



WORSHIP WITH US

This 9th Sunday after Pentecost, July 25, 2021

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First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Psalm 145:10-18

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21

Gospel:

John 6:1-21

Pastor Erin Evans preaching

Baptism of William Todd Davis

Hymns:

"Be Not Afraid"

"Break Now the Bread of Life"

Song of Baptism:

"Borning Cry"

"Bread of Life"

"Church of God, Elect and Glorious"

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Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied. ~

TODAY we celebrate the baptism of William Todd Davis, son of Todd and Ellie Davis and grandson of Glen and Donna Davis. We also are sending our seminarian Steve Slepecki off to internship at Trinity Lutheran in Butler for a year.

Please stay after church for fellowship with cookies and lemonade.



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Our Cemetery Care-Taking Crew needs chainsaws! If you have a chainsaw and know how to use it, please speak with Pastor Erin or Becky Nyren. There are several limbs down that could be cleared easily with a chainsaw and a few people.

CLC KIDS LIVE!

Learn about how
Jesus gives us
everything we
need and plenty
to share!

(ages 4-12)



Crafts, games, snacks,
songs, and more!

To Register for this
FREE EVENT
with lunch provided
call the church office
at 412-821-4300

Saturday
July 31
9am-1pm

We'd like registrations for CLC KIDS LIVE by July 28th. Canceling due to lack of interest is a possibility, so we'd like to know if folks are coming.

Help Needed: one of the homebound members of CLC is in need of helpers to drive her to appointments 2-3 times a month. She lives close to the church and needs a hand getting to and from the car as well. If you would like to help out, let Pastor Erin know!

Taize Summer Services: Wednesdays at 7PM

TAIZE PRAYER

Wednesdays @ 7:00pm

Taizé Prayer is evening prayer for all Christian faiths. It is a simple, meditative form of worship, calling us to dwell deeply on Christ's presence around and within us. Repeated melodies and refrains, prayerful silence, and short readings guide the focus of the prayer in a candle-lit environment.

Christ Lutheran Church

Zoom Bible Study

Zoom Bible Study each Tuesday at 7pm. See your Weekly Update Email for the link.

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

FOOD PANTRY

CONDIMENT COLLECTION

*Add your donation to our pantry and help us
"ketchup" with the needs of our community!*

Bring donations this summer: mayo,
mustard, syrup, jelly, and of course,
ketchup!

LOOK FOR REGULAR FOOD
PANTRY NOTES IN THE
WEEKLY UPDATE TO KNOW
WHAT WE ARE MOST IN
NEED OF!



Food Pantry hours are 9:30am-11:30am
Monday-Tuesday & Thursday-Friday.

Thank you for your generous donations of condiments.
The Food Pantry can always use more weekly volunteers.
Call Dorie Budzik at 412-874-0083 to volunteer.

If you are experiencing hunger or food insecurity in your household, you can always confidentially speak to Pastor Erin Evans.

Our Condiment Collection is underway, and we need JELLY! Any size, standard varieties, is great! Bring your condiment to church on Sunday and drop in the collection bin in the narthex.

Anchorpoint Returns!

Weekly counseling sessions with Anchorpoint Counselors will begin again at CLC starting Wednesday June 9th, from 4pm-8pm. This valuable ministry and resource serves people of all ages in our community, who might be unable to afford counseling or find transportation to a counselor's office. There is a flier attached with all information, or call Anchorpoint Counseling Ministries at 412-366-1300.



Millvale

COMMUNITY COUNSELING CENTER



AFFORDABLE COUNSELING IN YOUR COMMUNITY

The Millvale Community Counseling Center is a safe and welcoming place where Children, Teens, Parents, Adults, Couples and Families from Millvale, Etna, Shaler and surrounding neighborhoods can find comfort, support and healing from life's struggles.

Are you struggling? We can help you with:

- Anxiety
- Depression
- Loneliness
- Grief
- Low Confidence
- Low Self-Esteem
- Family Conflict
- Abuse
- Marriage & Relationships
- Past Trauma
- Peer Pressure
- Bullying
- Parenting Difficulties
- Faith & Spiritual Development
- And many more

- Convenient walkable location—Easy to access by bus or car
- Licensed and experienced counselors available to meet your needs
- Affordable sliding-scale fees based on your income and household size

**Open Wednesdays from 4-8 PM
starting on June 9**

Schedule your appointment today:

**Call Anchorpoint
Counseling Ministry at
412-366-1300**

and ask about the Millvale Community
Counseling Center

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at Christ Lutheran Church Millvale
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A Feast of Grace

Five loaves of bread. Two fish. Thousands of hungry people. Baskets and baskets of leftovers. Today's gospel is a story of startling juxtaposition and miraculous transformation.

It is a story in which God comes in the way God always does—in ordinary elements and imperfect circumstances. Jesus gathers up perceived scarcity, holds questions and fears of inadequacy, and turns meager offerings into a feast of grace for all. And there is enough—enough for everyone to have as much as they could ever want, with plenty to spare. It's a feast that meets physical needs and nourishes physical bodies, and through the mystery of faith also unites the feasters with God and one another.

As we hear these words from John, we too are invited to this ordinary and holy feast. It's a feast that crosses time and space to welcome us in and to send us out. We too get to rejoice in the transformation that happens when we show up to worship, with hands open to receive and a deep hunger for new life.

We recognize our hunger in confession and prayer. We feast on the promises of God's word. We taste God's abundance at the communion table. We are drenched in God's generous love in the waters of baptism. We are joined with the other perfectly ordinary and holy banquet-goers as we raise our voices together in song. And we extend this exuberant lovingkindness to the world when we go forth from worship, filled with hope and prepared for service in Christ's name.

With Christ as the host, there is forever enough food for all. Christ's table is one brimming with grace. All of us are invited, just as we are, with whatever meager offerings we have. For we can trust that in Christ, it is more than enough.

Congregational Council: COVID RESTRICTIONS

The CLC Congregational Council has voted to remove the "mask mandate" for vaccinated persons during public worship, and open pews that had been closed due to social distancing. Those who are not vaccinated are asked to continue wearing a mask. For those who consider themselves to be still at risk, and may yet be wary of coming to in-person worship, we offer "Safer Seating." This is a section of socially distanced seating at the back of the church where masks are required and is labelled as such.

Was ist das?

Joseph Imhoff

Martin Luther penned two Catechisms, 'Der Kleine' and 'Der Große', the Small (kleine) and the Large (große) along with volumes of other works. The Small was written for the ordinary Pastors and Preachers for uniformity among the churches no longer aligned with Rome, and then to the people where the head of the household was to instruct his family and any who lived under his roof. The Large was a lengthy explanation on the theology of the (Lutheran) Church.

The Small is succinct and brilliant for its simplicity, simplicity in its structure, simplicity of language for the people of Sixteenth Century Germany, and the underlying simplicity it conveys about faith. This is evident in the German words Luther used but not in English translations. Example:

You shall have no other gods before you.

What does this mean?

We should fear, love and trust God in all things!

Du sollst nicht andere Götter haben neben mir.

Was ist das?

Wir sollen Gott über alle Dinge Fürchten, lieben und vertrauen!

The "What does this mean?" in English sounds very formal as a question on a test which is how it often is presented. But in German the "Was ist das?" is a child's question like a nagging "What's that?" when something unknown is encountered. If something else were meant Luther might have written "Was ist dem Bedeutung?" or "Was bedeutet das?" as a teacher might phrase it.

I think Luther had in mind a faith that is childlike not childish, not without questions, but accepting the answers fearing, loving, and trusting God in all things.

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