

## Milton Lutheran Parish

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church – 1125 Mahoning Street, Milton, PA 17847 – 570-742-7473 Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church – 100 Mahoning Street, Milton, PA 17847 – 570-742-4601 Deacon Gary Schaeffer, Interim Pastor

Dear Friends of the Milton Lutheran Parish,

I hope you are all doing well, staying safe and healthy. In Psalm 16 it says, "My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope. For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit. You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore." I pray that God's presence has been revealed to you during this time so that you may experience the fullness of joy that is God's love for you each and every day.

We continue to worship online and I want to invite you to join us if you are able. You can visit the parish website (<a href="https://miltonlutheranparish.faith/">https://miltonlutheranparish.faith/</a>) or our church Facebook pages to access the worship videos and devotionals (this week's devotional is below as well).

Evening Prayer- There will be an evening prayer service recorded live on YouTube on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 P.M. Here is the link. <a href="https://youtu.be/Ea0yA40wb1M">https://youtu.be/Ea0yA40wb1M</a>

Sunday Worship- This upcoming Sunday we will be celebrating the first Sunday following Easter. In celebration of this joyous occasion our service will be Holy Hilarity. I hope you will join us as we share an important message, enjoy some laughs together, and praise God. The service will be posted on the parish website and our Facebook page on Sunday morning.

Thank you so much if you have been able to mail your offering! You're giving has enabled us to continue our ministry during this time. We recognize that the Coronavirus has placed a financial strain on all of us. However, if you are able, please consider making your offering by mailing a check to the either church office so we can continue to make payments toward the ongoing expenses.

Our office remains closed. With the shelter in place orders it is unlikely you will be able to reach anyone at the office in a timely manner. If there is a need please don't hesitate to contact me directly. E-mail-schaeffer0319@gmail.com

Yours in Christ, Deacon Gary MILTON LUTHERAN PARISH INBURSE IS INACQUES IS THAT OUT IS

Sunday, April 19, 2020

## Opening prayer:

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## Amen.

Readings (if you don't have a bible handy, biblegateway.com is a great resource. We use NRSV - "new revised standard version" as our translation for worship)

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalm 16

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

## Questions to talk about:

- 1. What do you do with your own doubts or questions of faith and theology? (John 20:19-31)
- 2. If you were to write out the good news, what would the headlines and subheads be? (Acts 2:14-32)
- 3. What does God's path of life look or feel like for you, and where is God leading you? (Psa 16)
- 4. As a person of faith, how do you envision the future and life eternal? (1 Peter 1:3-9)

Pray the Lord's Prayer together

Bless one another saying:

May God bless you this week and always. AMEN

Resources:

Opening prayer: Sundaysandseasons.com #32232

Questions for discussion: workingpreacher,com