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The Sundays of
PENTECOST

*Come
Worship
with Us*

June 16 at 9:30AM ♦ In-Person Worship

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24

PSALM 92:1-4, 12-15

2ND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

[11-13] 14-17

GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34

Pastor Tricia Schneck Preaching

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In the neighborhood...
For good.

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The birds
of the air
make nests
in its shade

MARK 4:32

The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding. ~

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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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Get
In-the-Spirit!



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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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Happy Father's Day to All Our Dads



CLC FOOD PANTRY

Donations are requested for

Cereal, Cake Mix,
Pudding Mix, Pancake
Mix, Pork 'n Beans
and Toilet Paper



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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**Pastor Caroline Mendis
50th Anniversary
of Ordination**

Pastor Caroline Mendis, who served at Christ Lutheran Church, Millvale from 1989 to 2014 will be celebrating her 50th 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 "50th 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.

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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.

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The Church's Crayon Box

Joseph Imhoff

Over the last few weeks the changing of the seasons within the church year the liturgical color of Green has crept into the topic as part of the Ordinary Sundays and the growth of the Church, both in each congregation and out into the world to spread the Good News. The Church displays many colors during the year, each one presenting a different mood, a different phase, a different focus.

The first color of the Church year for Advent is **Blue** signifying hopefulness and anticipation, a brilliant sky in the morning expecting a very good day!

White appears at Christmas up to Epiphany, this is the color of purity, the time when Our Lord "grew in wisdom and stature" to prepare him for the mission to come.

Green is the color for Epiphany with the revelation of Jesus' purpose and God's plan beginning to work in the world.

The humility of **Purple** is the Lenten journey toward Easter, it denotes penitence and reflection, the royalty manifested in the Kingship of Jesus, Son of God.

Good Friday wears the **Black** of mourning, of loss, the brief time after the Crucifixion. The alternative is no parameters at all.

Once again **White** shows up for Easter or for that one Sunday, **Gold!** White will remain throughout the season until Pentecost. It is also used for special days of commemoration, Trinity, All Saints, Christ the King and Saints who were not martyred.

The **Red** of fire announces Pentecost, symbolic of the Holy Spirit descending as tongues of flame to ignite the words of the Apostles. During the year it symbolizes the blood of martyrs and the intervention of the Holy Spirit into the life of the Church.

One more color has been recently added: **Rose**, for the Third Sunday in Advent and the Fourth Sunday in Lent reflecting the call to rejoice in penitential seasons.

We often take these little things, things in the background, for granted unless our attention is called to them. Nevertheless, they are part of the whole worship experience like the music or reciting of prayers and creeds. ~

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God Gives the Growth

In the life of faith, we often look at ourselves and wonder if we're really growing at all. The temptation to examine ourselves and despair over our flaws (or perhaps to look at others and judge their weaknesses) is ever-present. For us as Christians, the call to repentance is critical; we are to be aware of our shortcomings, confess them, and receive God's forgiveness. But we shouldn't be too hard on ourselves either.

In the gospel reading today, Jesus uses two farming or gardening analogies to portray the kingdom of God. In the first he describes the entire process—from planting, through the various growth phases, and finally to the harvest. In the second he speaks of the tiny mustard seed which, over time, grows so large that it provides shelter for other creatures.

This is the kingdom of God as a whole, and also the individual's life of faith. The seeds of faith are planted in holy baptism. Over time, God as gardener nurtures us through worship, prayer, holy communion, the practice of confession and absolution, and fellowship with other believers, such that we grow in faith toward God and love toward our neighbors. You, who started out as the tiniest of seeds or the greatest of sinners or were carelessly scattered by others, are gently tended by Jesus, the Master Gardener. You are brought into the kingdom of God so you can grow and thrive and become life-giving for others.

You may "not know how" this has happened; you may not notice it in yourself, or even in other people sometimes. But God gives the growth, and what God sets in motion will come to fruition. That we are promised. So be gentle with yourself and with others. Trust the Lord and be patient. You are being loved and nurtured and cared for, even at this very moment. ~

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This Week at CLC:



Sunday, June 16

**Sunday In-Person Worship Service
at 9:30am**

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Monday

June 17 - 9:30-11:30am Food Pantry

5-6pm TOPS CLUB, 6-7pm Yoga, 6:30-8pm ESL,
6pm Council Mtg.

Tuesday

June 18 - 9:30-11:30am ESL in Library

Wednesday

June 19 - 5-7pm FOOD PANTRY

6:30-8pm ESL

Thursday

June 20 - 6:30-7:30pm Boy Scouts Pack 162

Friday

June 21 - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY

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

Saturday

June 22 - 9am AA meets in the Library

7pm NA meets in the Library

Gathering Place Booked

Sunday

**June 23 - Sunday In-Person Worship Service
at 9:30am**

Installation of Pastor Tricia Schneck

Gathering Place Booked

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Upcoming Commemorations



Rev. Clementa Pinckney



Rev. Sharonda Singleton



Myra Thompson



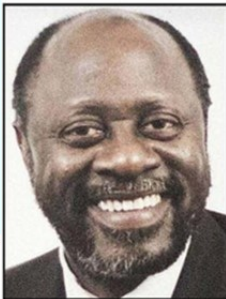
Tywanza Sanders



Ethel Lee Lance



Cynthia Hurd



Rev. Daniel L.
Simmons Sr.



Rev. DePayne
Middleton-Doctor



Susie Jackson

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Emanuel Nine, martyrs, died 2015 Monday, June 17, 2024

On June 17, 2015, Clementa C. Pinckney, Cynthia Marie Graham Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lee Lance, DePayne Middleton-Doctor, Tywanza Sanders, Daniel Lee Simmons, Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, and Myra Thompson were murdered by a self-professed white supremacist while they were gathered for Bible study and prayer at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church (often referred to as Mother Emanuel) in Charleston, South Carolina. Pastors Pinckney and Simmons were both graduates of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. **A resolution to commemorate June 17 as a day of repentance for the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine was adopted by the Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on August 8, 2019.** Congregations of the ELCA are encouraged reaffirm their commitment to repenting of the sins of racism and white supremacy which continue to plague this church, to venerate the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine, and to mark this day of penitence with study and prayer.

Onesimos Nesib, translator, evangelist, died 1931 Friday, June 21, 2024

Onesimos was born in Ethiopia. Captured, enslaved, and taken to Eritrea, he was there freed by Swedish missionaries. He translated the Bible into his native Oromo and returned to preach there.



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