Cochran	Patricia Muffly	Jason Brouse
& Family	Julie Benschhoff	Maddox Brouse
Jack & Patsy Aunkst	Kyle Walters	Jess Walters
	Silvie Walters	Sadie Walters

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.

This Week at Milton Lutheran Church

SUN., Dec 5

8:00 A.M. **Sunday School** in the Library- Led by Kellie Brouse.

We will be studying lessons from the Gospel.

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

****4:00 PM- 5:00 P.M.- note time change Sunday, Dec 5, Free Community Meal being served at 1125**

Mahoning St.

Menu: Ham, mashed potatoes, ham gravy, glazed carrots, apple sauce and a dinner roll. All meals will be provided as take out.

5:00 P.M. Confirmation & 6:00 P.M. Youth Group at United in Christ located at 1875 Churches Rd. Lewisburg.

***** Please note the time change***

Wed. Dec. 8

Wednesday evenings at 7:00 P.M. in the library. Pastor Gary will be leading bible study each week. If you'd like to join us online for Bible Study please let the church office know and we will get you the zoom link.

Sun. Dec. 12

Sunday School 8:30 AM - All are encouraged to attend.

Worship at 9:30 AM. Live stream available.

Coming Up ..

Sunday, Dec 19, Christmas Craft Party begins at 5:00 PM at United In Christ Lutheran Church. 1875 Churches Rd. Lewisburg. **Crafts, fun, Christmas carols and yummy cookies too! Please bring some cookies to share for the cookie exchange.**

Wednesday, Dec 22, "Blue Christmas" 7:00 PM at Milton Lutheran Church, 100 Mahoning St. If you struggle with sadness or feelings of grief at this time of year. This service is especially designed for you. Come join us and share in the feeling of the return of the light.

Friday Dec 24 Christmas Eve Services

- ❖ **7:00 PM Family Service** - This fun and inspirational service designed specifically for families. The leadership of this service is provided by the youth of our church.
- ❖ **11:00 PM Traditional Candlelight Service** – Come worship with us and bask in the beauty and comfort of this Christmas tradition. As we light up the church with candles and with our love of the Lord.

Please remember to see the calendar insert for all the interesting and fun happenings this month !

Milton Lutheran Church Leadership Team	
Pastor	Gary Schaeffer
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Ministry Planning Team	Penny Ulmer, Rose Handy, Lynette Weisner, Ruth Scott, Joe Yaiko and Cindy Coup
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Office Hours

Monday – 9 A.M. to 2 P.M.

Tuesday - 9 A.M. to 2 P.M.

Wednesday – 12 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.

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John 6: 25-34 – Word Search

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