

We Warmly Welcome You to



Milton Lutheran Parish

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

April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday

Traditional Service

In Person & LIVE Streamed from the Sanctuary at Trinity Lutheran at
8:00a.m & 9:30 a.m. on the Milton Lutheran Parish YouTube Channel

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

*Thank you for being here. Whether this is your first time here, or you have been with us for a while, please
know this . . . we are glad you have chosen to worship with us.*

(Bold italic items to be spoken)

Welcome and announcements

Pastor Gary Schaeffer

Prelude

John Warfel



Worship Video: "It's a New Day!"

Following the video, the black veil is removed from the cross and the lights are turned on, symbolizing Jesus' victory over death.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Pastor Gary Schaeffer

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We thank you, risen Christ,

for these waters where you make us new,

leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us

in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,

like rains to our thirsting earth,

like streams that revive our souls,

like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.

Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.

Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ.

Cleanse our hearts.

Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God,

now and forever.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn: "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

John Warfel

1) Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!

our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!

suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

4) Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!

praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!

praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Greeting

Pastor Gary Schaeffer

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.



Prayer of The Day

Let us pray. O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Scripture Reading Isaiah 25:6-9

Val Gardner

A reading from Isaiah.

⁶On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 118:1-2, 14-24 *Read Responsively*

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good;
God's mercy en- | dures forever.

²**Let Israel | now declare,
"God's mercy en- | dures forever."**

¹⁴The LORD is my strength | and my song,
and has become | my salvation.

¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the righteous:
"The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!"**

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD | is exalted!
The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷**I shall not | die, but live,
and declare the works | of the LORD. R**

¹⁸The LORD indeed pun- | ished me sorely,
but did not hand me o- | ver to death.

¹⁹**Open for me the | gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks | to the LORD.**

²⁰"This is the gate | of the LORD;
here the righ- | teous may enter."

²¹**I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me
and you have become | my salvation. R**

²²The stone that the build- | ers rejected
has become the chief | cornerstone.



²³By the LORD has | this been done;
it is marvelous | in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the | LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be | glad in it. R

Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

Pastor Gary Schaeffer

The holy gospel according to Mark the 16th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Children are invited to come forward or remain in their seats for a special message with Pastor Gary.

Sermon: "It's a New Day"

Pastor Gary Schaeffer

Hymn of The Day: "Christ is Risen Alleluia!"

John Warfel

*1) Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia!
Christ is risen from the dead!
Gratefully our hearts adore him
as his light once more appears;
bowing down in joy before him,
rising up from griefs and tears.*

*Sing his praises! Alleluia!
Christ is risen from the dead!

4) Christ is risen! Henceforth never
death or hell shall us enthrall.
We are Christ's, in him forever
we have triumphed over all.
All the doubting and dejection
of our trembling hearts have ceased;
hail the day of resurrection!
Let us rise and keep the feast. Refrain*

*Refrain: Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Risen our victorious head!*

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,



creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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

Val Gardner

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. *Hear us O God.*

Your mercy is great.

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. *Hear us O God.*

Your mercy is great.

God of joy and thanksgiving. There is so much in the world that we have to be thankful for. For your son resurrected, 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. *Hear us O God.*

Your mercy is great.

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. *Hear us O God.*

Your mercy is great.



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.

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

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. Amen.

Communion

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

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

Amen.

Closing Hymn: "I Know that my Redeemer Lives"

John Warfel

1) I know that my Redeemer lives!

What comfort this sweet sentence gives!

He lives, he lives, who once was dead;

he lives, my ever-living head!

8) He lives, all glory to his name!

He lives, my Savior, still the same;

what joy this blest assurance gives:

I know that my Redeemer lives!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

News and Announcements from the Parish

A Note from Pastor Gary . . .

As we gather together, I hope we can all take a moment and pause to give thanks for the sacrificial love that God demonstrates to us through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Wherever you are this week, whatever you are experiencing, whoever you are with; my prayer is that you know and feel the joy that is God's love for you! Christ is risen and in his rising from the dead he brought us life!

This Week at Milton Lutheran Parish . . .

Sun., Apr. 4

Happy Easter! Happy Birthday Charles Mitch and Stephanie Strawser! Happy Anniversary Tim & Sally Shrawder- 51 years!

Easter Service 8 AM and 9:30 AM. Live stream available.

Wed., Apr. 7

Bible study posted to social media & website.



Sat., Apr. 10
Sun., Apr. 11

Happy Birthday Steve Trapane and Christine Ulmer!

Happy Birthday Bonnie Heimbach!

8 AM Adult Sunday School and 9:30 AM Worship. Live stream available.

Easter Flowers

Flowers given in honor of:

- ❖ Mary Ellen Bartholomew from her children
- ❖ Capt. Jodi Lynn Callahan from Gregory S. Valiquette
- ❖ Doris Moore from Beth & Kent Boyer
- ❖ Mary Billhime from Helen Billhime
- ❖ Rod Bastian and Lisa Campbell from Linda Bastian

Flowers given in memory of:

- ❖ Freda and Ralph Dean from Mary Ellen Bartholomew
- ❖ Natalie Rose Valiquette from Gregory S. Valiquette
- ❖ Lee, Laurie, George, and Arla from Darlas Yost
- ❖ Loved Ones from Rosalyn Bingaman
- ❖ Charles and Helen Pfleegor from Mary Jane Crist
- ❖ Loved Ones from Paul & Connie Stover
- ❖ Lee A. Hagenbuch Jr. from Melitta Hagenbuch
- ❖ Lewis L. Jones from Mae Jones

- ❖ Robert Mellman from Anne Mellman
- ❖ Raymond & Shirley Pentycofe from Bonnie Heimbach
- ❖ Loved Ones from Joe & Krista Yaiko
- ❖ Joyce Stahl from Chuck Stahl
- ❖ Sheryl & Benny Housher from Helen Billhime
- ❖ Bud & Mary Hoover and Toby & Amy Hubler from Grace Hubler
- ❖ All Loved Ones Taken Too Soon from Penny Ulmer
- ❖ Mr. & Mrs. George Heimbach, Mr. & Mrs. Boyer and John Boyer from Georgia Boyer
- ❖ Nancy Spangler and our Parents from Sara & Ernie Delp
- ❖ Butch Shrawder from Jennifer Shrawder
- ❖ My Parents and Grandparents from Kay Dunn
- ❖ Ruppel, Gladys, and Lucy Brant from Lynnette, Mike and Claire Weisner
- ❖ Randy Bastian and Bill Dotts from Linda Bastian

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Parish Organist, Music Director	John Warfel
Digital Ministry Coordinator	Seth Reitz
Sexton/Custodian	Chuck Stahl and Helen Billhime
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