

The Sundays of

Pentecost



**CLC Weekly Update - In-Person Worship
October 15th at 9:30AM**

WORSHIP WITH US
20th Sunday after Pentecost

**First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9
Psalm 23**

**Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9
Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14**

Pastor Erin Evans preaching

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In the neighborhood...
For good.

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In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God. ~

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Ordination of Stephen Slepecki



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the beauty of the day! We had a large crowd in attendance with folks from CLC, Oak Grove Lutheran Church (Zelienople), Trinity Lutheran Church (Butler), St. John's Lutheran Church (Carnegie) and St. John's Lutheran Church (Perrysville), as well as many local clergy. So many were grateful for our hospitality and delicious meal! The music and liturgy was uplifting and faithful! Please continue to keep Steve and Julie in your prayers as they move to the parsonage in Zelienople and get to know the people of Oak Grove.



Lunches with Lindsie



One of the responsibilities of our congregation this year is caring for our Field Education Student through one-on-one conversations.

Please sign up in the narthex if you'd like to take Lindsie out to lunch after worship on a Sunday to tell her more about CLC and answer some of her questions about our church.

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Church Council



Council will meet on Monday October 16th at 6pm. We are beginning to review the budget for 2024, and will have information coming out soon about our financial situation and our

stewardship at CLC. Then, as we do yearly, we'll plan an annual meeting to approve the budget for next year,

Stay tuned!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Neighborhood Bonfire



We are hosting an event on Halloween for our neighbors, during and after trick or treating on October 31. This will be a good chance to get to know folks and share hospitality. We'll have a fun craft for both kids and adults, free snacks, and quality

time together! Please let Pastor Erin know if you can help out that evening! *(see details in the flyer on the next slide)*

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ALL HALLOWS EVE NEIGHBORHOOD BONFIRE



October 31st
Christ Lutheran Church
917 Evergreen Street Millvale
6:00pm-9:00pm

FUN FOR
KIDS AND
ADULTS!



Our Council Members for 2023

Erica Strafalace	Tim Komoroski
Kurt Schreiber	Jean Thens
Lennie Jansen	Bud Worst
Becky Nyren	Ray Lardin
Diane Curry	Joe Imhoff

Council Meetings are normally the 2nd Monday of the month at 7pm. Thanks to those who have served and all who share their time to lead our congregation!

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WELCOME LINDSIE STRUTH!



Our congregation has been asked to serve as a Ministerial Fieldwork site for a 1st year seminary student!

Pastor Erin will serve as her supervisor while Lindsie observes, learns, and practices her leadership skills and vocation at CLC.

Lindsie will be with us each Sunday through the 2023-2024 school year, and at other times as well, about 6-8 hours a week.

Honoring and Remembering Our Veterans



Each Veterans Day and Memorial Day, American flags are placed around the sidewalks of the church with the names of Veterans we remember and honor. Thank you to

those who have given their time and energy to make this happen. We are currently updating our database of names. Please let the office know if you have a name of a family member or friend that we should include, and we will make new tags for all flags. Veterans Day is Saturday, November 11.

**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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HELP WANTED

Would you like to take a more active role serving in worship, but prefer something behind the scenes? Are you good with computers or want to learn? The Tech Team needs a few more hands on deck each month to record services, run the PowerPoint slides, and operate the camera. Please see Pat Bauer to learn more, and serve with the Tech Team once or twice per month.



Donations are
requested for
♦ **KETCHUP**
and
♦ **MUSTARD**

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

In case of emergency....



Did you know we have an emergency defibrillator? It's on the wall, near the office and food pantry check-in table.

Did you know we have Narcan available? With the first aid kits in the narthex and in the office too!

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Biggest Banquet Ever

If you have ever planned and paid for a wedding banquet, you know you have to limit the number of guests you invite. There is only so much table space, and the cost to provide food and drink for each guest can be enormous. You have to make choices about whom to include and whom to exclude.

The wedding banquet in Jesus' parable is a metaphor for God's great gathering of people into relationship with God. This banquet does not have the same economic and spatial limits as ancient or contemporary weddings. At God's table there is room for everyone. God is happy to pay the bill. Everyone gets to eat and drink. The more, the merrier!

