



**CLC Weekly Update - In-Person Worship
October 8th at 9:30AM**

WORSHIP WITH US

19th Sunday after Pentecost

**First Reading: Ezekiel Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:7-15**

**Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14
Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46**

Pastor Erin Evans preaching

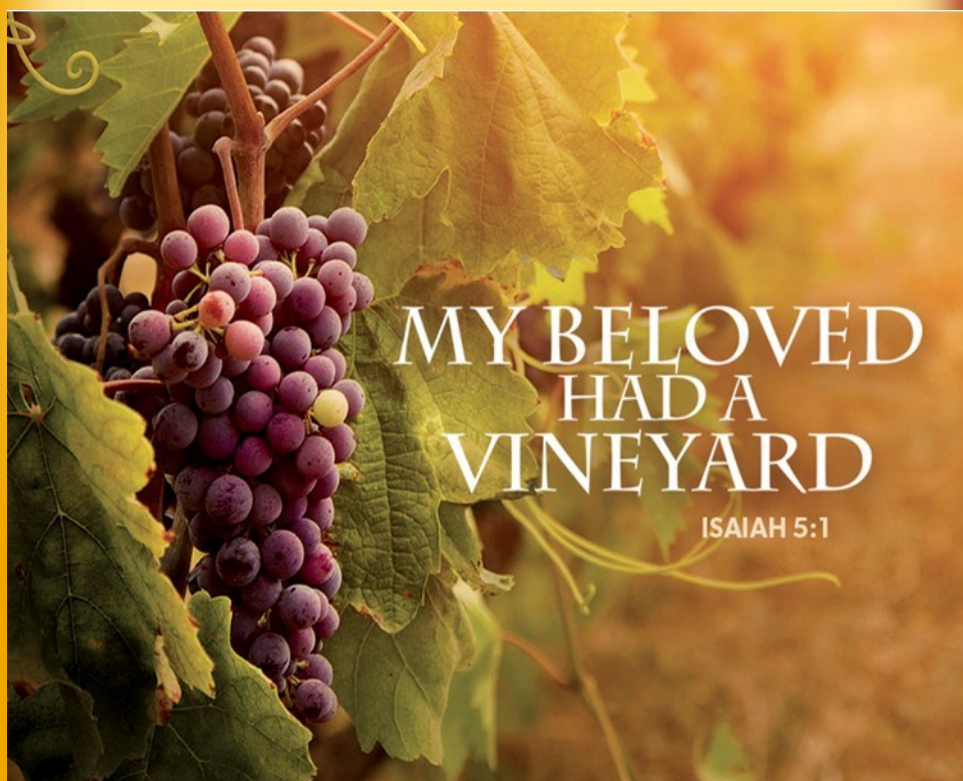
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In the neighborhood...
For good.

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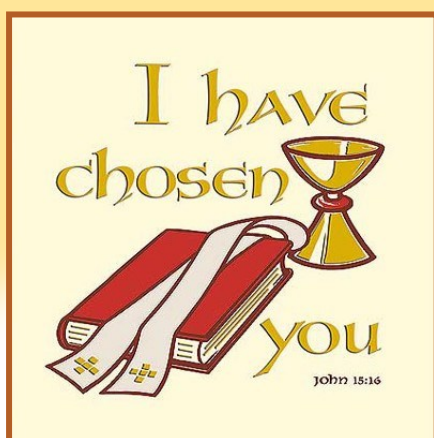


MY BELOVED HAD A VINEYARD

ISAIAH 5:1

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection. ~

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Steve Slepecki has been offered a call and has accepted!

This is the news we had prayed for and waited for. The next step for him is Ordination, and we are hosting the worship service and the dinner on October 8th at 4:30pm. Please see the formal invitation in your Weekly Update email or Bulletin and remember to RSVP.

Members are asked to volunteer to help set up, or clean up, or donate a dessert for the meal. Reach out to Ginger Worst or Karen Timchak to help. CLC members may also make a monetary donation to help cover the cost of the celebration. Please keep Steve and Julie in your prayers and plan to attend this important worship service! ~



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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.

**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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ALL HALLOWS EVE NEIGHBORHOOD BONFIRE



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

FUN FOR
KIDS AND
ADULTS!



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.

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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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Solidarity in Rejection

People face rejection for all kinds of reasons: race, nationality, gender, native language, political beliefs. Rejection is a painful experience that can wound the soul and crush the ego. Anyone who has faced it for one reason or another knows the deep hurt of rejection.

Jesus faced rejection. He faced people with power who rejected his teachings, his ministry, his identity, and ultimately, his whole self. Even many of his followers had a hard time accepting his teaching and walked away. Matthew tells us Jesus understood his rejection in a significant way: “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’?” (Matthew 21:42).

Jesus saw that his rejection could be used for God’s purposes, shocking as it sounds. The Rejected One becomes God’s means of transformation by turning that rejection into an offer of mercy for all, even for those who rejected him. His rejection shows all who face similar fates that even when all others abandon them, God claims them as beloved. Jesus’ rejection becomes the opposite: God’s acceptance of us.

All who face rejection in this life can trust that Jesus lives in solidarity with them. They can even come to see that God can use their pain and hurt to create something new. Baptized, we live in an unbreakable covenant of acceptance. We are invited to the table of inclusion. This doesn’t eliminate the pain or justify the rejection, but it does open up new possibilities for healing and empowerment. Living as siblings of Christ the rejected one, we come to have such bold faith, and it is amazing in our eyes. ~

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This Week at CLC:



Sunday

October 8 - 8:30am Sunday School

CLC Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am

Ordination Service and Dinner at 4:30pm

Gathering Place is Booked

Monday

October 9 - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY

3:15-6pm Violin

5-6pm TOPS CLUB

6-7pm Yoga, 6:30-8pm ESL

Tuesday

October 10 -

9am to 3pm 412 Food Rescue

5:30-8pm Violin

Wednesday

October 11 - 4-8pm Anchorpoint Millvale Community Counseling

5-7pm FOOD PANTRY

7pm Choir Practice

6:30-8pm ESL

Thursday

October 12 - 6:30-7:30pm Boy Scouts Pack 162

Friday

October 13 - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY

7pm NA meets in the Library

Saturday

October 14 - 9am AA meets in the Library

7pm NA meets in the Library

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Upcoming Commemorations



Massie L. Kennard, renewer of the church, died 1996 (TFF)

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

A native of Chicago, Kennard was a major figure in supporting and working toward ethnic and racial inclusiveness in the former Lutheran Church in America. Ordained in 1958, he served in positions including Director for Minority Concerns of the Division for Mission in North America.



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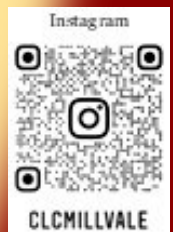
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