



The Sundays of
PENTECOST

**Come
Worship
with Us**



June 2 at 9:30AM ♦ In-Person Worship

Second Sunday after Pentecost

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 5:12-15

PSALM 81:1-10

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

GOSPEL: Mark 2:23—3:6

Pastor Tricia Schneck Preaching

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In the neighborhood...
For good.

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The sabbath was
made for humankind

MARK 2:27



Deuteronomy makes clear that sabbath-keeping is meant for the welfare of all. God delivered the Israelites out of slavery, so they should observe this freedom with a day of rest. No one should work seven days a week; even slaves and foreigners should be able to rest. Yet human beings can turn even the most liberating religious practice into a life-destroying rule. Jesus does not reject sabbath-keeping, but defends its original life-enhancing meaning. Our worship and our religious way of life are to lead to restoration: the hungry being fed and the sick being healed. ~

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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!



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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As we approach summer and a break from Sunday School, we would like to take this opportunity to thank our Sunday School teachers. Thank you to Mandy, Erica and Morgan for teaching Sunday School and to Lennie for teaching our confirmation class. Thank you to Pat for leading the Sunday School openings. Your dedication to the children is much appreciated. 

Thank You!

Thank You!! to everyone who came to the Potluck to Welcome Pastor Tricia, Mickey our new Music Director and bid farewell to our Seminarian Lindsie. Thank you also to everyone who brought food, set up and cleaned up. Your hospitality is very much appreciated. 

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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.

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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Wearing O' the Green

Joseph Imhoff

The Church is going green, not for St. Patrick's Day, envy or some socio-economic political reason. We hear and read quite a bit about going green, protecting the environment, using green products for cleaning, less polluting sources of energy, reusing and recycling things instead of discarding them.

The Church has been going Green the Sunday after The Holy Trinity for centuries. Beginning this Sunday the paraments and vestments will all be green from now until Advent with the exception of festivals and commemorations. It seems all the important events in the life of the Church have taken place so it will be one boring Green Sunday after another.

"Now the green blade rises...Love is come again like wheat arising green!" One half of the Church year has passed, from the Birth of Christ to the Holy Spirit descending on Pentecost and the beginning of the Church. Now is the time of the Church, much work needs to be done.

I used to enjoy the column that Colin McNickle wrote for the Tribune-Review on Saturdays. During the summer it was about his garden and how it was growing. Gardening is hard work, tilling the soil, watering, fertilizing, cutting away dead growth, and even worse, pulling weeds.

The Bible is full of images of seeds, trees, roots, vines, and branches, not to mention the caretakers. In a sense we as Christians have been chosen to be caretakers, CLC is our orchard, our vineyard, our garden; we have our work to do in order to cultivate it and have it bear fruit in season. We are in Millvale to stay, not just to grow at 917 Evergreen, but to broadcast seed, cultivate new fields, nurture that which is already growing. We have an expert gardening consultant to rely on, The Holy Spirit! ~

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What's the Point?

Here's what the point of this gospel reading is not: it's not about grain, and it's not about bread, and it's not about Pharisees, and it's not about David, the temple, or the priests; it's not about the synagogue, a withered hand, or lawfulness, and it's not even, finally, about the sabbath—as important as all these details are to the story.

The point of this gospel is to set eyes on and crack open hearts to what is most holy. Jesus would, over and over again, insist in word and deed that compassion and mercy trump tradition and supersede ritual when it comes to the sacred. As scandalous as that may look in action, and as unsettling as it felt to cautious stewards of the religious order, it is precisely what Jesus meant when he argued that “the sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath.” Elsewhere, he similarly challenged the religious elite, “For the sake of your tradition, you make void the word of God” (Matthew 15:6), and preached audaciously in his Sermon on the Mount that he had not come to abolish the law but to fulfill it (Matthew 5:17).

Elie Wiesel, a Jewish survivor of the Nazi Holocaust who became a writer, activist, and teacher, taught that “if even the most authoritative teaching, the most sacred text, leads to dehumanization, to humiliation, to harm, then we must reject it.” So, too, did Jesus reject the misuse of the law, demonstrating instead how God intended it as gift, as grace. He exposed the broken-open heart of God's love for humanity in all the places where people react to mercy with hostility. Not only grieved but angry at the hardness of heart of those around him, at their silence and resistance to doing mercy and choosing compassion, in a mere four words—**“Stretch out your hand”**—Jesus defied tradition and chose the holy, the sacred—making his point. That's gospel. ~

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This Week at CLC:



Sunday, June 2

Sunday School is finished for the Summer

Sunday In-Person Worship Service at 9:30am

Monday

June 3 - 9:30-11:30am Food Pantry

5-6pm TOPS CLUB, 6-7pm Yoga, 6:30-8pm ESL, 7-9pm Pain Support

Tuesday

June 4 - 9:30-11:30am ESL in Library

Wednesday

June 5 - 5-7pm FOOD PANTRY

6:30-8pm ESL

Thursday

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

Friday

June 7 - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY

7pm NA meets-Library

Saturday

June 8 - 9am AA meets in the Library

7pm NA meets in the Library

Gathering Place booked

Sunday

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

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Upcoming Commemorations

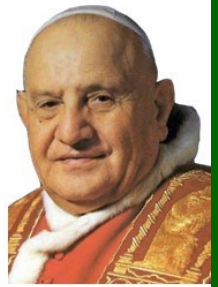


The Martyrs of Uganda, died 1886 Monday, June 3, 2024

On June 3, 1886, thirty-two young men were burned to death for refusing to renounce Christianity. The confident manner in which these Christians went to their deaths contributed to a much stronger Christian presence in Uganda.

John XXIII, Bishop of Rome, died 1963 Monday, June 3, 2024

When elected pope, the former Angelo Roncalli was expected to be a short-term caretaker. He showed great spirit, though, and convened the Second Vatican Council which helped bring great changes to Roman Catholic and other churches.



Boniface, Bishop of Mainz, missionary to Germany, martyr, died 754 Wednesday, June 5, 2024

Boniface was a native of England who became a Benedictine monk and was called to missionary work among the Vandal tribes of Germany. With fellow workers, he established churches and schools, and he also worked to reform the church.

Seattle, chief of the Duwamish Confederacy, died 1866 Friday, June 7, 2024

Noah Seattle led a coalition of tribes, and convinced them to live peacefully with encroaching white settlers. When he became a Roman Catholic, he held morning and evening prayer with his tribe. The city of Seattle is named for him.



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