

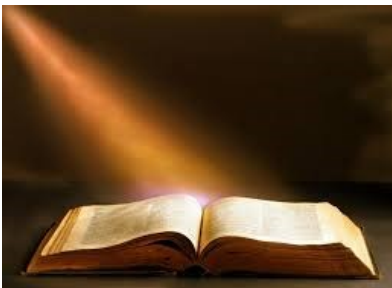


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Proverbs 1:8-9

Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching, for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck.

Happy Birthday

05/03 Rev. John Bradosky

05/07 Jeri Gilbert

05/19 Austin Schneider

05/26 Christopher Kruzer

05/31 Donna Schonbrun

05/31 Rebecca Schmid

06/01 Karen Bolvin

06/03 Janell Bailey

06/08 Rev Jesse Abbott & Kyle Bolvin

06/09 RJ Scopel

06/11 Matthew Smith

06/15 Linda Myers

06/24 Lois Brant

06/28 Ronald Scalise Sr

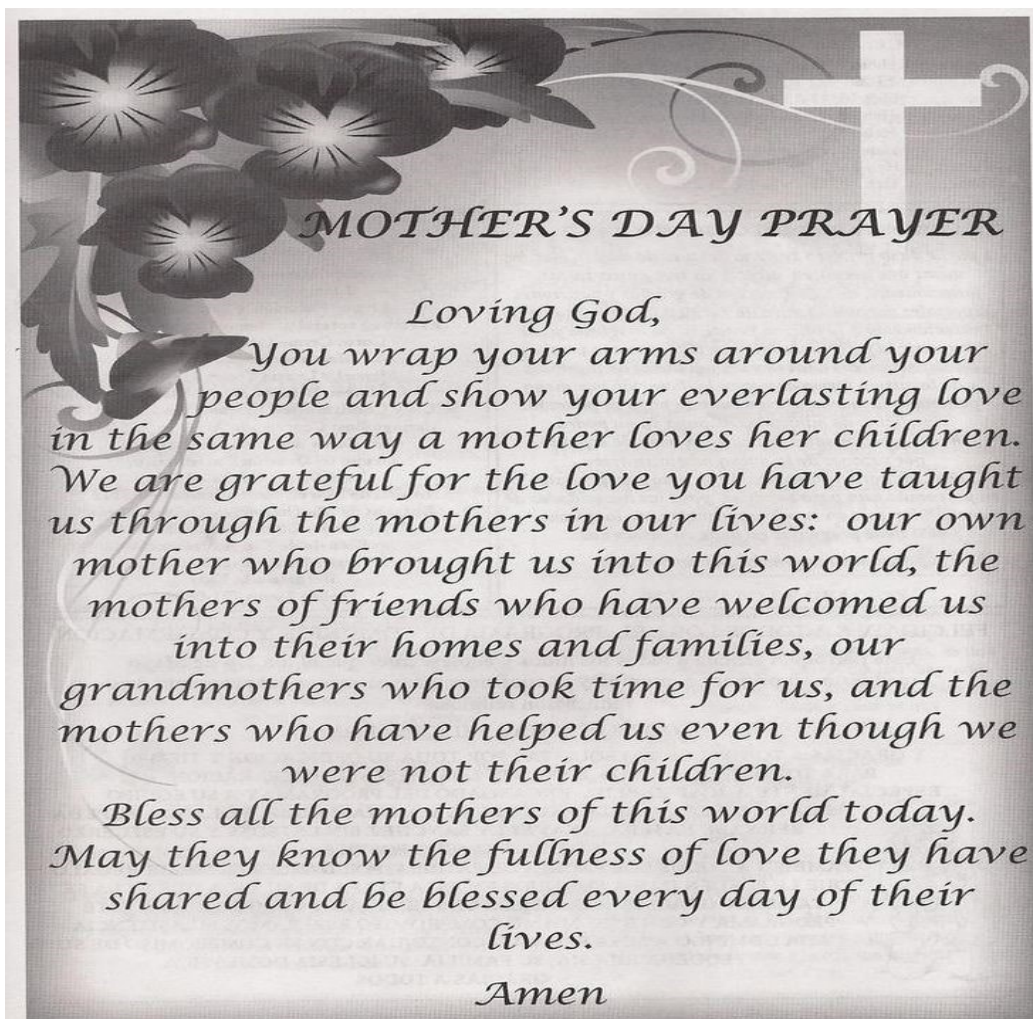
06/30 Albert Yoder & Neal Quarles

Happy Anniversary

05/28 Rudolf & Marita Szillat

06/12 Rev John & Kristi Bradosky

06/28 David & Sharon Kruzer



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Congratulations! Well Done!!

Way to Go!!!

RJ (Robert Joseph) Scopel son of Rob and Lisa Scopel is graduating from Lakewood High School this month; is receiving his Eagle Scout award May 20; and will enter the freshman class at Florida Polytechnic University in August. All three of these milestones represent lots of hard work, determination and commitment. Way to go, RJ!

