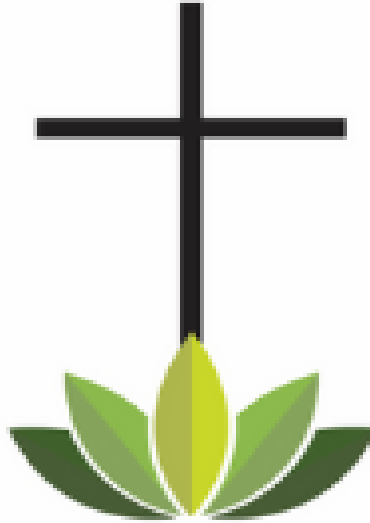


We Warmly Welcome You to



Milton Lutheran Church

*Fostering community through faith,
love and service*

May 22, 2022
Sixth Sunday after Easter

Morning Prayer
In Person & LIVE Streamed from the Sanctuary at
Milton Lutheran Church 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 week they have been generously provided by Steve and Cindy Trapano for the remembrance of loved ones.

We would like to give special thanks to our worship leaders; **Gary Schaeffer: Pastor, John Warfel: Director of Music, Nancy Walters: Assistant Director of Music, and Sue Warfel: Worship Assistant.** As well as our, **Greeters: Chuck Stahl and Helen Bellhime.** We would also like to thank our **Worship Set Up Team: Penny Ulmer and Lynnette Wiesner, and our Communion Assistants: Connie Stover and Karen Fry.** These people volunteer their time to make our sanctuary unique, welcoming and beautiful every week.

Gathering Music

Video

Welcome & Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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 all around us. Especially, the West Branch of the Susquehanna River Watershed, 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

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.

Song: "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen" vs 1-4 (ELW 377)



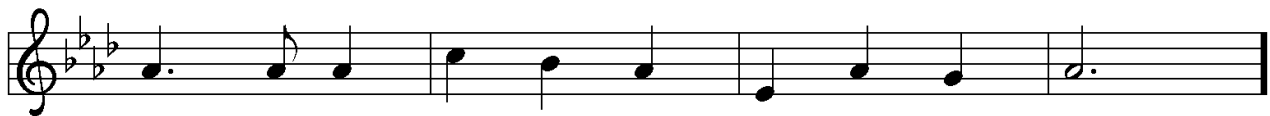
1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,

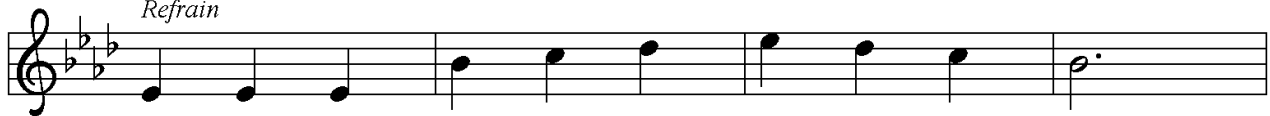


Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Scripture Reading: John 5:1-9

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ²Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. ³In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. ⁵One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. ⁶When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” ⁷The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.” ⁸Jesus said to him, “Stand up, take your mat and walk.” ⁹At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

Gospel Reading: John 14:23-29

²³Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

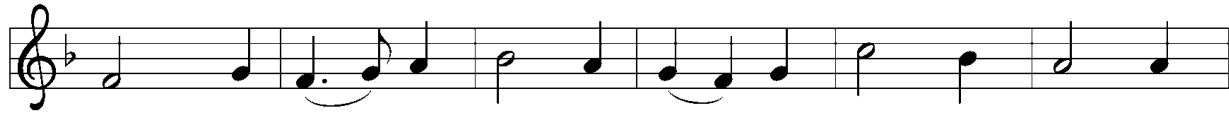
²⁸You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

Sermon

“How Far?”

Gary Schaeffer, Pastor

Song: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (ELW 631)



1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry
 3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er; let us all thy
 4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy
 trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us
 life re-ceive; sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er-
 let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-



faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,
 find thy prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-ning;
 more thy tem-ples leave. Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing,
 ly re-stored in thee! Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,



pure, un-bound-ed love thou art; vis-it us with
 Al-pha and O-me-ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a-bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-'ry trem-bling heart.
 its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.
 with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.
 crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise!

Prayers

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. *Pause for a moment of silence*

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 . . .
for the thanksgivings lifted up today in this community of faith... *Pause*

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 . . .
for the concerns lifted up today in this community of faith... *Pause*

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.

Choir Anthem

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, as we gather around this table to receive the gift of your grace, we offer ourselves to you. All we have, everything we are, and everything we will be comes from you. We give you thanks, offer our time, gifts, and resources as people of God. Moved by your Spirit we ask that these gifts may be instruments of your love as we seek to love others. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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.

O God most mighty,

O God most merciful,

O God our rock and our salvation,

hear us as we praise,

call us to your table,

grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void,
you formed order and beauty.

When Abraham and Sarah were barren,
you sent them a child;

When the Israelites were enslaved,
you led them to freedom.

Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath,
and the psalmists cried out for healing,
and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother.

He was born among the poor,

he lived under oppression,

he wept over the city.

With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

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 death, we cry out Amen. *Amen.*

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. *Amen.*

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. *Amen.*

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.
O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.
O God, you are wine: warm our hearts and make us one.
O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.
O God most majestic, O God most motherly,
O God our strength and our song,
you show us a vision of a tree of life
with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.

Grant us such life,
the life of the Father to the Son,
the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior,
life in you, now and forever.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer (Sung)

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, Amen.

Communion

The Body of Christ given for you. The Blood of Christ given for you.

