

*We Warmly Welcome You to*



# *Milton Lutheran Parish*

Serving God through faith formation, worship,  
service, evangelism, and fellowship.

August 29, 2021

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Traditional Service

In Person & LIVE Streamed from the Sanctuary at Trinity Lutheran at 9:30 a.m.  
on the Milton Lutheran Parish YouTube Channel

Visit <https://miltonlutheranparish.faith/> to link to the LIVE worship

*(Bold italic items to be spoken by congregation.)*

**Flowers** 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 you, our congregation, in remembrance of loved ones no longer with us.

We would like to give special thanks to our worship leaders; **Gary Schaeffer- Pastor,**  
**John Warfel- Music Director/Organist & Cindy Coup- Worship Assistant.**

## 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 parish office at 100 Mahoning St. Milton, PA. All the offerings we receive are used to accomplish the mission of our parish. 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 receive a communion kit when you arrive. Inside the kit is a 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 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

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WEEKLY CHECK-IN AND PRAYERS

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*Amen.*

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen*

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

*Amen*

HYMN This is My Father's World (ELW 824) Please sing the first and last verses.



1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all  
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the  
3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,



na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.  
morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.  
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of  
This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the  
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.  
rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev'-ry-where.  
Lord is king, let heav - en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858-1901

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*And also with you.*

## KYRIE (SUNG)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

*Amen*

## HYMN OF PRAISE



☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



☐ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. ☐ Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



☐ Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of



all cre - a - tion: ☐ Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and



might to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Let us pray.

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

*Amen*

## **SCRIPTURE READING: JAMES 1:17-27**

Cindy Coup – Worship Assistant

*A reading from James, Chapter 1 verses 17-27*

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved:<sup>[b]</sup> let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves<sup>[c]</sup> in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## PSALM 15 Read Responsively

<sup>1</sup>LORD, who may dwell in your <sup>1</sup> tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your <sup>1</sup> holy hill?

<sup>2</sup>**Those who lead a blameless life and do <sup>1</sup> what is right,  
who speak the truth <sup>1</sup> from their heart;**

<sup>3</sup>they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil <sup>1</sup> to their friends;  
they do not cast discredit up- <sup>1</sup> on a neighbor.

<sup>4</sup>**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who <sup>1</sup> fear the LORD.  
They have sworn upon their health and do not take <sup>1</sup> back their word.**

<sup>5</sup>They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent.  
Those who do these things shall never be <sup>1</sup> overthrown.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL: Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15 & 21-23

The holy gospel according to Mark the 7<sup>th</sup> Chapter  
*Glory to you, O Lord.*

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."


<sup>21</sup>For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

The gospel of the Lord.  
*Praise to you, O Christ.*

### SERMON "Spiritual But Not Religious"

Gary Schaeffer, Pastor


**HYMN Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil (ELW 512)** Please sing the entire song twice.




Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950

Music: GOOD SOIL, Handt Hanson

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## APOSTLES CREED

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

We pray for the church, that it is a safe haven for all who seek your presence. Fill it with pastors, deacons, and leaders who echo your expansive and generous welcome. Lord, in your mercy,  
*Hear our prayer.*

We pray for the whole of creation, that plants and animals have the habitat and resources to thrive and flourish. Inspire us to protect threatened habitats and ensure a sustainable future for generations to come. Lord, in your mercy,  
*Hear our prayer.*

We pray for individuals in positions of authority (*national and local leaders may be named*). Raise up wise and discerning leaders in federal, state, and local governments and guide them to seek the benefit of every person. Lord, in your mercy,  
*Hear our prayer.*


We pray for all who are in need. Support and encourage those who are unemployed, underemployed, or experiencing poverty. Bring food, shelter, clothes, and stability for daily life. Lord, in your mercy,  
*Hear our prayer.*

We pray for this congregation, especially those beginning a new school year (*students, teachers, or others may be named here*). Empower teachers and school administrators. Guide students in their learning and development. Accompany parents, foster parents, and caregivers who provide encouragement and love. Lord, in your mercy,  
*Hear our prayer.*

