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Christ Lutheran Church

*The Sundays of*  
**PENTECOST**



**May 26 at 9:30AM ♦ In-Person Worship**

## **The Holy Trinity**

**1st Sunday after Pentecost**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-8**

**PSALM 29**

**SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-17**

**GOSPEL: John 3:1-17**

***Pastor Tricia Schneck Preaching***

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For good.

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Holy,  
holy,  
holy

ISAIAH 6:3



When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him. ~

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# Pastor Tricia's Installation



at  
Christ Lutheran,  
Millvale  
June 23, 2024  
2:30pm

Pastor Melissa Stoller,  
Assistant to the Bishop  
will be preaching.

Pastor Peter Asplin,  
Assistant to the Bishop  
will lead the Installation.

Everyone is invited and a reception will follow  
in the Gathering Place.

## **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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## *Greetings -*

Thank you everyone for the warm welcome as your new Pastor. I love the welcome sign the children made with their handprints. CLC is a busy place, and it has been nice getting to know some of you as you come and go from the building. I am available if anyone wants to stop by and talk. If you are in the hospital or going in for surgery, please let me know and I will come by for a prayer and a visit. The best contact for me is by email at [tricia.schneck@yahoo.com](mailto:tricia.schneck@yahoo.com).

I am excited to have Mickey Donati our New organist/Director of Music with us. He is a very talented musician with whom I look forward to working.

I will be leading First Holy Communion classes in early fall. Please let me know if you have a child who has not had first communion instruction. I will add them to my list of contacts.

## *Blessings - Pastor Tricia*

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Get  
In-the-Spirit!



## **Fellowship Committee**

Do you have a great idea for a fellowship event for our church family? Do you like to plan events with others and have fun doing it? Do you like to help? Then we have a committee for you! We are forming a fellowship committee that will come together, brainstorm and host events for our congregation and friends. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or let Pastor Tricia know. Once we have a group, we will schedule our first meeting.

## **Outreach Committee**

Do you have a passion for helping others beyond the walls of our church? Do you want to explore ways we can reach out into our community? Do you have ideas on how to help our homebound members feel connected to their church family? Then we have a committee for you! If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or let Pastor Tricia know. Once we have a group, we will schedule our first meeting.

## **Worship Help**

### **◆ Ushers**

Ushers are an important part of our worship experience. They collect the offerings, count how many people are in worship, serve the wine during communion and help visitors feel welcome. If you would like to be an usher for our worship service, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Tricia.

### **◆ Worship Assistants**

Worship Assistants are also an important part of our worship experience. Worship Assistants read the lessons and prayers and help with other parts of the service. They also help distribute the wine during communion. If you would like to be a Worship Assistant, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

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**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."

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.

## **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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## 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://  
www.lutherlyn.com/summercamp](https://www.lutherlyn.com/summercamp)

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## A God Mystery

Joseph Imhoff

I love a good mystery . . . read Dashiell Hammett, Dorothy Sayers or Agatha Christie; they have given us iconic sleuths and mysteries. I'm also keen on watching the Hallmark Mystery Channel or the Ovation Network which have mysteries 24/7, though through repeats I often the know whodunnit before they do it.

The Bible is full of mysteries and the answer to the whodunnit is, "God did it!" God has his reasons and that should be sufficient. Why should we think about this? Well, the Church devotes one whole Sunday to the subject, the First Sunday after Pentecost is dedicated to the Holy Trinity, God as Father, God as Son, God as Holy Spirit, BUT One God with three personifications.

The Athanasian Creed which is occasionally recited on Trinity Sunday by the Church goes to great length in some 800 to 900 words over 44 verses to explain that which cannot be explained in human terms. Here are four of those verses:

"Now this is the catholic faith: We worship one God in trinity and the Trinity in unity, neither confusing the persons or dividing the divine being. For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Spirit is still another. But the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory, coeternal in majesty. What the Father is, the Son is, and so is the Holy Spirit."

I prefer to rely on the explanation of the Trinity given by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen of New York City on his weekly television show of the 50's and 60's. I remember watching 'Life is Worth Living' on television Tuesday nights.