Communion Blessing

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing
power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward

you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Song: "My Life Flows On in Endless Song" (ELW 763)



1 My life flows on in end-less song; a-bove earth's lam-en-ta-tion,
2 Through all the tu-mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring-ing.
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv-eth.
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev-er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre-a-tion.
It finds an ech-o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv-eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Blessing

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

Amen.

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.

The God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever.
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...

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

Joanie Fisher
 Ken Gaugler
 Rose & Terry Deaner
 Mary Billhime
 Ed Coup

Patsy & Jack Aunkst
 Mary Lou Benshoff
 Julie Benshoff
 Gerald Greenly
 Jim Seidel & Family

Mary Ann Solomon
 Nancy Cochran &
 Family

THE NEXT 2 WEEKS OF EVENTS, BIRTHDAYS, AND ANNIVERSARIES						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5/22 8am Sunday School 9:30am Morning Prayer Worship 3:00pm Church Picnic	5/23 1pm Rotary	5/24 10am TOPS 4pm Boy Scouts	5/25 7pm Bible Study	5/26 5:30pm Getting Ahead	5/27	5/28 <i>Happy Birthday Mae Jones</i>
5/29 8am Sunday School 9:30am Traditional Worship	5/30 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED	5/31 10am TOPS <i>Happy Birthday Donna McCollum</i>	6/1 7pm Bible Study	6/2 5:30pm Getting Ahead <i>Happy Birthday Lauren Byers</i>	6/2	6/3

Games Hiking

MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Picnic & Chicken
BBQ**

Sunday, May 22nd @ 3:00 P.M. (Rain or Shine)
Camp Mount Luther
355 Mount Luther Ln. Mifflinburg

Bring a Side-Dish Invite a Friend

RSVP BY MAY 15TH

You're invited to join us at Camp Mount Luther for great fun! There will be a chicken BBQ, games, hiking, and more. **The deadline to RSVP has passed, but we ordered extra food if you would still like to come!** You are asked to bring a side dish to share as well as your own table-setting. Interested in carpooling? Meet at the church @ 2:15 P.M. and we will drive up together!

Building a future
Milton Lutheran Church

April 3rd & 24th May 1st & 22nd

Our Ministry Planning team is inviting everyone to attend the meeting to discuss building a sustainable future for the Milton Lutheran Church. We hope you will set aside some time to participate in these important conversations. We now have a new vision statement and core values as a community. Our next conversation will be on May 22nd during the church picnic. Our hope is to establish several goals for us to accomplish in the next year or two.

**TODAY'S DISCUSSION:
SETTING GOALS FOR THE FUTURE**

Sunday
June 5th

Graduation
Milestone

CALLING ALL GRADUATES!

On Sunday, June 5th we will be recognizing all of our graduates during worship. Do you have a graduate in your home? Contact the church office and give them your graduate's information so we can place it in the bulletin. Graduates are also encouraged to attend worship on June 5th for a special time of prayer.



Children are invited to STUMP THE CHOMP (aka Pastor Gary). Kids are invited to bring an item from home, place it in the CHUMP BAG and present it to Pastor Gary during worship. The challenge will be for him to figure out how this item helps to share the gospel message of God's love with everyone. Kids may bring the bag up front during worship or place it on the altar before worship begins.

JOIN US!



BROUGHT TOGETHER THROUGH FAITH

**DEDICATION OF THE MILTON
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

JUNE 26TH STARTING AT 3:00 P.M.
- WORSHIP -
- DEDICATION OF NEW MEMBERS -
- CHURCH COUNCIL INSTALLATION -
- DEDICATION OF NEW FONT -
- CATERED MEAL @ 5:00 P.M. -

Save the Date! The dedication of the Milton Lutheran Church will be on Sunday, June 26th starting at 3:00 P.M. Invitations have been sent. Please be sure to RSVP by June 15th. This joyous celebration will be the culmination of many years of faithfulness and discernment. Worship will begin with special music at 3:00 P.M. We dedicate our new church, install our new Church Council, welcome new members, and dedicate our new baptismal font. Special guests, former staff, and Pastors of our founding congregations are invited to attend as well. Following worship we will have a catered meal downstairs in the fellowship hall.

Milton Lutheran Church Leadership Team	
Pastor	Gary Schaeffer
Director of Music	John Warfel
Asst. Director Of Music	Nancy Walters
Office Administrator	Terri Cromwell
Digital Ministry Coordinator	Seth Reitz
Custodian	Chuck Stahl
Treasurer	Rose Deaner
Transitional Council	Kellie Brouse, Krista Yaiko, Don Fisher, Jeff Coup, Penny Ulmer, Crystal Gnidovec, Rose Deener, Seth Reitz
Worship Team	Jeff Coup, Kellie Brouse, Nancy Walters, Sue Warfel, John Warfel
Digital Ministry Team	Aaron Coup, Rick Coup, Seth Reitz, Gaven Russell, Garrett Russell, Ellie Schaeffer
Outreach Team	Connie Stover, Kay Dunn, Claire Weisner, Lynnette Weisner, Carol Yost, Linwood Hill, Krista Yaiko, Karen Martello, Peggy Fisher, Cindy Trapane
Ministry Planning Team	Penny Ulmer, Rose Handy, Lynette Weisner, Ruth Scott, Joe Yaiko and Cindy Coup
Property Team	Don Fisher (point person for 1125 Mahoning St.) Chuck Stahl (point person for 100 Mahoning St.), Bob Greenly, Rusty Brouse, Helen Billhime, Bill Heimbach, Seth Reitz, Joe Yaiko

OFFICE HOURS

Monday 1 P.M. to 6 P.M.
Tuesday 2 P.M. to 6 P.M.
Wednesday 1 P.M. to 6 P.M.
Thursday 1 P.M. to 6 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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