



Milton Lutheran Parish

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Deacon Gary Schaeffer, Interim Pastor

Dear Friends of the Milton Lutheran Parish

We are now on our second week of the statewide shutdown. I'm sure many of us are feeling antsy and anxious. As the Coronavirus continues to spread so does our feelings of uncertainty and fear. I'm reminded of the scripture verse, 'And now, O Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in you.' (Psalm 39:7)

In the days ahead let us have hope. Let us be reminded of God's love in our lives, and as we talked about this past Sunday let us look for the helpers in our midst. Because that is indeed where we are most able to experience God.

We will continue to worship online this upcoming Sunday with just a few changes. You are invited to go onto the church website and there will be two videos. The first will be a prayer service recorded at Christ with music, prayer, and scripture reading. For this service you are encouraged to bring a bowl of water with you so you can participate in a remembrance of your baptism. The second video will focus on God's word with scripture readings and another sermon reflection done by myself and Stina. There is also a devotional included on page 2 of this letter that you can use at home as well.

As I know many of you have already done, feel free to share the website link with friends and family so they can join you in worship as well.

Website Link- <https://miltonlutheranparish.faith/>

Our office remains closed; however, you can contact the church office, and someone will be in touch with you as they are able to check voicemails. If there is a need please don't hesitate to contact me directly at (845) 636-0194 or schaeffer0319@gmail.com

Finally, a word about giving. As you know our parish relies on the giving of others in order to sustain its' ministry. 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 either church office so we can continue to make payments toward the ongoing expenses.

Many Blessings,

Deacon Gary



Worship Devotional

Sunday, March 29, 2020

Opening prayer:

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, 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)

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalms 130

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45

Questions to talk about:

1. Whose death have you wept over, grieved deeply? (John 11:1-45)
2. When was a time you felt God breathing new life into you? (Ezek 37:1-14)
3. What's foremost on your mind when you pray these days? (Ps 130)
4. How do you perceive the presence, work, or impact of the Spirit in any given moment? (Rom 8:6-11)

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.org