

# Christ Lutheran Church

1500 Western Avenue Albany, New York 12203-3525

## Chronicles

June 2017

### **Worship**

Sunday 10:30 A.M.  
Holy Communion

Wednesday 11:00 A.M.  
Holy Communion

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Celebration 3:30 P.M.

### **Pastor**

Rev. Russell Craig  
(518) 369-7631

### **Deacon**

Thomas Craig

### **Secretary**

Madison Murray  
(518) 456-1530

### **Music Director**

Sharon Calka

### **Church Office (518) 456-1530**

Closed Monday & Friday  
Open 9:00 A.M to 12:00 P.M  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

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### **Message from the Pastor**

Dear Friends in Christ,

Last month, I shared quotes from Martin Luther. As the Church continues to celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation, let's again listen to Pastor Martin.

500 years later ... it's still all about Jesus.

**+Pastor Russ Craig**

### **MARTIN LUTHER QUOTES**

#### **Faith & Faithfulness**

*"Faith cannot be inherited or gained by being baptized into a Church. Faith is a matter between the individual and God."*

*"What you do in your house is worth as much as if you did it up in heaven for our Lord God. We should accustom ourselves to think of our position and work as sacred and well-pleasing to God, not on account of the position and work, but on account of the word and faith from which the obedience and the work flow."*

*"All who call on God in true faith, earnestly from the heart, will certainly be heard, and will receive what they have asked and desired."*

*"Faith must trample under foot all reason, sense, and understanding."*

#### **Prayer & Praying**

*"The fewer the words, the better the prayer."*

*"No one can believe how powerful prayer is and what it can effect, except those who have learned it by experience. Whenever I have prayed earnestly, I have been heard and have obtained more than I prayed for. God sometimes delays, but He always comes."*

#### **Music & the Word of God**

*"Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world."*

*"Beautiful music is the art of the prophets that can calm the agitations of the soul; it is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us."*

*"The devil, the originator of sorrowful anxieties and restless troubles, flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God.... Music is a gift and grace of God, not an invention of men. Thus it drives out the devil and makes people cheerful. Then one forgets all wrath, impurity, and other devices."*

*"God writes the Gospel not in the Bible alone, but also on trees, and in the flowers and clouds and stars."*

## ***CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS***

### **FIRST SATURDAY CELEBRATION: JUNE 3**

Our next 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Celebration will be held on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:30 P.M. Everyone is welcome – either to serve as a volunteer or to sit and enjoy a special time of worship. Contact Deacon Tom Craig for information.

Pastor Russ will lead the June service while Deacon Tom attends the “2017 Summer Institute on Theology and Disability” in California. Washington-Warren-Albany ARC is sponsoring this trip for Tom and WWA-ARC’s lead chaplain.

A second monthly Saturday Celebration will be added on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday beginning in July. This will provide another opportunity for special needs individuals to attend worship, particularly those living in community residences.

### **ANNUAL STRWBERRY FEST: JUNE 10**

Christ Lutheran Church Women will be holding their annual Strawberry Fest on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 4:00 PM. Please support this fun event – invite your friends and family. Proceeds are used by Christ Lutheran Women to further the spread of the Gospel here at CLC, within the community, and beyond.

The women’s group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 12:00 Noon in the Shepherd Room. All women of the congregation are invited. Please contact Sandy Smith or Judy Bliven.

### **EPISTLES OF JOHN BIBLE STUDY: JUNE 12 & 19**

The final 2 weeks of study will be June 12 & 19 at 10:00 A.M. & 6:30 P.M.

### **SUPPORT LWML WITH YOUR MITES**

Save your pennies! Christ Lutheran Women will be distributing “mite boxes” to collect donations to support the work of the Lutheran Women Missionary League.

### **TSL TO INSTALL PLAYGROUND**

The Church Council has approved a request from TSL Adventure to install a play area. It will be comprised of swings and a slide, surrounded by safety mulch. TSL will pay for the equipment and installation. In the interest of safety and security, Christ Lutheran will have a chain link fence installed around the area.

### **ALL-DAY TSL BEGINS JUNE 26**

The school year ends this month, so TSL’s all-day summer program will begin. The children and staff will be at the church 7:00 AM to 6:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, until September 1<sup>st</sup>.

