

*We Warmly Welcome You to*



*Milton Lutheran Church*

*Fostering community through faith,  
love and service*

June 19, 2022

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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 the Milton Lutheran Church to the glory of God.

We would like to give special thanks to our worship leaders; **Gary Schaeffer: Pastor,**

**John Warfel: Music Director, Nancy Walters: Assistant Music Director and Lynette Weisner: Worship Assistant.** As well as our, **Greeters: Joe and Krista Yairo.** We would also like to thank our **Worship Set Up Team: Connie Stover and Kellie Brouse and our Communion Assistants: Carol Yost and Penny Ulmer.** These people volunteer their time to make our sanctuary unique, welcoming and beautiful every week.

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## **Gathering Music**

### **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.*

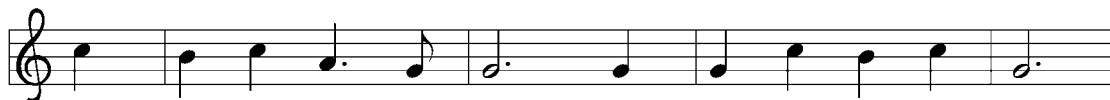
Give glory to God, our light and our life.

*Oh, come, let us worship and praise.*

**Song: "When Morning Guilds the Skies" (ELW 853)**



1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:  
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:  
3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heav'n is known  
4 Let all of hu - man - kind in this their con - cord find:  
5 Sing, sun and stars of space, sing, all who see his face,



may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,  
may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer  
than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word  
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round  
sing, "Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,



this rings my cur - few call: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
has none that can com - pare with "Je - sus Christ be praised!"  
the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: oh, Je - sus Christ be praised!  
ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
to - day and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

**Scripture Reading: Galatians 3:23-29**

<sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian,

<sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. <sup>27</sup>As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

**Gospel Reading: Luke 8:26-39**

<sup>26</sup>Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup>As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup>When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" — <sup>29</sup>for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had

seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.)<sup>30</sup> Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him.<sup>31</sup> They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.<sup>32</sup> Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission.<sup>33</sup> Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.<sup>34</sup> When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country.<sup>35</sup> Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid.<sup>36</sup> Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed.<sup>37</sup> Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned.<sup>38</sup> The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying,<sup>39</sup> "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

**Sermon:**

*"We are Legion"*

**Gary Schaeffer, Pastor**

**Song: "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" (ELW 843)**



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;  
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;  
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;  
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

**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...

for all fathers and father figures in our lives...*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.*

### **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: Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (ELW 886 vs. 1-4)**



1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,  
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,  
3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,  
4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!  
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.  
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

## **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  
Mary Billhime  
Julie Benschhoff  
Nancy Cochran & Family

Ken Gaugler  
Ed Coup  
Gerald Greenly

Rose & Terry Deaner  
Patsy & Jack Aunkst  
Jim Seidel & Family

<b>THE NEXT 2 WEEKS OF EVENTS, BIRTHDAYS, AND ANNIVERSARIES</b>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6/19 <b>Father's Day</b> 9:30am Morning Prayer Worship 10:45am Directory Photos  <i>Happy Anniversary Andrew and Judith McNeal</i>	6/20 12pm Rotary	6/21 10am TOPS 6:30pm Directory Photos  <i>Happy Anniversary Craig and Lorraine Lawler</i>	6/22  <i>Happy Birthday Chris Coup</i>  <i>Happy Anniversary Ken and Bonnie Gaugler</i>	6/23 4:30pm Meal Prep for Getting Ahead  <i>Happy Birthday Rick Benschhoff</i>	6/24	6/25 6pm Trinity Lutheran: Grand Rapids Sleeping Over
6/26 <b>CHURCH DEDICATION</b> 9:30am Traditional Worship  <i>Happy Anniversary Todd and Laura Beck</i>	6/27 12pm Rotary  <i>Happy Anniversary Seth and Heather Reitz</i>	6/28 10am TOPS  <i>Happy Birthday Seth Reitz</i>  <i>Happy Anniversary Chuck and Rosie Bingaman, Ed and Penny Coup</i>	6/29  <i>Happy Birthday Lorraine Lawler</i>	6/30 4:30pm Meal Prep for Getting Ahead	7/1 Pastor Gary Vacation →	7/2



We are starting a new church directory! You are invited to get your picture taken starting June 5th so we can build the Milton Lutheran Church Directory. The following dates are available for you to have your picture taken.

**Please note- You must sign-up to have your picture taken during the weekday dates**

**Sundays-** June 19th after worship in the chapel.

**Weekdays-** June 21st 6:30-7:30 P.M. in the chapel.

## SUMMER DAY CAMP



We are excited to share that we will be doing a Summer Day Camp in partnership with United In Christ Lutheran Church and Camp Mount Luther! This is open to grades K-5. It will be 9am-3pm at West Milton Memorial Park, with lunch and snacks provided. Feel free to invite friends and relatives.

**This is completely free!**

Camp Mount Luther staff will be helping each day!

We will need volunteers to help supervise children, prepare meals, oversee games, crafts, and music. Please let the office or Pastor Gary know if you'd like to help!

You can register online at [www.myvbs.org/miltonlutheranchurches](http://www.myvbs.org/miltonlutheranchurches)

# OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER!

## Help Support the "Getting Ahead Foundation"

Volunteers and donations are needed to help prepare meals for the Getting Ahead Foundation in June.

**Thursday, June 23rd 4:00 P.M.**

Glazed Ham

Green Beans

Macaroni and Cheese

Salad

<b>Milton Lutheran Church Leadership Team</b>	
Pastor	Gary Schaeffer
Director of Music	John Warfel
Assitant 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
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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 5 P.M.
Tuesday	2 P.M. to 5 P.M.
Wednesday	1 P.M. to 5 P.M.
Thursday	1 P.M. to 5 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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