



Milton Lutheran Parish

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Dear Friends of the Milton Lutheran Parish,

Greetings to all of you! I hope you are all safe and well. It's been a long time since we have been able to gather in person, and I don't know about you, but I sure miss the chance for us to be together as a community.

This week we will hear the popular biblical story of "The Road to Emmaus". Two of Jesus' disciples were walking on a road to Emmaus when Jesus appeared to them. They did not know it was him however, but they invited him to walk alongside. With saddened hearts they tell Jesus about how they are feeling. I can't imagine the feeling of uncertainty, sadness and pain they must have been experiencing. Finally, Jesus breaks bread with them and his presence is revealed.

This story has me thinking about the ways in which Jesus has revealed himself to us over the years. I'm sure all of us can recall a time when it seemed like Jesus suddenly appeared in our lives. These times are filled with hope and joy. Maybe we've seen Jesus these past several weeks. Maybe we are still trying to find Jesus and waiting for him to make himself known. As we explore this scripture together help us to remember that even if we do not see it, God is indeed in our lives. We are especially reminded of this as we continue to celebrate Easter. Let us find that same sense of joy and hope that we've experienced so many times before. Remember that God's grace goes with you each and every single day.

Worship Opportunities-

Morning Prayer- April 22nd, 8:30 A.M. on YouTube Live- <https://youtu.be/O6lclgtTQJsg>

Evening Prayer- April 24th, 8:00 P.M. on YouTube Live- <https://youtu.be/KkfSP2LqeQk>

Sunday Morning Worship- April 26th <https://miltonlutheranparish.faith/> or our Church's Facebook Page.

As we look into our sixth week of being apart from one another I want you all to know that you remain in my prayers. Our parish leadership continues to monitor the recommendations from the CDC and State Authorities for direction as to when we can gather in person. Thank you all for your ongoing support and encouragement. I also want to say thank you to all of you that have been able to contribute financially. Your giving has enabled us to continue providing support and ministry during this difficult time.

Blessings,

Gary



Weekly Devotional- April 19th- April 26th

Opening prayer:

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, 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, 36-41

Receiving God's promise through baptism

Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19

I will call on the name of the Lord. *(Ps. 116:13)*

1 Peter 1:17-23

Born anew through the living word of God

Luke 24:13-35

Eating with the risen Christ

Questions to talk about:

1. When has God revealed something to you that changed your behavior, thinking, or faith? (Luke 24:13-35)
2. What would you like to say to other leaders in faith and ministry? (Acts 2:37-41)
3. What do you love most about God? (Psalm 116)
4. What are you reluctant to trust God to do or be? (1 Pet 1:17-23)

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- Workingpreacher.org