

*We Warmly Welcome You to*



*Milton Lutheran Church*

*Fostering community through faith,  
love and service.*

**January 23, 2022**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

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 Linwood Hill, in loving memory of Dale, Wilma and Barb Hill.

We would like to give special thanks to our worship leaders, **Gary Schaeffer – Pastor, John Warfel-Music Director/Organist. Nancy Walters - Worship Assistant.** As well as our, **Greeters –Rusty Brouse & Linwood Hill,** and our **Communion Assistants - Penny Ulmer & Cindy Coup.**

## **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 Kits** - We do receive communion each week as a community. If you are joining us in person, you will receive a communion kit when you arrive. Inside the kit is a piece of bread or communion wafer and a container of wine. When it comes time for communion, you'll be asked to open the containers and receive the bread and wine. 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

Gary Schaeffer - *Pastor*

### Prayer

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"

Words and Music by  
Bob McGee

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C/E F F/E Dm<sup>7</sup> G<sup>7</sup> C Gm<sup>6</sup>/B<sup>b</sup> A<sup>7</sup> A<sup>7</sup>/C<sup>#</sup>



Em - man - u - el, \_\_\_\_\_ Em - man - u - el, \_\_\_\_\_ His name is

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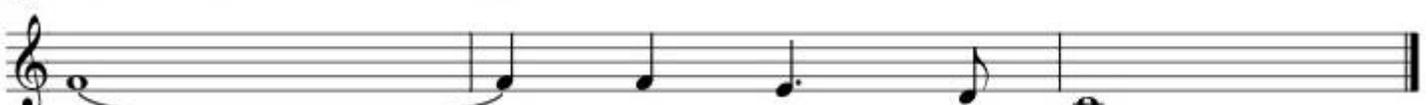
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14 Dm Dm/C G<sup>7</sup>/B G C



called \_\_\_\_\_ Em - man - u - el.

## Scripture Reading- Luke 4:14-21

<sup>14</sup>Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup>When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup>“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
<sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

<sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

## Sermon: “Choose to be Vulnerable”

Gary Schaeffer – *Pastor*

## Song: “Open the Eyes 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

*(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 Song**

John Warfel

## **Communion**

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

## **Communion Song**

John Warfel

## **Communion Blessing**

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



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

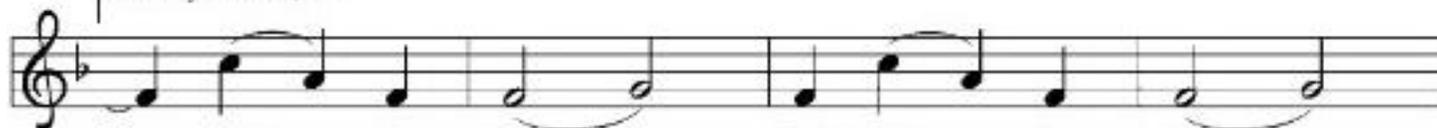


soon and ver - y soon  
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.  
 no more dy - in' there,  
 soon and ver - y soon



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

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

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



### *Please Join Us In Prayer For*

Gerald Greenly

Jim Seidel & Family

Doris Heffelfinger

Chole Henderson

Nancy Cochran & Family

Jack & Patsy Aunkst

Joanie Fisher

Ken Gaugler

Karen Smith

Mae Jones

Terry Deaner

Patricia Muffly

Family & Friends of Tim Schrawder

Family & Friends of Robert Booker

Mary Lou Benshoff

Julie Benshoff

Mary Billhime

Jeremiah Bolich

*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.*

## Important Notices

**Offering Reminder** - Please remember to make check payable to Milton Lutheran Church. Please remember to write your full name on the outside of the envelope. We are no longer using the envelope numbers previously assigned.

**Updated Mask Policy** As of Jan 2, 2022, we would like to **strongly encourage everyone to wear a mask while they are inside the church building.** As the cases are climbing again in our area it is important to do what we can to mitigate the spread of the virus. This is for worship, all events, and meetings at the church. Keep in mind that exposure to the virus either by a member or the staff would require us to quarantine for 5 -10 days as a congregation which would close the office and place all church ministry online. While we recognize that wearing a mask is uncomfortable our hope is to minimize the possibility of spread, maximizing our opportunities to gather in person.

**Communion Kits:** we will be returning to using communion kits as another safety precaution. Please remember to pick up your kits as you enter the sanctuary.

## **This Week at Milton Lutheran Church**

### **SUN. Jan 23, 2020**

**8:30 AM Sunday School** in the Library with Kellie Brouse. Join us as we continue our new series, "Bad Girls of the Bible".

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

**6:00 P.M. Game Night & Pot Luck Jan 23 at 6:00 P.M. at 100 Mahoning inside the Fellowship Hall** (downstairs) Come join us for a fun church family night out! Bring some food to share and your favorite board games, cards or other games your family loves to play.

### **WED. Jan. 26**

**7:00 P.M. Bible Study -Wednesday evenings** in the library. Pastor Gary will be leading bible study each week. Starting Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> we will be doing a series on the parables of Jesus. participants will be given a participant guide, and all are welcome to attend. 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. Jan. 30**

**8:30 AM Sunday School** in the Library with Kellie Brouse. Join us as we continue our new series, "Bad Girls of the Bible".

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

## **Coming Up...**

**Wednesday, February 2, 2022, Blood Drive 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM** The blood mobile will be at 1125 Mahoning St. They will be there and ready to accept blood donations from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Please stop by to give blood if you can. With so much going on in the world your donation is needed now more than ever. Next Blood drive will be March 3, 2022.

**Sunday, Feb 13 - Soup'er Sunday** – We want to make this the most "Super" Soup'er Sunday ever! So please bring as many cans of soup as you can. We will be accepting your kind donations from now until Feb 13<sup>th</sup>. Please place your soup cans on the cart in the lobby, all the soup will be delivered to our local food banks. Thank you all so much for your participation and kindness! It is truly appreciated.

<b>Milton Lutheran Church Leadership Team</b>	
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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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