"What is water? H<sub>2</sub>O, that is its nature. As a liquid it's H<sub>2</sub>O, as ice it's H<sub>2</sub>O, as steam it's H<sub>2</sub>O. Its nature does not change, only the form. Thus it is with the nature of God, the nature does not change but only the form." Thus the creeds say, "God the Father Almighty, creator; the Son, Jesus, who took on flesh to atone for sin; the Holy Spirit proceeding from the Father and Son who works in mysterious ways!" ~

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## THE HOLY TRINITY

### How Can These Things Be?

Given the many heated encounters between Jesus and Pharisees, the term *Pharisee* has become, for some, another word for “enemy of truth” or “opponent of God’s promises for the world.” In communities where divisions over what is true and false, good and bad, have become iron-clad, often rankling relationships, it may seem familiar—even honorable—to hiss at Pharisees. But that wasn’t Jesus’ way.

Think first about people like the Samaritan woman at the well, or a centurion in Rome’s brutal occupying army, or a scandalous prostitute, or an executioner driving nails into Jesus’ flesh—people that might have been easily discarded. Yet Jesus related to them in compassion and mercy, not exclusion.

Then think of Nicodemus, meeting Jesus at night, calling him “a teacher who has come from God.” Nicodemus is a Pharisee but he is hardly an enemy of truth opposing God’s way in the world. Moreover, with one word, “we,” he includes other Pharisees like himself who wish to accompany Jesus in God’s kingdom.

The perplexing nighttime conversation that leaves Nicodemus in a state of wonderment—“How can these things be?”—leads to Jesus’ climactic revelation: “God so loved the world . . .” In the gospel’s original Greek, “world” (*kosmos*) indicates that literally every bit of the universe receives God’s mercy and compassion, saving us all from perishing into iron-clad division between who is in and who is out.

How can these things be? On this Sunday that celebrates the wonder of the Trinity, the answer comes from God the Creator, saying that creation is good; from God the Redeemer, teaching us to love the world as God loves it; and from God the Spirit, continuing to draw us into wonderment. That’s how this can be. ~

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## This Week at CLC:



### Sunday

May 26 - 8:30am Sunday School  
Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am

### Monday

May 27 - 9:30-11:30am Food Pantry  
5-6pm TOPS CLUB, 6-7pm Tai Chi, 6:30-8pm  
ESL, 7-9pm Pain Support,  
6pm Council Meeting

### Tuesday

May 28 - 9am to 3pm 412 Food Rescue,  
9:30-11:30am ESL in Library, 6-8pm Violin

### Wednesday

May 29 - 5-7pm FOOD PANTRY  
6:30-8pm ESL

### Thursday

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

### Friday

May 31 - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY  
6-8pm Girl Scouts, 7pm NA meets-Library

### Saturday

June 1 - 9am AA meets in the Library  
7pm NA meets in the Library

### Sunday

June 2 - 8:30am Sunday School  
Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am

May						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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## Upcoming Commemorations



### **John Calvin, renewer of the church, died 1564 Saturday, May 27, 2024**

Gifted both as a systematic theologian and as an interpreter of scriptures, Calvin embraced the Reformation, and as a preacher in Geneva, Switzerland, brought a theocratic government to it. He is regarded as the father of the Reformed churches.



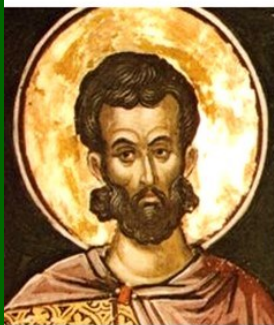
### **Jiri Tranovský, hymnwriter, died 1637 Monday, May 29, 2024**

Tranovský is considered to be the father of Slovak hymnody as well as an important reformer of the Slavic church. He translated the Augsburg Confession (the basis of Lutheran teachings) and published a collection of Slovak hymns.



### **Visit of Mary to Elizabeth Wednesday, May 31, 2024**

This festival marks the occasion when Mary, pregnant with Jesus, visited her cousin Elizabeth who was herself pregnant with John. Elizabeth pronounced Mary "blessed among women," and Mary responded with the song called the Magnificat.



### **Justin, martyr at Rome, died around 165 Thursday, June 1, 2024**

Born of pagan parents, Justin was influenced by an elderly Christian in Ephesus. He became a teacher of philosophy and the Christian faith. Jailed for practicing an unauthorized religion, he refused to renounce his faith and was beheaded.

**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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See the **Online Giving Code** above, and **Thank You!**

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