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For good.



## Worship with Us

**The 14th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Presiding Minister: Pastor Erin Evans**

Christ Lutheran Church, 917 Evergreen Avenue, Millvale, PA 15209

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**CLC Weekly Update - Sept. 11, 2022**

**IN-PERSON WORSHIP**

**This Sunday, September 11th at 9:30AM**



# WORSHIP WITH US

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**First Reading: Exodus 32:7-14**

**Psalm 51:1-10**

**Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17**

**Gospel: Luke 15:1-10**

**Pastor Erin Evans preaching**

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The grumbling of the religious leaders in today's gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God seeks and saves the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As the writer of 1 Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thanks be to God. ~

## RALLY & REJOICE!

Join us for a special  
"Sundae Sunday"  
Ice Cream Social after  
worship on Sunday  
Sept. 11th to celebrate  
the beginning of a new  
Sunday School year!



## RALLY & REJOICE!

Sunday School for Pre-K through 6th grade will begin on Sunday Sept. 11th. Sunday School will be held from 8:30-9:15am with worship starting at 9:30am. Please call the office if you did not receive a registration form in the mail, or if you'd like one for a grandchild or neighbor. **As we Rally and Rejoice, we'll enjoy an ICE CREAM social after church on Sunday September 11th!** Please plan to attend!



# SUNDAY STEAM

## NEW Sunday School!

Sunday STEAM will be our homegrown curriculum this year! It's a "one room school house" model teaching kids PreK - 6th grade bible stories and incorporating STEAM lessons to go with the theme for the day. Several main teachers will cover basics and provide consistency, along with special guest teachers covering things in their field or area of interest. We'll do science experiments, hands-on projects, and cover all things "STEAM" (Science, Truth, Engineering, Art, and Music). **Come have hands-on fun every Sunday, starting September 11th.** Talk to Pastor Erin or Mandy Freiss to get on board and watch for a mailing!



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Sign-up in the narthex or speak to Pastor Erin about your availability or donation!**

**Needs: pop-up tent, bottled water, coolers, ice, and candy (non-chocolate!)**



Parade. Car Cruise. Rides. Music. Food & Fun



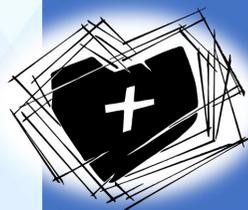
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**IN LOVING MEMORY of the  
Reverend Thomas R. Stennett,  
Pastor Emeritus, Christ Lutheran Church**



Pastor Tom Stennett, residing in Aspinwall, formerly of Shaler, entered life eternal August 22nd, 2022, surrounded by loved ones. He was born April 2, 1933, and married his wife, Judith, on August 20, 1960. He was preceded in death by his parents, Edgar and Sarah, his brother Alan, and his great grandson Julian. He is survived by his two siblings, Jack, and Marlene; three children, Beth (Joseph), Matthew (Marianne) and Eric; six grandchildren Angela (Zach), Michael (Kimberly), Allison (John), Hannah, Alex, and Jillian; and seven great-grandchildren, Dorian, Elias, Sophia, Oliver, Annabelle, Jackson, and Abigail.

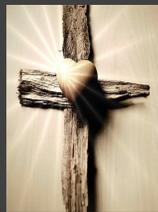
Tom is remembered as a wonderful Father, Grandfather and Great-Grandfather who always put family first. Tom was a pastor and a scholar, attending Thiel College and the Lutheran Seminary in Philadelphia. He was a true Christian, leading his flock with compassion, love, and humor. He reminded us that pastors are people like you and me. His sermons were lessons of love for God, and a pathway to follow from which his children were often the example. He is remembered for his amazing singing, perfect pitch, and a booming voice that echoed from the pulpit. Tom had a strong commanding presence in the Lutheran Church.

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He led parishes in Clairton, Erie, South America, McMurray, Monessen, Latrobe and retired from his church in Millvale. He was an incredible listener, never turning anyone away who wanted to talk or needed help. He loved to garden, travel, and read. Tom will be remembered most for the passion he had for his family. Family dinners full of laughter and joy, playing games, assembling jigsaw puzzles, and countless meaningful conversations shaped that passion. Tom's favorite time of year was Christmas, when his family came together and enjoyed a fondue feast, and the comforting love that he embodied.

He brought joy to people's lives with a simple touch on their shoulder or a word of reassurance felt in their soul. He will be remembered for all the people he helped and his unselfish caring for all humanity. He is with God and is at peace.



**Pastor Stennett was ordained by the Pittsburgh Synod at St. John's Lutheran Church, Kittanning, on June 12, 1958.**

**Pastor Stennett served the following calls during his ministry:**

Trinity Lutheran Church, Clairton, PA 1958-1960

Our Savior Lutheran Church, Erie, PA 1960-1964

Board of World Missions, Chile, South America 1964-1966

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, McMurray, PA 1966-1967

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Monessen, PA 1967-1971

Trinity Lutheran Church, Latrobe Associate Pastor 1971-1976

**Christ Lutheran Church, Pittsburgh (Millvale), PA 1976-1988**

**Retired September 30, 1988**

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# HARVEST HOMECOMING on OCTOBER 2nd

Join us as we celebrate all that God has provided for us, the heritage of God's word, and the home we have in God's house. We give thanks by giving back, and will have a special offering of donations for the food pantry that morning. With our Harvest Homecoming Offering Envelopes, we will give one more time to the investment we've made in our "home" through the Capital Campaign. We will also have mums available for purchase to decorate the sanctuary, look for more info to come!



