



The Sundays of

*Resurrection*

**CLC**  
**MILLVALE**  
Christ Lutheran Church

May 12 at 9:30AM - In-Person Worship

**WORSHIP WITH US**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**FIRST READING: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26**

**PSALM 1**

**SECOND READING: 1 John 5:9-13**

**GOSPEL: John 17:6-19**

*Pastor Tricia Schneck Preaching*

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Protect  
them in  
your name

JOHN 17:11



The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit! ~

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# HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

TO ALL THE MOMS, GRANDMOTHERS  
and GREAT-GRANDMOTHERS of OUR  
CLC CONGREGATION . . . and  
the Mothers in our community of  
Millvale and beyond, with  
thanks for their love and service to our  
Church and Neighborhood.



## Pastor Caroline Mendis 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination

Pastor Caroline Mendis, who served at Christ Lutheran Church, Millvale from 1989 to 2014 will be celebrating her 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination this year and will be recognized at our Synod Assembly in June. Our Synod began honoring each of our Pastors celebrating 50 years of ordination with a \$500 gift to the seminary toward a new scholarship that will benefit seminarians just entering public ministry in the church.

Congratulatory greetings may be sent to Pastor Mendis. Those who wish to help fund the scholarship may certainly do so. Congratulatory greetings and scholarship contributions may be directed to the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod; 1014 Perry Highway, Suite 200, Pittsburgh, Pa 15237. Please note in the memo line "50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Scholarship Fund."

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# Potluck Celebration

— Welcome —  
**Pastor Tricia**  
and **Mickey Donati**  
**Organist and Director of Music**  
and **Farewell Seminarian Lindsie**



**Sunday, May 19th - After Service**

**PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE.**  
**SIGN UP SHEET IN THE NARTHEX**



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## **CLC FOOD PANTRY**

Donations are requested for

**Pancake Mix**

**Toilet Paper**

**Pork n Beans**



The Food Pantry is Open Mondays and Fridays from 9:30am to 11:30am, and on Wednesdays from 5pm to 7pm.

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## SEEK & YOU SHALL FIND

Ask, and it will be given you; seek and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

MATTHEW 7:7



# CAMP DOWNTOWN 2024 REGISTRATION OPEN!

We are pleased to announce this year's Camp Downtown hosted by First Lutheran Church and sponsored by the Downtown Ministerium, this summer, from **June 17 – 21!** Join us for daily learning and fun while we seek and find God's special messages for us throughout the Bible.

The cost is \$75 per camper. Sibling discounts are \$65 for 2nd sibling, \$55 for 3rd sibling and so on. Camper registration is for students entering Kindergarten through 6th grade. Students 7th Grade and older may register to serve as youth counselors at no cost. We also need additional adult chaperones! **Please visit the link below** to register a camper, youth counselor, or adult volunteer today!

***Registrations must be received no later than May 19!***

Camp Downtown Student, Youth Counselor and Adult Chaperone Registration Link:

<https://flcpittsburgh.org/campdowntown>

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## **Greetings Christ Lutheran Church!**

My name is Michael Donati but most of my friends call me Mickey. I formerly played at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Philadelphia.

I also collaborated with The Conciliation Project in Richmond, Va. I have been looking for a Lutheran, ELCA church to play music with for some time now.

Thank you for offering me a musical and spiritual home. I am excited to share my talents as well.

**Peace,  
Mickey**

**MICKEY DONATI**  
is OUR NEW ORGANIST and DIRECTOR of MUSIC



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# SWPA Synod Assembly 2024

Friday, June 14 @ 9:30 AM - Saturday, June 15  
@ 12:30 PM at PennWest California (Cal-U)  
[swpasynod.org/assembly2024](https://swpasynod.org/assembly2024)

Registration opened April 1. Voting members from your congregation have an important responsibility on behalf of all the members of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. This assembly is the highest legislative authority of our synod; they will be making decisions that impact 143 congregations covering 10 counties in southwest PA. **Please speak with Pastor Tricia or Lennie Jansen if you'd like to attend.**

## **CLC is "in the neighborhood, for good!"**

Your regular support and presence at church is vital to the ministry of our congregation. We are known in the community for the work we do and the relationships we build, and for the ways we offer our time, talents, and treasures to serve our neighbor. As a committed member of the church, please remember to send your offerings regularly, check your Weekly Update, and find ways to participate in this community of faith.

If you're new here, or just visiting, please take some time to get to know us!



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## **CAMP LUTHERLYN**

For seventy-five years Lutherlyn has been combining the love of God, fun, friends, swimming, playing in the woods, adventure challenges, Bible study, worship, cookouts, campfires, discoveries in nature, games, and a few surprises into an unforgettable experience!

Lutherlyn offers a variety of week-long, half-week, and day programs for children entering 1st grade through those who have finished their senior year of high school.

Camp Lutherlyn is located in Prospect, PA.

**CLC has had a long relationship with Lutheran Outdoor Ministries at Lutherlyn and has scholarship funding available for YOUR child to attend a week at camp this summer! See Pastor Tricia or Ray Lardin for details.**

Check out [www.https://  
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## Gone in Seconds

Joseph Imhoff

As I finish up this article it is Thursday the Church celebrates a most significant event, the **Ascension of our Lord**. Coming forty days after Easter, there's that number again, it always falls on the Thursday between the Sixth and Seventh Sundays of Easter.

