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Worship with Us

The Holy Trinity

The First Sunday after Pentecost

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CLC Weekly Update - June 12, 2022

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

This Sunday, June 12 at 9:30AM



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First Reading: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Psalm 8

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-5

Gospel: John 16:12-15

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“O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!” Today we celebrate the holy Trinity. Paul writes that through Jesus we have peace with God, whose love pours into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, giving us lasting hope. We celebrate the gracious One-in-Three, eternal Three-in-One, as we worship in community; as we share water and word, bread and wine; and as we bring God’s love and hope to our neighbors. ~

Congratulations Graduating High School Seniors!

TODAY—

A special blessing for graduates will be offered during worship.

Emma Charles

Zoey Smallwood

Evan Visconti



CLC FOOD PANTRY

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PANTRY HOURS

Mondays & Fridays

9:30am-11:30am

Wednesdays

5:00pm-7:00pm

NEEDED:

Cereal

Cake Mix

Jello

Pudding



FOOD PANTRY NEWS:

All Food Pantry Volunteers (shift workers, delivery receivers, donation providers) are asked to attend a meeting after church on **Sunday, July 10th**. We'll start to formalize more volunteer work and put together a regular meeting of volunteers to lead this ministry.



THANK YOU!

- To Cub Scout Pack 162 for their service in cleaning off many of the stones in our cemetery and exposing flat stones buried in grass.

THANK YOU!

-To all who helped set up and clean up for our Potluck Picnic, and to those who contributed food!

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SUMMER STEWARDSHIP NOTE FROM PASTOR ERIN

It's my fervent hope that this is a relaxing and SAFE summer for all! My own family has roadtrip plans, camping plans, beach plans, and plans to see some close friends who live far away.

We all know that summer worship attendance takes a dip while we all enjoy the great outdoors(or air conditioned bliss!), but can we talk about our summer offerings and tithes?

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 summer, and commit to a consistent amount.

With our online giving platform, Vanco, it's super easy! Or do like I do, and schedule a check to be sent once a month through your bank's website. If you've already done this, or you remember to mail an envelope when you can't be physically present with us, thank you!

Go to: <https://www.clcmillvale.com/donate/>

CHURCH DIRECTORY IN THE WORKS!

It is our hope that we'll have a basic member directory to share with you soon, but we'll need your help!

If you would NOT like your contact information listed, please let the office know. Once we have a draft, we'll have it available to be checked after Sunday worship to make sure we have your information listed correctly.



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Who Is God?

Joseph Imhoff

Tucked in the front cover of my red paperback confirmation book is a folded piece of parchment paper with mimeographed (that tells you how old it is) questions for study by the class. At that time a question Sunday was held when The Reverend Augustus C. Peeler of The First Evangelical and Reformed Church of Millvale (now United Church of Christ) would sit in a pew and ask questions to those who were to be confirmed, all sitting in a row across the front of the church facing the congregation who were allowed to ask questions of their own but never did.

The first question on the sheet is: Who is God? Followed by: What did he do? I'm sure we had prepared answer but only the question exists and it was not one of those asked that day. Yet it is a question that pops into mind at the oddest moments because it is important and mysterious at the same time. We know more about the things God has done than about who he is. In the motion picture The Ten Commandments God answers Moses in a voice that sounds suspiciously like the audio engineered voice of Charlton Heston, "I am that I am!" Indeed, the unspoken Hebrew letters for God, YHWH, are a form the the verb 'to be'. In other words the best way to describe God is, "I AM!" He is, therefore everything else exists because of that fact.

This Sunday is designated Trinity Sunday, instead of celebrating an event in the life of the Church we ponder the question: Who is God? To most people when asked, who's so and so? Their reply usually includes a bit of what the person looks like, what they've done, are they likable. For God we only know what he has done for those who have seen him cannot live or only had a fleeting glimpse of his back or in a mist. We know what He has done and that He speaks through many such as prophets. Then there a Son, Jesus, who lived on earth with us for a while, teaching and atoning for sin. Then the Spirit who is the messenger and Comforter. In all, very mysterious.

The Athanasian Creed which occasionally replaces the Apostle's and Nicene Creeds on Trinity Sunday goes to great length in some 800 to 900 words over 44 verses to explain that which cannot be explained in human terms. I rely on the explanation of the Trinity given by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen of New York City on his weekly television show of the 50's and 60's, Life is Worth Living.

