



June 30 at 9:30AM ◆ In-Person Worship
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

FIRST READING: Lamentations 3:22-33

PSALM 30

2ND READING: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

GOSPEL: Mark 5:21-43

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A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider. ~

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Thank you to everyone who helped with my installation service. Thank you to those who helped with the service as ushers, making slides for the screens, running the screens during the service,

decorating the fellowship hall, setting up, cleaning up, getting refreshments and putting them out, and the list could go on.

Thank you to all who attended the service and for donating to the food pantry. We received over \$400 in offering for the food pantry.

Thank you to all of you for the warm welcome as your new Pastor and to my family as well. I am excited for the ministry that has happened and will happen in this place. With the Holy Spirit leading us into the future I know we will do great things!

Blessings - Pastor Tricia

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!



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.

Iw-the-Spirit!



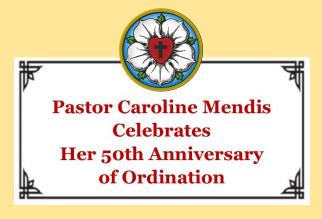


Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee will be meeting on Monday, July 8th at 6:30pm.

Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, July 16th at 6:30pm.



Pastor Caroline Mendis Celebrates Her 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.

Congratulatory greetings may be directed to the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod; 1014 Perry Highway, Suite 200, Pittsburgh, Pa 15237. Attention Pastor Caroline Mendis. ~

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Food Pantry Volunteers:

If anyone is interested in volunteering at our Food Pantry, please talk with Pastor Tricia. The pantry serves the community every Monday and Friday from 9:30am to 11:30am and Wednesday from 5 pm-7pm. Everyone is welcome to help even If you cannot come every week but can only volunteer occasionally. Whatever help you can offer we will gladly accept.

We also receive a food truck once a month on the second Monday of the month from 412 Food Rescue and can always use help unloading.

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

CLC FOOD PANTRY

Donations are requested for

Shampoo & Conditioner, SpaghettiOs, Syrup and Toilet Paper



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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, halfweek, 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



Midsummer

Joseph Imhoff

Monday morning I flipped the Daily Desk Calendar beside my computer to June 24 and saw 'St. Jean Baptiste Day (Quebec), the day the Church commemorates John the Baptist. It was celebrated by the first French settlers in 1606 and declared a public holiday in the Province of Quebec in 1925. The event took on political overtones in the 1800s for the French similar to St. Patrick's Day for the Irish who had fled Ireland during the famine. In 1908, Pope Pius X designated St. John the Baptist as the patron saint of French Canadians.

June 24 is considered the birth date of John, making him only six months older than his cousin Jesus; it's funny how movies and TV programs seem to present him as being much older a person.

The date is also considered to be Midsummer Day, the day on the old Roman calendar considered the summer solstice in the northern provinces that was celebrated by the pagans as the midpoint of the harvest season. Around this grew folklore and tales concerning love and romance. Elves and fairies were particularly active the night before known as Midsummer's Eve or Night.

All of this has led to a variety of artistic expressions, the most famous being William Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' where humans, elves and fairies get tangled up in all manner of funny and strange encounters during the night to be resolved in the morning.

Another representation comes in the form of a musical composition by Modest Mussorgsky, 'Night on Bald Mountain', which he produced as a 'musical picture', St. John's Eve on Bald Mountain. A night filled with the spirits of darkness disappears at morning with the ringing of the village church bells.

Quite an interesting journey for a saint! ~



All Are Welcome

Do you ever feel left out? Do you ever wonder if Jesus is really for you? Perhaps you wonder if your sins are too many, or too bad. Or perhaps life has dealt you a rotten hand, and if people only knew what was going on behind your shallow "I'm fine" at church coffee hour, they wouldn't be so friendly. Or maybe you've heard that Jesus is for the marginalized, the victims, and the irreligious—and you're none of those things. You have a solid family, a good job, a nice church you're very involved in. *Perhaps Jesus is too busy to be bothered with my concerns, you think*.

If you've ever thought that perhaps you're not the right sort of person for the message of Jesus, today's gospel reading should set your mind at ease. In one quick story Jesus heals a woman of low status and the daughter of a man well respected in the community. The woman with the endless flow of blood shouldn't be near anyone, according to long-followed laws. But in faith, she dares to brush her fingers against the hem of Jesus' cloak and, instead of a rebuke, hears the loving voice of her Savior. The leader of the synagogue is precisely the sort of religious authority we tell ourselves Jesus came to cast down from their thrones. But in faith, he dares to ask Jesus into his home and, instead of a rebuke, sees the Messiah restore his daughter to life.

No matter who you are, Jesus is for you. Jew or Gentile, rich or poor, any gender, any background, marginalized or imbued with worldly power—Jesus is for you. He is not ashamed or afraid of you. He is not too busy helping others. Reach out in faith and let him show you just how much he loves you. ~

Upcoming Commemorations

Catherine Winkworth, died 1878; John Mason Neale, died 1866; hymn translators Monday, July 1, 2024

Neale was an English priest who specialized in the translation of Latin and Greek hymns into English. Winkworth lived in Manchester, England, and devoted herself to translating German hymns. Almost all English-speaking hymnals include many of their translations.

Thomas, Apostle Wednesday, July 3, 2024



Though frequently remembered as "doubting Thomas," this apostle also demonstrated a willingness to suffer and die with Jesus (John 11:16), and finally claimed the risen Christ as "my Lord and my God!" By tradition, he later worked as a missionary in India. Long commemorated on December 21, Thomas's celebration is moved to July 3 in agreement with ecumenical calendars.



Jan Hus, martyr, died 1415 Saturday, July 6, 2024

Hus was a Bohemian (present-day Czech Republic) priest who spoke against abuses in the church, and was seen by Martin Luther as his predecessor in the reforming movement. He was found guilty of heresy by a council of the church, and burned at the stake.



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.

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