We give thanks for the faithful departed who showed us how to honor God with our heart. Inspire us by their example and renew our faith, trusting that we will be united with them in glory. Lord, in your mercy,  
*Hear our prayer.*

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*


## DIALOGUE



**P** The Lord be with you. **R** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts. **R** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**R** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

**Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,**  
**Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are**  
**full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.**  
**Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the**  
**Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

*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;*

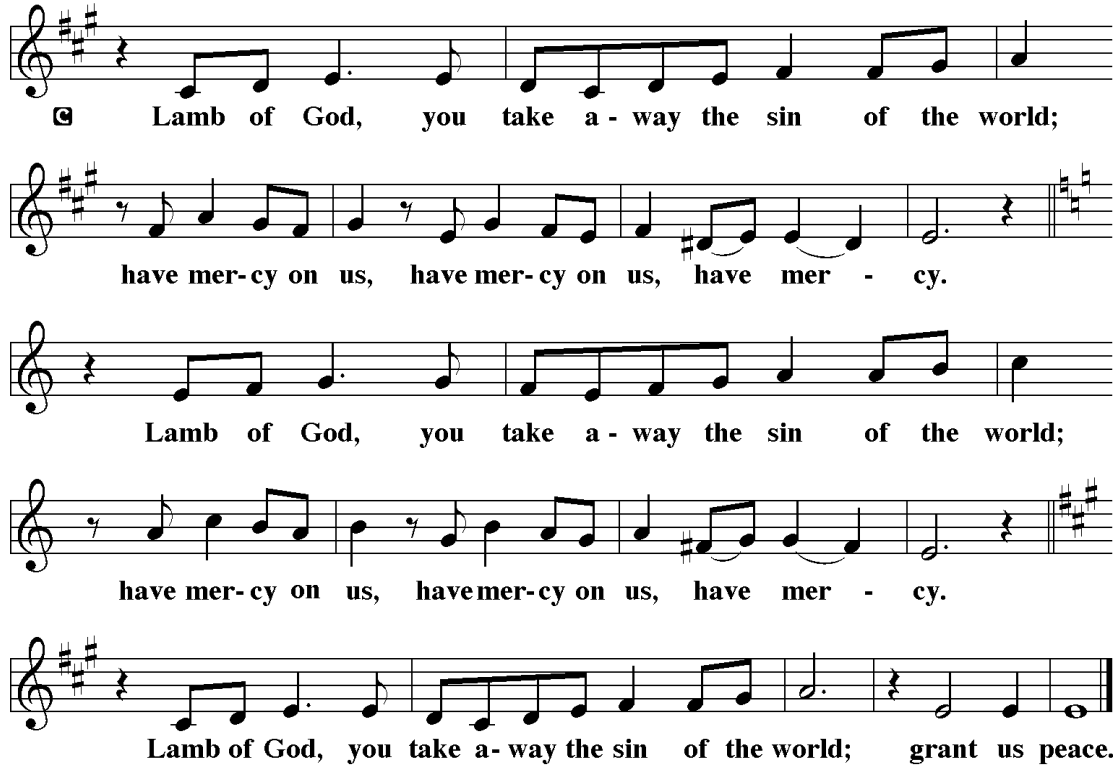
*and forgive us our trespasses,*

*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.*

## LAMB OF GOD



♩ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

## COMMUNION SONG

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
*Amen*

Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev- 'ry -  
 one what God has done. Let all who  
 seek the Lord re - jice, re - jice and  
 bear Christ's ho - ly name. Send us, O God, with your  
 prom - is - es, and lead us forth in joy  
 with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

*Amen*

**CLOSING HYMN For the Beauty of the Earth ( ELW 879)** Please sing the first and last verses.



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,  
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:  
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Follitt S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt.