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



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. †

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# Teach Us to Pray 3

Joseph Imhoff

The continuation of Martin Luther's instructions to his barber, Peter.

6. Now when the heart is aroused and has come to itself through such admonitions, kneel or stand with folded hands, look toward heaven, and think or say as briefly as you can: O heavenly Father, blessed God, I am a poor, forlorn sinner. I am not worthy to lift up my hands and eyes to you in prayer. But you have commanded us all to pray and have promised to hear us. You have taught us the words and the way to pray. Therefore, obedient to your command, and relying on your gracious promise, I come in the name Lord Jesus Christ and pray with all your holy Christians on earth, as he has taught us to pray: (Here is recited the Lord's Prayer).

After this, repeat a part or as much as you desire, beginning with the First Petition:

What follows at this point is each separate petition after the introductory, "Our Father who art in heaven.", then from one to three prayers based on that particular petition.

But Luther is by no means finished with his instruction: If I have the time and strength before the Lord's Prayer, I meditate on the Ten Commandments in a similar manner. Thus I take one after another, so that as far as possible I may be altogether free to pray each one. "I ask for help and strength to become devout and to keep your commandments. Amen."

And for good measure: He who still has time and inclination may do likewise with the Creed (Apostles'), making a four-strand wreath of it.

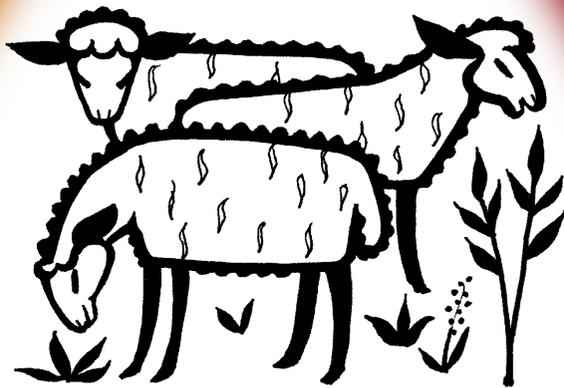
As you can see, Martin Luther was very serious in his teaching about prayer and its aspects remarking concerning the Lord's Prayer: It is a great pity that such a prayer of such a master should be chattered and babbled in all the world without devotion. Many perhaps pray a thousand Pater Nosters a year....they would still not have tasted or prayed one jot or tittle of it. For everybody grieves and abuses it, and few cheer and gladden it by rightly using it.

*To be continued . . . ~*

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## Peripheral Vision

“Look straight forward and raise your hand on the side where you see the blinking light in the corner of your eye.” Maybe you have taken a peripheral-vision test at an optometrist’s office or at a DMV while renewing your driver’s license. Peripheral vision, like peripheral hearing and other sensory parallels, is the ability to perceive things that occur outside the center of one’s focus.

In today’s gospel, Jesus tells a story about a shepherd who seems to have good peripheral senses. He loses one sheep out of a hundred and immediately notices and sets off to look for it. This story may be so familiar that it is easy to take his actions for granted. But should we? It seems that many people looking at such a large group of nearly identical animals would have a difficult time noticing the disappearance of just one.

Yet this is precisely what Jesus does throughout his ministry. He is always noticing people on the margins of society whom others don’t see—whether because of disease, profession, gender, economic status, or past wrongs. Again and again he is criticized by other religious leaders for moving beyond the people they are focused on and toward others they see as peripheral. As Jesus’ followers, we are called to let him shift our attention to people who need the love and attention of God—even when it takes us beyond the comfort of our normal focus.

Today, as you gather to worship, ask yourself: Who is missing from the picture? Who is at the periphery of your assembly? Who is Jesus inviting to this table? In your church, in your community, in your neighborhood, or in your work, who does Jesus see that you have missed, and what would it look like to seek after them? ~

## Upcoming Commemorations

### **John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, died 407**

**Tuesday, September 13, 2022**

John was a priest in Antioch and an outstanding preacher. His eloquence earned him the nickname "Chrysostom" ("golden mouth"). Appointed bishop of Constantinople, seat of the empire, he criticized corruption in the court. As a result, he was exiled by the empress.

### **Holy Cross Day**

**Wednesday, September 14, 2022**

Helena, mother of Constantine, made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and found what may be the actual site of Jesus' crucifixion. Her son built two churches there, and the dedication of one of them gave rise to this celebration of our Lord's victory on the cross.

### **Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, martyr, died around 258**

**Friday, September 16, 2022**

Cyprian served as a bishop during a time of great persecution of Christians. He insisted on receiving back those who had left the faith under duress. He also provided medical care during a severe epidemic.

### **Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, died 1179**

**Saturday, September 17, 2022**

A mystic who was widely influential within the church, Hildegard advised and reproved kings and popes, wrote poems and hymns, and produced treatises in medicine, theology, and natural history. She was also a musician and artist.

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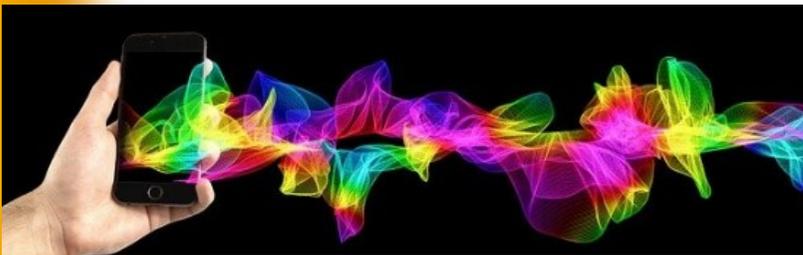
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