



August 25 at 9:30AM ♦ In-Person Worship
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

FIRST READING: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

PSALM 34:15-22

2ND READING: Ephesians 6:10-20

GOSPEL: John 6:56-69

Pastor Tricia Schneck Preaching

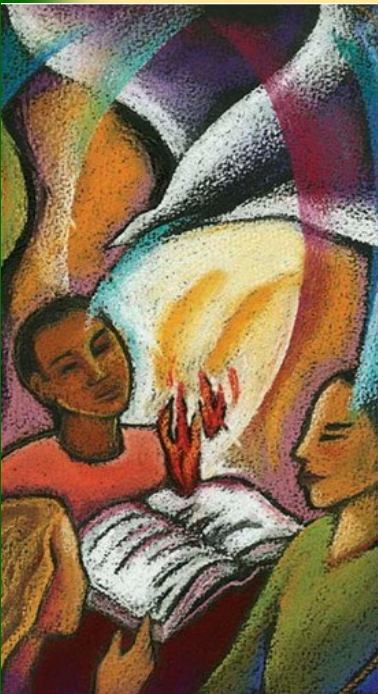
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For good.*

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*You
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JOHN 6:68

In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel. ~

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RALLY DAY

Sunday, September 8th at 8:30am

**Fellowship will be outside after Worship,
and Ice Cream will be served.**



**Needed for
Sunday School:**

- Big Legos,
- Dolls,
- White Boards,
- Chalk,
- Glue Sticks

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CLC Clothing the Community Day

We will be partnering with Trinity Lutheran Church in Gibsonia, PA, to distribute coats and clothing in our community. We will be accepting **NEW/ Gently used coats and fall clothing** for the CLC Clothing the Community Day on **October 5, 2024**. For this event we are inviting the community to come and select clothing. ***There is a box in the narthex for donations.***



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CLC is "in the neighborhood, for good!"

Your regular support and presence at church is vital to the ministry of our congregation. We are known in the community for the work we do and the relationships we build, and for the ways we offer our time, talents, and treasures to serve our neighbor. As a committed member of the church, please remember to send your offerings regularly, check your Weekly Update, and find ways to participate in this community of faith.

If you're new here, or just visiting, please take some time to get to know us!



CLC FOOD PANTRY

Donations are requested for
Spaghetti Sauce,
Pasta, Canned Fruit,
Soup, Cereal
Laundry
Pods



The Food Pantry will be CLOSED on Labor Day, Sept. 2nd. It is Open Mondays and Fridays from 9:30am to 11:30am, and on Wednesdays from 5pm to 7pm.

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Food Pantry Volunteers:

If anyone is interested in volunteering at our Food Pantry, please talk with Pastor Tricia. The pantry serves the community every Monday and Friday from 9:30am to 11:30am and Wednesday from 5 pm-7pm. Everyone is welcome to help even if you cannot come every week but can only volunteer occasionally. Whatever help you can offer we will gladly accept.

We also receive a food truck once a month on the second Monday of the month from 412 Food Rescue and can always use help unloading.



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Questions Remain

Throughout his time on earth, Jesus taught the disciples what it means to follow him, delving deeper into difficult concepts with each step toward the cross. Jesus' thought-provoking and life-changing words challenged existing wisdom, stretching the boundaries of belief, forcing each person who heard them to reevaluate everything they thought they knew. How could they eat this bread and live forever?

Is it any easier for us to wrap our minds around Jesus' teachings? How do we open our hearts to the mystery of flesh given for us, blood shed for us, and bread come down from heaven when our culture insists that there is a simple black-and-white answer to every question? Who takes time to slow down and reflect on challenging Bible passages? **Can we allow those words we do not understand to just be,** to percolate and take root in the fertile soil of Christ's presence until the Spirit can coax a shoot of understanding to spring forth and grow into the light?

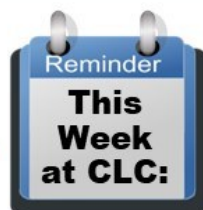
Too many unanswered questions weighed heavily on some of Jesus' followers. They wanted out; it was too difficult. They turned back to the safety of familiar routines and comfortable ideologies, prompting Jesus to wonder if all the disciples would abandon him. **"Do you also wish to go away?" he asked the twelve** (John 6:67). He asks the same question of us today whenever the circumstances of our lives challenge our faith, whenever our hearts are broken and our bodies exhausted, whenever it feels like we cannot take another step. Will we trust in Jesus' promise that his words are spirit and life? Do we believe he is the Holy One of God?

Questions remain, but the good news is that God's love is stronger than our doubts and fears, calling us back to worship, filling us with strength and giving us peace in the midst of uncertainty. ~

This Week at CLC:

Sunday, August 25

**Sunday In-Person Worship Service
at 9:30am**



Monday

August 26 - 9:30-11:30am FOOD PANTRY

5-6pm TOPS CLUB, 5-6pm Yoga, Violin

Tuesday

**August 27 - 9:30-11:30am ESL in Library,
Violin**

Wednesday

August 28 - 5-7pm FOOD PANTRY

Thursday

August 29

Friday

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

76-8 Girl Scouts, 7pm NA meets-Library

Saturday

August 31 - 9am AA meets in the Library

7pm NA meets in the Library

Sunday, September 1

Sunday In-Person Worship Service at 9:30am

Monday, September 2 - LABOR DAY

The FOOD PANTRY will be closed.

August						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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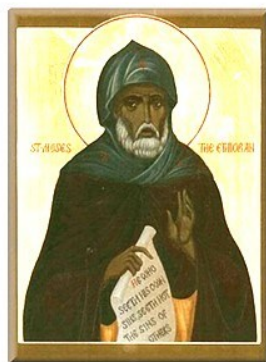
Upcoming Commemorations



Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, died 430

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

Augustine was one of the greatest theologians of the Western church. A native of North Africa, he recovered from a debauched young adulthood through the influence of his mother, Monica, and Bishop Ambrose of Milan. Besides writing influential theological books, he served as bishop of Hippo, in present-day Algeria.



Moses the Black, monk, martyr, died around 400
Wednesday, August 28, 2024

Converted from life as a thief and a robber to Christianity, Moses was an Ethiopian who became a desert monk at Skete. The change in his heart and life had a profound impact on his native country. He was murdered when Berber bandits attacked his monastery.



The Infant Room is temporarily closed.
If you need a Quiet Space, please use the room at the top of the stairs.

Otherwise, all children are welcome in worship, and able to play quietly and interact at our Pray Ground in the side aisle.

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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Online Giving 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 Easter, and commit to a consistent amount.

With our online giving platform, Vanco, it's super easy! Go to: <https://www.clcmillvale.com/donate/>
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