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

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## News and Announcements from the Parish



**Thursday Sept 2, - Team Meetings 7:00 PM** of the Digital Ministry, Worship, Discipleship, Property and Outreach teams in the Fellowship Hall at Trinity 100 Mahoning St.



**Sunday September 12, at 8:30 AM Sunday School** – We are so excited to be able to start Sunday School again! Look for more details coming in next weeks bulletin.



**Sunday September 12, Fellowship Hour** immediately following Worship downstairs in the fellowship hall. We will be serving New Orleans style beignets to help our outreach team prepare for the community festival on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Beignets are French inspired donuts fried to perfection and coated in powdered sugar. Yum!



**Wednesday September 15, at 7:00 PM** In person Bible Study resumes. We will meet in the library at 100 Mahoning St. Our group will begin by reading the book “Everyday Ubuntu” by Mungi Ngomane. You can pick up your book anytime in September by stopping off at the church office.



**Saturday September 18, Milton Harvest Festival – Downtown Milton** – Don’t forget to visit us at our booth on Broadway for the Harvest Festival. This year we will be serving Beignets. Volunteers are needed to sign-up for 2 hour increments. If you would like to volunteer, please let a member of our outreach team know.



**Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, Youth Group and Confirmation** starts at 6:00 P.M. at United In Christ in West Milton, PA. Youth group is for all teens grades 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. Following our youth group time parents of confirmation aged students are invited to come for a brief information meeting about confirmation. We are excited to work in partnership with UIC for this important ministry.



**Wednesday, September 29 -Blood Drive from 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 December 1, 2021.



**Sunday, October 10, 2021 - Community Meal at 5:00 PM** In partnership with Bethany United Methodist Church, The Milton Lutheran Parish & Saint Paul’s United Church of Christ. Served at 1125 Mahoning St., Milton. All meals will be provided as take out, either by drive up or walk up. Menu to be announced soon, so watch this section for more information.

### **This Week at Milton Lutheran Parish . . .**

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| Sun., Aug. 29 | 9:30 A.M. Worship Service at Trinity. Live stream available.  |
| Wed., Sept 1  | Bible Study is Posted to Website and Social Media<br><b>Happy Birthday Melvin Crist!</b>  |
| Thu., Sept 2  | Team Meetings 7:00 PM<br><b>Happy Birthday Rodney Bastian!</b><br><b>Happy Birthday Ruth Swanger!</b>                                     |
| Sat., Sept 4  | <b>Happy Birthday Ed Kaye!</b>  |
| Sun., Sept 5  | 9:30 A.M. Worship Service at Trinity. Live stream available.<br><b>Happy Birthday Judith McNeal!</b><br><b>Happy Birthday John Wargo!</b> |



## Milton Lutheran Parish Leadership Team

Pastor	Gary Schaeffer
Parish Organist, Music Director	John Warfel
Parish Office Administrator	Robin A. McKean-Power
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Groundskeeper	Bob Greenly
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Digital Ministry Team	Aaron Coup, Rick Coup, Seth Reitz, Stephen Moll, Donna Spear
Outreach Team	Connie Stover, Kay Dunn, Claire Weisner, Lynnette Weisner, Carol Yost, Linwood Hill, Krista Yaiko, Karen Martello
Discipleship Team	Rose Handy, Ed Coup, Kate Budman, Kellie Brouse
Parish Ministry Team	Penny Ulmer, Rose Handy, Lynnette Weisner, Ruth Scott, Joe Yaiko and Cindy Coup
Parish Property Team	Don Fisher (point person for Christ) Chuck Stahl (point person for Trinity), Bob Greenly, Rusty Brouse, Helen Billhime, Bill Heimbach, Seth Reitz, Joe Yaiko

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# Clean or Unclean?

So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with 'unclean' hands?" Mark 7:5 (NIV)

Based on Mark 7:1-7; 14-15; 21-23 (NIV)



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HANDS	HEARTS	PHARISEES	HYPOCRITES	DISCIPLES
RULES	EATING	LIPS	HONOR	WASH