



Milton Lutheran Parish

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Gary Schaeffer, Pastor

Dear Friends of the Milton Lutheran Parish,

I hope you are all doing well! I have a few updates for you this week as we begin our Lenten journey. The first day of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 17 and runs through Holy Saturday on April 3. Below is a bunch of information on how we will stay connected with God and one another during this holy season.

Worship and Devotional Kits- This year we will be providing worship and devotional kits for everyone to use during Lent. There will be two different kits. The first will help take us from Ash Wednesday through Palm Sunday. The second will be for Holy Week and Easter starting with Palm Sunday and will include supplies for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday.

Pick up Dates: (You can come to the parish on the following dates and pick up your kits.)

1st Kit- Sunday, February 14, at 11:00 A.M. or Wednesday, February 17, between 7:30 A.M.- 1:00 P.M.

2nd Kit- Sunday, March 21, between 8:30 A.M.- 11:30 A.M.

If you are a shut-in, we will have someone drop off the kit to you in your place of residence.

Spread the Love Worship

On Sunday, February 14, (Valentine's Day) we will have a special worship service in preparation for Lent. This service will be in addition to our live streamed service that happens each week at 9:30 A.M. You are invited to join us for worship in the parking lot of Christ at 11:00 A.M. During this service, we will have a special time of prayer, music, and story sharing. We are looking for people that would be willing to share a short story of how they have experienced God's love in the past year, either by receiving God's love or sharing it with someone else. We will also hand out our first Worship and Devotional Kits.

Ash Wednesday

On Wednesday, February 17, we will be recognizing Ash Wednesday in two different ways. From 7:30 A.M.- 1:00 P.M. we will have Ashes to Go. You can come to the parking lot of Christ and receive a prayer and your ashes while remaining in your vehicle. Then at 7:00 P.M. our Ash Wednesday service will be live streamed from Trinity. You will receive a container of ashes in your worship and devotional kit that you can use to participate in the service online. We are also partnering with the Breaking Bread Company to provide free chicken corn soup and bread! From 11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. you can stop by the parking lot at Christ to receive your ashes AND some soup and bread.

Finally, I wanted to let you know that we will resume in-person worship inside the sanctuary of Trinity starting at 9:30 A.M. on February 21st. The service will continue to be live streamed for all those who do not feel comfortable coming in person. All the same safety measures will be in place as before including a mask requirement, social distancing, and limited physical contact. There is an instructional video available on our Parish YouTube Channel that you can watch with more information about the safety measures that are in place.

Blessings,
Gary



We Warmly Welcome You to



Milton Lutheran Parish

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

February 14, 2021

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Traditional Service

LIVE Streamed from the Sanctuary at Trinity Lutheran at 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



Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor Gary Schaeffer

In the name of the Father,
and of the † Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

Opening Hymn: "Thy Strong Word"

John Warfel

*1) Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;
at thy speaking it was done.*

*For created light we thank thee,
while thine ordered seasons run.*

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise to thee who light dost send!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia without end!

*6) God the Father, light-creator,
to thee laud and honor be.*

*To thee, Light of Light begotten,
praise be sung eternally.*

*Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
glory, glory be to thee.*

*Mortals, angels, now and ever
praise the holy Trinity!*

Greeting

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. Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus



Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading: 2 Kings 2: 1-12

Lynnette Weisner

A reading from 2 Kings Chapter 2.

¹Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." ¹⁰He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50: 1-6 (Read Responsively)

Lynnette Weisner

¹The mighty one, God the | LORD, has spoken;
calling the earth from the rising of the sun | to its setting.

²**Out of Zion, perfect | in its beauty,
God shines | forth in glory. R**

³Our God will come and will | not keep silence;
with a consuming flame before, and round about a | raging storm.

⁴**God calls the heavens and the earth | from above
to witness the judgment | of the people.**

⁵"Gather before me my | loyal followers,



those who have made a covenant with me and sealed | it with sacrifice.”

**⁶The heavens declare the rightness | of God’s cause,
for it is God | who is judge. R**

Gospel: Mark 9: 2-9

Pastor Gary Schaeffer

The holy gospel according to Saint Mark the 9th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon- ‘When Everything Changes’

Pastor Gary Schaeffer

Hymn of the Day: “Beautiful Savior”

John Warfel

*1) Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I’d love thee,
truly I’d serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.*

*4) Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine*

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

Lynnette Weisner

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

For the gospel proclaimed in word and deed, for communities of faith far and near, and for all who show the face of Christ throughout the world, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For creation: sun, moon and stars; life forming in the dark earth and ocean deep; mountains, clouds and storms, and creatures seen and unseen, and for the Holy Spirit's guidance in our stewardship of God's creation, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those responsible for safety and protection: for emergency responders and security guards, attorneys and advocates, civil servants and leaders of governments, that they witness to mercy and justice throughout the world, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For all who suffer this day, that Christ our healer transform sickness into health, loneliness into companionship, bereavement into consolation, and suffering into peace, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For companions on life's journey in this worshiping community, for loved ones who cannot be with us this day, and for guidance during struggles we face, that God's glory is revealed around and among us, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their earthly pilgrimage, that their lives of service and prayer inspire us in our living, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.



Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

Pastor Gary Schaffer

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, 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.

Communion

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Hymn: "Shine Jesus Shine"

John Warfel

Refrain: Shine, Jesus, Shine,

Fill this land with the Father's glory;

Blaze, Spirit, blaze,

Set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow,

Flood the nations with grace and mercy;

Send forth your Word,

Lord, and let there be light!

*1) Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me. Refrain.*

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Prelude

John Warfel



News and Announcements from the Parish

A Note from Pastor Gary . . .

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This Week at Milton Lutheran Parish . . .

- Sun., Feb. 14 **Happy Birthday Jay Bastian! Happy Birthday Nancy Brown! Happy Birthday Harrison Scott!** Happy Valentines Day! Spread the Love Worship Service at Christ parking lot 11 A.M. and 1st Worship Kit Pick-up at 11:00 A.M at Christ
9:30 AM LIVE Stream Worship Service.
- Mon., Feb. 15 Combined Council Meeting at 7 P.M.
- Wed., Feb. 17 **Ash Wednesday:** Ashes to Go and Lent Worship Kit pick up at Christ 7:30 A.M - 1:00 P.M., with free soup served from 11:00 A.M.- 1:00 P.M.
7:00 P.M. Ash Wednesday LIVE Stream Worship Service
Bible Study is Posted on the Website and Social Media
- Thur., Feb. 18 **Happy Birthday Ruth Scott!**
- Fri., Feb. 19 **Happy Birthday Ken Gaugler and Joe Yaiko!**
- Sat., Feb. 20 **Happy Birthday Bridgette Coup! Happy Birthday Nancy Mensch! Happy Birthday Donna Riccio! Happy Birthday Eric Strawser!**
- Sun., Feb. 21 In person worship at Trinity 9:30 A.M. Service will also be live streamed.

Milton Lutheran Parish Leadership Team	
Pastor	Gary Schaeffer
Parish Organist, Music Director	John Warfel
Sexton/Custodian	Chuck Stahl and Helen Billhime
Treasurers	Rich Handy, Carol Yost, Craig Lawler, and Lorraine Lawler
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