"What is water? H₂O, that is its nature. As a liquid it's H₂O, as ice it's H₂O, as steam it's H₂O. Its nature does not change, only the form. Thus it is with the nature of God, the nature does not change but only the form" Thus the creeds say, 'God the Father Almighty, creator; the Son, Jesus, who took on flesh to atone for sin; the Holy Spirit proceeding from the Father and Son who works in mysterious ways!' ~

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No Need for Proof

However diligent and determined, thoughtful and thorough the many sermons, Sunday school lessons, Bible studies, and systematic theologies may be as they claim to make sense of the Three-in-One and One-in-Three, they are, in the end, fruitless follies. The holy Trinity is not sensible. Dare, if you will, to call it non-sense: a holy non-sense. But then call it holy truth, for that is what it is. Holiness dares to defy sense.

Holy Trinity Sunday celebrates our own humble human experience of the divine, not a supernatural equation. The Trinity is suited for the sanctuary where truth is sacred mystery, where we sing, “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee” (ELW 413) and “O Trinity, O blessed Light, O Unity of sovereign might: as now the fiery sun departs, shed holy light within our hearts” (ELW 571), and where we profess the convictions of creeds, opaque and obscure. The holy Trinity is not for laboratories where calculations and algorithms are deciphered.

Behold: Molecules and atoms, glaciers on a crawl, cosmic explosions, photosynthesis and fertilization, the making of mountains, the carving of seas, the sparkling of stars, the opening of a peony, the birth of a gosling or cub or child. Holy, holy, holy God is a wonder to profess and celebrate. No need for proof.

Behold: Outside the walls of the universe and portals of time, the Word opened the gate and became the one who was hungry, thirsty, a stranger, naked, sick, imprisoned, here to give food and drink, to welcome, to clothe, to heal, and to free. Holy, holy, holy God is a wonder to profess and celebrate. No need for proof.

Behold: Doves and flames and winds and languages; in baptismal water, a promise; in wilderness dust, a companion; a guide breathed in at birth, breathed out at death. Holy, holy, holy God is a wonder to profess and celebrate. No need for proof.

Blessed Trinity. ~

This Week at CLC:

June 13 - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY;
5-6pm TOPS CLUB

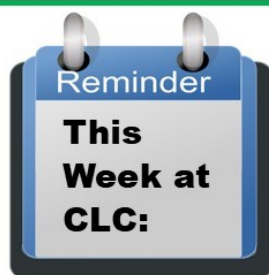
June 15 - 4-7pm MILLVALE COMMUNITY
COUNSELING
5-7pm FOOD PANTRY
5:30pm DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE
6pm SEWING

June 16 - 7pm CHOIR PRACTICE

June 17 - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY
6-8pm GIRL SCOUTS
7pm NA

June 18 - 9am AA
7pm NA

June 19 - HAPPY FATHER'S DAY;
9:30am WORSHIP SERVICE



Prayer of the Day

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen



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Upcoming Commemorations

Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea, died 379; Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, died around 385; Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople, died around 389; Macrina, teacher, died around 379
Tuesday, June 14, 2022

The Cappadocian fathers, as the three men in this group are known, explored the mystery of the Holy Trinity. Basil's monastic rule forms the basis for Eastern monastic life. Gregory of Nazianzus defended orthodox Christianity in Constantinople. Gregory of Nyssa, Basil's younger brother, wrote on the spiritual life. Macrina, older sister of Basil and Gregory of Nyssa, was the leader of a community dedicated to asceticism, meditation, and prayer.

Emanuel Nine, martyrs, died 2015
Friday, June 17, 2022

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.

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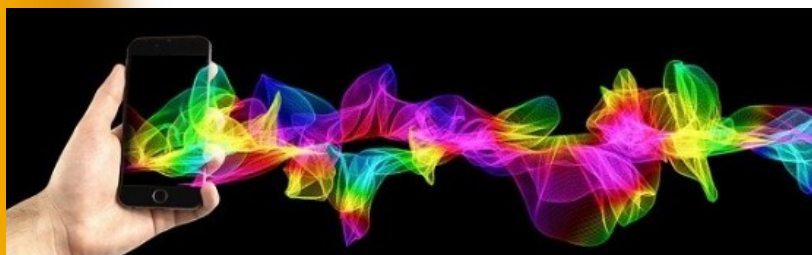
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