



## Milton Lutheran Parish

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Dear Friends of the Milton Lutheran Parish,

In our Gospel text for this week Jesus says, “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28-30).

My prayer for all of us during this time is that we hear God’s word of hope and promise in this text. With everything that we have going on it is easy to forget that we are not alone in carrying our burdens. That we have each other, and more importantly, God.

We continue to have several options for you to be engaged with your faith and with the Parish Community. In-person worship continues during the week and we plan to continue to offer those services with the safety regulations that we have put in place.

We also continue to offer online bible study Wednesday and Friday mornings, and online worship on Sundays. All of them are posted on YouTube. To have access to all of the online opportunities just visit our website at <http://miltonlutheranparish.faith> or either church Facebook page.

We continue to offer drive-thru prayer and communion on Thursdays at 8:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. I wear a mask and stay 6 feet away as we talk, pray together, and receive communion. All are welcome!

I will be away on vacation from July 11<sup>th</sup>- 26<sup>th</sup>. During that time, we will not have drive-thru prayer and communion or the online bible studies. Sunday worship will continue to be offered online and will be led by Kellie Brouse on July 19<sup>th</sup> and Claire Weisner on July 26<sup>th</sup>. Our mid-week services will also still be available. If you have a Pastoral emergency, please contact Donna at the office and she will get you in contact with our coverage Pastor.

This Sunday we are excited to celebrate our graduates with a special time of prayer during the Sunday worship service.

As always, if you have a need or any questions please don’t hesitate to reach me at (845) 636-0194 or [schaeffer0319@gmail.com](mailto:schaeffer0319@gmail.com).

Many Blessings,

Gary

**Sunday, July 5, 2020, Worship Bulletin**  
**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Milton Lutheran Parish- Milton, PA**



**Welcome and Announcements**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**Opening Hymn: #404**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*P-* Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose steadfast love is everlasting,  
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

*Amen.*

*P-* Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**C- Reconciling God,**

**we confess that we do not trust your abundance,  
and we deny your presence in our lives.**

**We place our hope in ourselves  
and rely on our own efforts.**

**We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.**

**We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.**

**We fear difference and do not welcome others  
as you have welcomed us.**

**We sin in thought, word, and deed.**

**By your grace, forgive us;**

**through your love, renew us;**

**and in your Spirit, lead us;**

**so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

Beloved of God,

by the radical abundance of divine mercy

we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus,  
through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.

Our sins are forgiven.

Let us live now in hope.

For hope does not disappoint,

because God's love has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit.

*Amen.*

### **First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12**

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup>He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war-horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

### **Psalm: Psalm 145:8-14 (read responsively)**

<sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup>**LORD, you are good to all,**

**and your compassion is over all your works.**

<sup>10</sup>All your works shall praise you, O LORD,

and your faithful | ones shall bless you.

<sup>11</sup>**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom**

**and speak | of your power,**

<sup>12</sup>that all people may know of your power

and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

<sup>13</sup>**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures through | out all ages.**

**You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**

<sup>14</sup>The Lord upholds all those who fall

and lifts up those who are bowed down.

### **Second Reading: Romans 7:15-25a**

<sup>15</sup>I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I

hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup>But in fact it is no longer I that do

it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I

can will what is right, but I cannot do it. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is

what I do. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight

in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my

mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who

will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25a</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

### **Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19,25-30**

Jesus spoke to the crowd saying: <sup>16</sup>“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in

the marketplaces and calling to one another,

<sup>17</sup>“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;

we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

<sup>18</sup>For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; <sup>19</sup>the Son of Man came

eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup>"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

## **Sermon**

**Hymn: #611**

## **Apostles Creed**

Let us confess our faith in the words of the 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 of Intercession**

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church. Sustain us as we share your word. Embrace us as we struggle to find our common ground. Lift up leaders with powerful and prophetic voices. Free us from stagnant faith. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the well-being of creation. Protect the air, water, and land from abuse and pollution. Free us from apathy in our care of creation and direct us toward sustainable living. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the nations. Guide leaders in developing just policies and guide difficult conversations. Free us from patriotism that hinders relationship-building. Lead us to expansive love for our neighbor. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all in need. For all who are tired, feeling despair, sick, or oppressed and who else and what else shall the people of Milton Lutheran Parish pray for. Take their yoke upon you and ease their burdens. Give your consolation and free us from all that keeps us bound. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for this congregation. Bless pastors, deacons, and congregational leaders. Energize children's ministry volunteers, church administrators, and those who maintain our building. Shine in this place that we might notice the ways your love transforms our lives. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for those who have died in faith. Welcome them into your eternal rest and comfort us in our grief until we are joined with them in new life. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

### **Blessing**

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ,  
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,  
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

**Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn: #888**

**Dismissal P:** Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



**SINCE WE DO NOT HAVE A NEWSLETTER DURING THIS PANDEMIC, WE WANTED TO SAY CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2020 GRADUATES AND WISH THEM WELL!**



**CLAIRE WEISNER**

Claire graduated Summa Cum Laude from Arcadia University with a bachelor's degree in International Studies with a minor in Spanish. Claire will serve two years in the Peace Corps teaching English in Colombia before returning to graduate school. At Arcadia she was a member of the women's soccer team, was named to the all MAC academic honor roll each year, and was named to the all MAC Sportsmanship team. She was also inducted into Phi Kappa Phi and Pi Beta Delta honor societies. She is the daughter of Michael and Lynnette Weisner of Milton



**AMANDA WEISNER**

Amanda graduated from Cornell University with a master's degree in Industrial Labor Relations with a concentration in human resources. She accepted a job starting in August with Industrial Scientific in Pittsburgh. She is the daughter of Michael and Lynnette Weisner of Milton.

**Senior 2020**

**YOU WERE BORN WHEN THE WORLD WAS GRIEVING OVER 9/11. AND YOU ARE GRADUATING AS THE WORLD GRIEVES A PANDEMIC.**

ALTHOUGH YOUR TWO BIGGEST LAUNCHES INTO FREEDOM (BIRTH AND GRADUATION) HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE MIDST OF TRAGEDIES... JUST KNOW THAT THE WORLD IS AN AMAZING, LOVING, BEAUTIFUL PLACE. AND IT IS WAITING FOR YOU WITH OPEN ARMS.

WE GRIEVE WITH YOU THAT YOUR SENIOR YEAR IS ENDING THIS WAY. BUT WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE HOW YOU OVERCOME AND SOAR.

*You were made for this.*



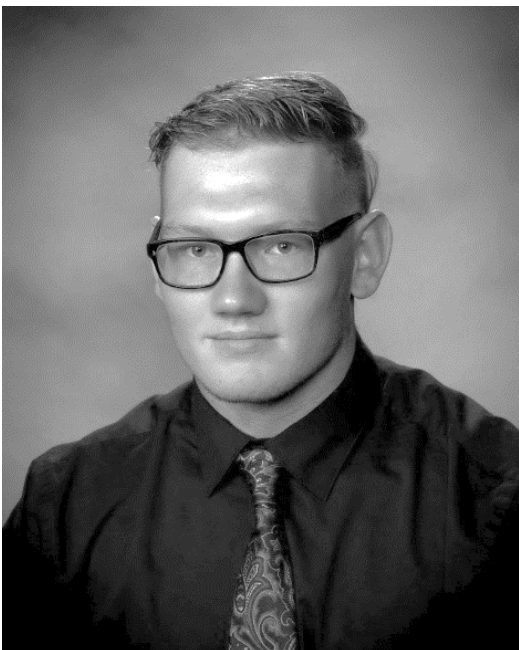
### **NICHOLAS DANILOFF**

Nicholas is a 2020 graduate of Lewisburg Area High School. Nick plans to take some time off from formal education to explore career opportunities. He currently operates a sneaker/clothing resale business with three other friends, as well as lawn mowing and pet sitting. He also volunteers at The Scratching Post cat cafe. He is the son of Mike and Carolyn Danilooff and grandson of Mary Ellen Bartholomew.



### **CAITLYN SOLOMON**

Caitlyn is a 2020 graduate of Milton Area High School. Caitlyn has been accepted to Bloomsburg University in the fall to study in the medical imaging field. Caitlyn's parents are Scott and Amy Solomon and she is the granddaughter of Joe and MaryAnn Solomon and Tom and Sue Fitzgerald.



### **BRENT MITCH**

Brent is a 2020 graduate of Milton Area High School. Brent received Eagle Scout in 2019. Was a 4-year starter in Football and Wrestling. Hobbies are reading, weight lifting, and playing video games with his friends. Brent will be entering the United States Navy in June. Parents are Charles and Kimberly Mitch and he has one brother Austin. Grandparents Rick and the late Judy Schneider and Charles Mitch Jr and the late Shirley Mitch.

## Home Devotional- 7/5/20



### ***Opening prayer:***

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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)

### **Zechariah 9:9-12**

*The king will come in humility and peace*

### **Psalm 145:8-14**

*The Lord is gracious and full of compassion. (Ps. 145:8)*

### **Romans 7:15-25a**

*The struggle within the self*

### **Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

*The yoke of discipleship*

### **Questions to talk about:**

1. Where do you see God in this text?
2. What do you hear God saying to you in this text?
3. How do you think God wants you to respond to what you hear God saying to you?

### **Pray the Lord's Prayer together**

### **Bless one another saying:**

May God bless you this week and always. AMEN

Resources:

Opening prayer: Sundaysandseasons.com - Questions- Workingpreacher.org