

*Word,
Prayer,
and Song*

9:30am Sunday July 18th, 2021

In the neighborhood, for good.



WORSHIP WITH US

This 8th Sunday after Pentecost, July 18, 2021

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*Jesus had compassion
for them, because they were
like sheep without a shepherd*

MARK 6:34



IN-PERSON WORSHIP at 9:30AM, July 18, 2021

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 23

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Hymns: "Dearest Jesus, At Your Word"

"All People That On Earth Do Dwell "

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us "

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing "

Please call Pastor Jennifer Soltis at 570-401-1764 for pastoral emergencies.



Mark's gospel makes clear how great is the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need. We are sent from Christ's table to care for others and for ourselves. ~

From Our Congregational Council

CHANGE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS

As more of our population has had the chance to be vaccinated, and many places are permitting vaccinated people to remove masks, things are changing here at CLC again. We've lived through a year of great upheaval and quick changes, and consistently we have made choices to protect the most vulnerable populations during this global pandemic.

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. This section is labelled as such. Anyone may sit there, so long as they are masked and distanced. As always, we appreciate your patience and flexibility, and we look forward to this new change and step forward.

CLC KIDS LIVE!

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

(ages 4-12)



Christ Lutheran Church, Millvale
917 Evergreen Ave

In the neighborhood,
for good!



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**

[CLC Kids LIVE! JULY 31st, 2021 9:00am-1:00pm](#)

Registration forms are available now! Call the church at 412-821-4300 or fill one out at the desk in the narthex. Speak to Pastor Erin Evans if you can volunteer your time for this event.

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.

Upside-Down Expectations

The people were expecting a powerful king. In Jesus, they were given a shepherd. They were used to a kingdom that celebrated the wealthy and influential. In Jesus, they became witnesses to a kingdom that places the marginalized at the center.

Jesus arrives on the scene in today's gospel as a stark contrast to Herod, who is the focus of the verses immediately prior to today's text. Herod threw a private banquet for the big names of the day; Jesus offers healing for all on the grassy hillside. Herod perpetuated the division between the haves and the have-nots; Jesus gathers all people for the sake of God's merciful love. Herod seeks to appease the economic elite, while Jesus turns the marketplace into a place of healing for common people.

Jesus takes what we think we know about status, belonging, and leadership and turns it on its head, shepherding us into a new way of living. With Jesus as our shepherd, we gather in worship and prayer. We go forth to be citizens of God's kingdom—healed, fed, forgiven—following the one true Shepherd whose compassion knows no bounds. ~

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

Millvale Community Counseling Center
at Christ Lutheran Church Millvale
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The Millvale Community Counseling Center is made possible by Christ Lutheran Church Millvale and the Fortitudo Foundation.



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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!

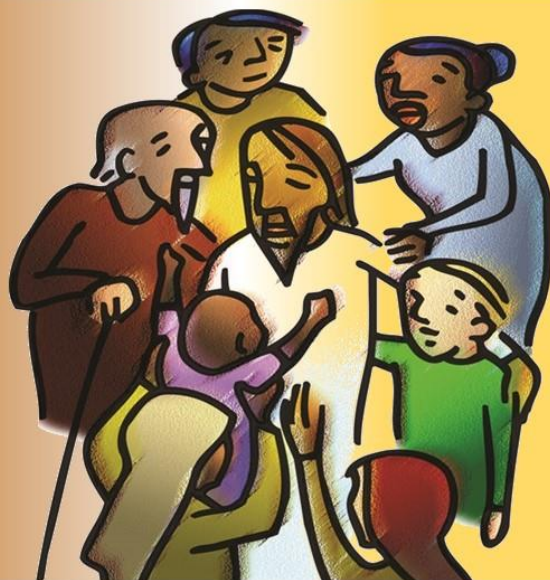


Food Pantry hours are 9:30am-11:30am
Monday-Tuesday & Thursday-Friday.

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 PANCAKE SYRUP!
Any size, standard varieties, is great! Bring your condiment to church on
Sunday and drop in the collection bin in the narthex.



God Rested, We Can't

Joseph Imhoff

Stories of Creation vary from scientist to scientist, the study of the tiniest subatomic particle to the cosmos (not the drink), from religion to religion, from Genesis 1 to Genesis 2! God worked hard in six days, his days not ours; the seventh day he saw it was 'Good' and rested thus the Hebrew calendar had a seven day week which was not unique among civilizations producing accurate calendars, the difference being the last day of the week, Shabbat (meaning rest) was a day of rest. The other days of the week were known by their numbers, one thru six, each corresponding to the evening and morning of the days of Creation.

The Crucifixion took place on Shishi, the sixth day, our Friday, counted as day one. The next day beginning at sundown, was Shabbat, a day of rest, our Saturday, counted as day two. The third day, beginning at sundown of our Saturday, was the first day of the week, Rishon, a work day. God went to work on the first day of the week by raising Christ from the dead, remember, Easter.

What does this mean for Christians. Sunday is our workday, and not just for pastors, but for all, not that church thing in the morning for an hour or so but the entire day.

God may have rested after his labors but it is now our responsibility to make certain things remain 'Good' as He intended! Christ Lutheran Church has formidable task ahead of it, internally and out in the community. CLC intends to remain In the Neighborhood for Good, if we work together it WILL!

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