Of all the Gospel writers Luke is the only one to describe such a miraculous event in his Gospel and in his Acts of the Apostles. There is an addendum at the end of Mark which appears to have been added much later by someone other than Mark. In the Gospel the Apostles are gathered together with Jesus and after leaving his final instructions he was carried up into heaven. In Acts we learn that after he was taken up by a cloud into heaven those remaining were chastised by two men in white robes for standing around and gawking when they already knew he will be returning and they have work to do on their own guided by the Spirit. That's another story for a coming article.

The Bible records only two other persons leaving earth without a trace; Elijah taken up into heaven by the fiery chariot in front of Elisha, a very dramatic intervention, and Enoch, in Genesis, a man known to have walked with God "then he was no more, because God took him." End of story.

This is the end of Christ's work on earth because he says he is going to prepare a place for his followers. Ascension, along with Easter and Pentecost which will be celebrated in ten days being fifty days after Easter and already a Jewish celebration are the oldest Christian events to be celebrated by the early Church. ~

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## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### United in Christ

The concept of the Trinity, one God, three in one, one in three, can be a little hard, sometimes, to get ahold of. But perhaps what scripture's witness to the Trinity boils down to is this: Jesus is in constant communication, continual, active relationship with the Father. The Father is in constant communication, continual, active relationship with the Son. And the Spirit is in and with and between both, always its own presence, but always, nonetheless, one in active relationship, one in ceaseless communication, with both the Father and the Son. Jesus prays that we may be "one" in the same fashion.

Conflict happens in the body of Christ all the time. Sometimes it is over matters of great significance: how we read scripture, how we are to conduct our lives, how the church is to think and act as it comes head-to-head with the constant pull and tug of the culture within and around it. Sometimes the conflict is personal. We resist the neighbor, and worse, out of hurt, anger, and anxiety. Sometimes the conflict can seem to be over a matter of pure nonsense: which way pickles should be sliced, and why they should be sliced that way.

**Where and how, then, is our hope of being "one," as our Lord has so prayed?**

**It is in this: whatever our conflict, we belong to one another.** Whatever our conflict, we are called to work at staying in active relationship, honest communication. We are not one, finally, when the issues between us wane, or cease. We are one because the Lord of life holds us together in the promise of his love even when powerful forces, at one and the same time, pull us apart. We are one because the body and blood of Christ have been given to each of us, and all of us. ~

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## This Week at CLC:

**Sunday, May 12 -**

8:30am Sunday School

Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am



**Monday**

**May 13 - 9:30-11:30am Food Pantry**

3:45-6:15pm Violin, 5-6pm TOPS CLUB, 6-7pm

Tai Chi, 6:30-8pm ESL, 7-9pm Pain Support,

**6pm Council Meeting**

**Tuesday**

**May 14 - 9am to 3pm 412 Food Rescue,**

9:30-11:30am ESL in Library, 6-8pm Violin

**Wednesday**

**May 15 - 5-7pm FOOD PANTRY**

**6-7pm Choir Practice, 6:30-8pm ESL**

**Thursday**

**May 16 - 6:30-7:30pm Boy Scouts Pack 162**

**Friday**

**May 17 - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY**

6-8pm- Girl Scouts, 7pm NA meets-Library

**Saturday**

**May 18 - 9am AA meets in the Library**

7pm NA meets in the Library

**Sunday**

**May 19 - 8:30am Sunday School**

**Pentecost -Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am**

**Potluck Celebration After Service to Welcome**

**Pastor Tricia & Mickey Donati, Director of**

**Music & Say Farewell to Seminarian Lindsie**

**Struth. Gathering Place Booked**

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## Upcoming Commemorations



### **Matthias, Apostle**

**Tuesday, May 14, 2024**

Matthias was the apostle added to the Twelve after Jesus' resurrection, as a replacement for the dead Judas Iscariot. He had traveled among the followers of Jesus throughout the Lord's ministry. Formerly commemorated on February 24, Matthias's celebration is moved to May 14 in agreement with most Western calendars.



### **Erik, King of Sweden, martyr, died 1160**

**Saturday, May 18, 2024**

Erik is considered the patron saint of Sweden. As king of that nation, he tried to bring peace in the region, and to spread Christianity in Scandinavia. He was also known for his attempts to make fair laws and to protect those who were poor or sick.

## **THANK YOU TO OUR SCOUTS!**

Troop 162 (CLC, Millvale) and Troop 138 (Bethlehem, Glenshaw) combined forces to "Scout for Food". They set up tables at Shop 'N Save and recieved more Food Pantry donations than we have room for on our shelves! They continue "Scouting for Food" door to door in their neighborhoods. **Thanks to our Scouts for mulching and weeding the church!!**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.



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**The Infant Room is temporarily closed. If you need a Quiet Space, please use the room at the top of the stairs.**

**Otherwise, all children are welcome in worship, and able to play quietly and interact at our Pray Ground in the side aisle.**

**Online Giving** No matter the amount, the most helpful way to give to the ministries of the congregation is regularly and consistently. Whether it's weekly or monthly, make a prayerful decision ahead of time this Easter, and commit to a consistent amount.

With our online giving platform, Vanco, it's super easy! Go to: <https://www.clcmillvale.com/donate/> See the **Online Giving Code** here, and **Thank You!**



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