### ***FINANCIAL REPORT: JANUARY - APRIL 2017***

Income	\$ 65,710.42
Expenses	\$ 47,504.48
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Difference	\$ 18,205.94

## **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Sharon Calka	Vinny DeMoor	Carol Fike	Arlene Giroux
Hilda Griessel	Hazel Lanza	Herta Haupt	Joe Henstenberg
Fritz Herzog	Gloria Maki	George Pomakoy	Dorothy Van Deusen
Lori Zeh			

### *Family & Friends*

Holly Bakes	(friend of Judy Zamurs)
Ed Beutel	(brother of Bea White)
Elizabeth Beers	(sister of Mark Hendricks)
Raymond Beers	(brother-in-law of Mark & Sue Hendricks)
Katelyn Benedetto	(niece of Mike & Karen Benedetto)
George Bradt	(husband of Virginia Bradt)
Ed Burrell	(father of Madison Murray)
Erin Carhart	(niece of Della & Joe Henstenberg)
Andy Chainyk	(brother of Davia LaChapelle)
Shirley Curry	(widow of Pastor Kenneth Curry)
Jean Davis	(sister of Anne MacIntosh)
David Dilloway	(uncle of Matthew Woehlke)
Niko DiNovo & Family	(friends of Madison Murray)
Linda Fitzgerald	(sister of Barbara Kunkel)
Sharon Graser	(daughter-in-law of Jean Graser)
Karen Greene	(daughter of Jan Bentsen)
Jackie Gregory	(friend of the Bliven family)
Kay Kellerman	(friend of Sandy Smith)
Mary Kelly	(sister-in-law of Tom Urbano)
JoAnn Kniskern	(sister-in-law of Judy Bliven)
Bob Kushner	(friend of Lorraine Urbano)
Ann Lawton	(mother of Sue Hendricks)
Francis Mathis	(sister-in-law of Alan & Carol Fike)
Harold Mathis	(brother of Carol Fike)
Mary Poland	(friend of Deacon Tom Craig)
Vicky Quay	(friend of Congregation)
Maryann Raymond	(friend of Lois Gerhardt)
Wayne Smith	(brother-in-law of Sandy Smith)
Susan Turan	(sister-in-law of Jan Bentsen)
Dee Yates	(sister of Lorraine Urbano)

### **JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

2	Nancy Huehn
	Ruthie Tuller
6	Lois Gerhardt
7	David Kunkel
10	Thomas Urbano
12	Catherine Way
13	Mark Hendricks
15	Peter Halbrend
16	Brian Maki
18	Fritz Herzog

## LECTIONARY SUMMARIES: JUNE 2017

### THE DAY OF PENTECOST (4 June 2017)

Numbers 11:24–30 + Acts 2:1–21 + John 7:37–39

#### ***The Risen Lord Jesus Pours Out the Holy Spirit***

The Lord took “*some of the Spirit*” that was on Moses “*and put it on the seventy elders*” of Israel (Num. 11:25), and they “*prophesied in the camp*” (Num. 11:26). In the same way, our risen Lord Jesus poured out His Holy Spirit at the Feast of Pentecost — the 50th day and the “*Eighth Sunday*” of Easter. When “*a sound like a mighty rushing wind*” and “*tongues as of fire appeared*” and rested on each of the 12 apostles, “*they were all filled with the Holy Spirit*” and proclaimed “*the mighty works of God*” (Acts 2:2–4, 11). The Lord Jesus grants this same Spirit to His Church on earth to proclaim Him glorified on the cross and risen victorious from the grave for us sinners. From His open heart, our crucified and risen Lord pours out His Holy Spirit in “*rivers of living water*” (John 7:38) and invites everyone who thirsts to come to Him and drink freely (John 7:37). Through this life-giving work of the Holy Spirit, we hear our pastors “*telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God*” (Acts 2:11), and “*everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved*” (Acts 2:21).

### THE HOLY TRINITY (11 June 2017)

Genesis 1:1—2:4a + Acts 2:14a, 22–36 = Matthew 28:16–20

#### ***The Holy Triune God Recreates Us in the Image and Likeness of Christ Jesus***

The holy Triune God “*created the heavens and the earth,*” and “*behold, it was very good*” (Gen. 1:1, 31). However, after Adam and Eve fell into sin and plunged God’s good creation into decay and death, the Son of God would be “*delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God*” to be “*crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men*” (Acts 2:23). As Jesus “*received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit*” (Acts 2:33), He also raises up all the baptized and pours out the Spirit upon them through the preaching of His Gospel. He sends out His apostles to “*make disciples of all nations*” by “*baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*” and “*teaching them to observe all that [He has] commanded*” (Matt. 28:19–20). Through such baptizing and teaching — Gospel and Sacraments — the holy Triune God recreates us in the image and likeness of His incarnate Son, Jesus, the Christ, and behold, it is “*very good*” (Gen. 1:31).

### SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (18 June 2017)

Exodus 19:2–8 + Romans 5:6–15 + Matthew 9:35—10:8 (9–20)

#### ***The Lord Our God Saves Us in Love and Cares for Us by the Ministry of His Gospel***

The holy Triune God “*shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners,*” ungodly and at enmity with Him, “*Christ died for us*” (Rom. 5:8). The incarnate Son has justified us by His blood and reconciled us to His God and Father (Rom. 5:9–10). Whereas sin and death originated with Adam, forgiveness and life abound for all his children “*through the one man Jesus Christ*” (Rom. 5:12–17). As the Lord brought Israel out of Egypt, so does He bring us to Himself by the Gospel and make of us “*a kingdom of priests and a holy nation*” (Ex. 19:6) by our Baptism into Christ. For “*all that the LORD has spoken*” (Ex. 19:8), Christ has done for us. As He has gone up to God by His cross and resurrection, so does He bring us to the Father in Himself (Ex. 19:3–4). Nor does He leave us “*harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd*” (Matt. 9:36), but He sends men with authority “*to heal every disease and every affliction*” by His forgiveness of sins (Matt. 10:1). In their proclamation, “*the kingdom of heaven is at hand*” (Matt. 10:7).

### THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (25 June 2017)

Jeremiah 20:7–13 + Romans 6:12–23 = Matthew 10:5a, 21–33

#### ***Delivered from Sin and Death, You Now Live before God in the Righteousness of Christ***

The outcome of sin is death, “*but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord*” (Rom. 6:23). He has set you free from the slavery of sin and has brought you “*from death to life*” (Rom. 6:13). No longer are you under the condemnation of the Law, but you live “*under grace*” (Rom. 6:14). Such is your courage in the face of “*those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul*” (Matt. 10:28). For though “*you will be hated by all*” and maligned by the world for the name of Christ (Matt. 10:22, 25), you abide in the care of your Father in heaven, who numbers “*even the hairs of your head*” and values you more “*than many sparrows*” (Matt. 10:30–31). By the Word of Christ, you have become like Him, your Teacher and Master in whom you endure to the end, and “*will be saved*” (Matt. 10:22, 25). For He is with you “*as a dread warrior,*” who has overcome your enemies (Jer. 20:11). By the righteousness of faith, He delivers your heart, mind, body and life “*from the hand of evildoers,*” and He brings you into the land of the living (Jer. 20:12–13).

## JUNE 2017

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<b>28</b> <b>10:30am</b> <i>Service of Word</i> 4:00pm Apostolic Church	<b>29</b> <i>Memorial Day</i> <i>Office closed</i> <b>No bible study</b>	<b>30</b> 12:00pm Al Anon 2:30pm TSL	<b>31</b> <b>11:00am</b> <i>Communion</i> 2:30pm TSL	<b>1</b> 2:30pm TSL	<b>2</b> <i>Office closed</i> 2:30pm TSL 7:30pm AA	<b>3</b> <b>3:30pm</b> <i>First Saturday Celebration</i>
<b>4</b> <b>10:30am</b> <i>Communion</i> 4:00pm Apostolic Church	<b>5</b> <i>Office closed</i> <b>No Bible study today</b> 2:30pm TSL <b>7:00pm Council</b>	<b>6</b> <b>12:00pm</b> <b>CLC Women</b> 12:00pm Al Anon 2:30pm TSL	<b>7</b> <b>11:00am</b> <i>Communion</i> 2:30pm TSL	<b>8</b> 2:30pm TSL	<b>9</b> <i>Office closed</i> 2:30pm TSL 7:30pm AA	<b>10</b> <b>12:00pm</b> <b>Strawberry Fest</b>
<b>11</b> <b>10:30am</b> <i>Communion</i> 4:00pm Apostolic Church	<b>12</b> <i>Office closed</i> <b>10:00am Bible Study</b> 2:30pm TSL <b>6:30pm Bible Study</b>	<b>13</b> 12:00pm Al Anon 2:30pm TSL	<b>14</b> <b>11:00am</b> <i>Communion</i> 2:30pm TSL	<b>15</b> 2:30pm TSL	<b>16</b> <i>Office closed</i> 2:30pm TSL 7:30pm AA	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> <i>Father's Day</i> <b>10:30am</b> <i>Communion</i> 4:00pm Apostolic Church	<b>19</b> <i>Office closed</i> <b>10:00am Bible Study</b> 2:30pm TSL <b>6:30pm Bible Study</b>	<b>20</b> <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 12:00pm Al Anon 2:30pm TSL	<b>21</b> <b>11:00am</b> <i>Communion</i> 2:30pm TSL	<b>22</b> 11:30am TSL Half Day	<b>23</b> <i>Office closed</i> 11:30am TSL Half Day 7:30pm AA	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> <b>10:30am</b> <i>Communion</i> 4:00pm Apostolic Church	<b>26</b> <i>Office closed</i> 7:00am TSL All Day	<b>27</b> 7:00am TSL All Day 12:00pm Al Anon 2:30pm TSL	<b>28</b> 7:00am TSL All Day <b>11:00am</b> <i>Communion</i> 2:30pm TSL	<b>29</b> 7:00am TSL All Day	<b>30</b> 7:00am TSL All Day	<b>1</b> <b>3:30pm</b> <i>First Saturday Celebration</i>

All newsletter articles and announcements must be submitted to Madison by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Communion Assistant</b>	<b>Lector</b>
<b>4</b>	Sandy Smith	Jeff LaPorte
<b>11</b>	Joe Fahd	Joe Fahd
<b>19</b>	Mark Hendricks	Mark Hendricks
<b>26</b>	Lorraine Urbano	Lorraine Urbano