Except, some of those God invites to the table wanted an exclusive event, a limited guest list for VIPs only. They wanted to feel special for being included by having others excluded. Jesus' ministry was always about including, not excluding, and some within earshot of him didn't accept that. So he told a parable to shake up the listeners' complacency and superiority. If those who are invited reject the invitation, God will keep inviting others to the party.

This challenging story reminds us that our being invited and included comes on God's gracious terms, not our own. In the parable, the king expects everyone to wear a wedding garment, to dress appropriately for the occasion. Refusing to wear it meant wanting to attend on one's own terms and disrespecting the host. The shocking imagery of the parable doesn't mean this is how God treats us when we miss the mark. The king is not God. But it does help us see that our inclusion is a gift, and one we can only receive as a gift. Our thanks and praise are our wedding garment as we join Christ and each other at the table of grace. ~

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This Week at CLC:



Sunday

October 15 - 8:30am Sunday School

CLC Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am

Monday

October 16 - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY
3:15-6pm Violin

5-6pm TOPS CLUB, 6-7pm Tai Chi,

7pm Council Meeting

7-9pm Pain Support, 6:30-8pm ESL

Tuesday

October 17 -

9am to 3pm 412 Food Rescue

5:30-8pm Violin

Wednesday

October 18 - 4-8pm Anchorpoint Millvale
Community Counseling

5-7pm FOOD PANTRY

7pm Choir Practice

6:30-8pm ESL

Thursday

October 19 - 6:30-7:30pm Boy Scouts Pack 162

Friday

October 20 - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY
6-8pm Girl Scouts

7pm NA meets in the Library

Saturday

October 21 - 9am AA meets in the Library

7pm NA meets in the Library

Gathering Place is Booked

Sunday

October 22 - 8:30am Sunday School

CLC Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am

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Upcoming Commemorations



Teresa of Avila, teacher, renewer of the church, died 1582

Sunday, October 15, 2023

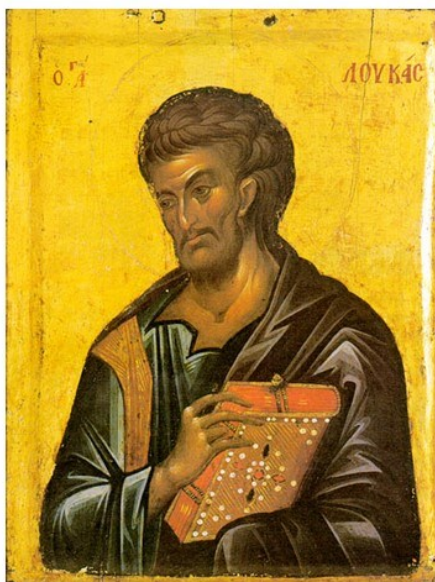
A mystical writer and reformer of the monastic order (Carmelites) to which she belonged, Teresa may also be commemorated with John of the Cross on December 14. Latino Christians traditionally remember her on this date.



Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, martyr, died around 115

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Ignatius was the second bishop of Antioch in Syria, the city where the name "Christians" originated. Ignatius is known to us from his letters, which encouraged Christians to live in love, yet stand firm in true doctrine.



Luke, Evangelist

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Identified as the author of both Luke and Acts, Luke was careful to place the events of Jesus' life in their social and religious contexts. His gospel gives us some of the most beloved parables, as well as the songs of Zechariah, Mary, the angels, and Simeon.

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God's work. Our hands.

God of Reconciliation . . .

C: grant that your mercy and life-restoring steadfastness may astound us, animating in us an eagerness to forgive and be forgiven. Empower individuals, communities, and nations to be generous and tenderhearted. Bless Palestinians and Israelis who dare to take risks for peace. Guide and refresh all those who accompany them.

Help the Palestinians to see the image of God in the Israelis and the Israelis to see the image of God in the Palestinians, so that they can accept each other's humanity and mutually recognize each other's civil, religious, political and national rights in order to live in their states in peace based on justice, reconciliation and forgiveness.

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