RJ was baptized here at CLC as an infant; was confirmed in 2018; and has been actively involved in congregational life throughout. He serves as an acolyte, crucifer, and lay reader for worship services. He has used his musical talents as a member of the youth choir and children's bell choir. Currently he is a member of

the CLC Ensemble Choir and the Bell Choir. RJ was a very active member and leader in CLC's Youth group, always an expert planner of the Youth Group activities.

As his achievement of Eagle Scout attests, RJ has been a leader and active participant in all levels of scouting, including the Order of the Arrow, Brotherhood level. The Order of the Arrow is Scouting's National Honor Society. He has earned the religious knot (worn on his uniform shirt above the left pocket), completing the God and Me, God and Family, and God and Church awards.

We are so proud of you, RJ! May God's abundant blessings continue in your life!

P.S. The congregation is cordially invited to attend RJ's Eagle Scout Court of Honor, with reception following, Saturday May 20th at 2 PM in Luther Hall. RSVP required by May 13th

A PRAYER FOR FATHER'S DAY

Dear God,

Thank you for all the fathers and father-figures in this world and for the many ways you use them to lovingly guide others to Your heart. I ask that you would bless them and give them great joy and peace. May they see You and know You in new ways. Show them how much you love them and care about them. Guide their steps, use their hands, and make them a blessing to others as you continue to fulfill your special purpose for their lives.

The Holy Trinity Sunday June 4

Sunday June 4th is The Holy Trinity Sunday—the last festival until Reformation Sunday in late October. It seems to me that every Sunday is Holy Trinity Sunday, especially since we recite our belief in the Trinity in the Apostles, Nicene, or other Ecumenical creed every week. So how did we come to have a special Sunday designated as **The Holy Trinity Sunday?**

The celebration of Trinity Sunday began among Western Christians in the 9th century and developed slowly until it was formally established on the Sunday after Pentecost by Pope John XXII (1316-1334) in the 14th century. Unlike other festivals in the church's liturgical calendar, Trinity Sunday centers on a *doctrine* of the church, rather than an *event*. It celebrates the unfathomable mystery of God's being as Holy Trinity. It is a day of adoration and praise of the one, eternal, incomprehensible God.

Trinity Sunday, synthesizes all we have celebrated over the past months which have centered on God's mighty acts: Christmas-Epiphany celebrating God's taking flesh and dwelling among us in Jesus Christ; Easter celebrating Christ's death and resurrection for us; Pentecost celebrating God the Holy Spirit becoming our Sanctifier, Guide, and Teacher. It is, therefore, a fitting transition to that part of the year when Sunday by Sunday the work of God among us is unfolded in a more general way.

A common objection to the doctrine of the Trinity is that it nowhere appears within the pages of Scripture. And indeed, the words—The Trinity, the triune God, etc. are not found in the Old or New Testaments. However, many theologians assert that while the word or phrase may be absent, the *narrative* of Scripture portrays the Trinity "by telling a history of God with us that displays three enactors of that history, each of whom is indeed other than the other two, and yet is at the same time the same God as the other two." One in three, three in one: Father, Son, and Spirit – each Person equally and essentially God, and yet each distinct from the other two. However confusing and abstract the concept may be to me, the most significant "trinitarian proof text" is found in Matthew 28:19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit".

The triune God is the basis of all we are and do as Christians. In the name of this triune God we are baptized. As the baptized ones we bear the name of the triune God in our being. We are of the family of the triune God. We affirm this parentage when, in reciting the creeds, we say what we believe. Our discipleship is rooted in the mighty acts of this triune God who is active in redeeming the world. The triune God is the basis of all our prayers — we pray to God the Father, *through* Jesus Christ, *by* the Holy Spirit. The Trinity holds central place in our faith. ...

In celebrating Trinity Sunday, remember that every Lord's Day is consecrated to the triune God. On the first day of the week, God began creation. On the first day of the week, God raised Jesus from the grave. On the first day of the week, the Holy Spirit descended on the newly born church. Every Sunday is special. Every Sunday is a day of the Holy Trinity

WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 AM

EVERY SUNDAY

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING THE SERVICE

BIBLE STUDY 10:30 AM TUESDAY

"VISIBILITY"

By Sharon Centanne

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One of the three main goals developed for Christ Lutheran Church during the Fresh Eyes for Mission Summit led by Dr. David Wendall in February 2023 was Visibility.

I have been working toward this goal by continually updating and improving our website. It has been a real job to build up the site and make it easier to find and use. I have added many pages to our site describing our Traditional Divine Liturgy Services, and the beautiful artwork we have.

I have been using to a great extent the Scrapbook put together by deceased member Mildred "Millie" Newton for our 50th Anniversary (2005) for descriptions of our Stained Glass windows and Paraments. I have added information about our paintings (by CLC member artist Yvonne DePugh) in Luther Hall and our Crucifix collection. I hope that viewing these items will encourage readers of our webpage to understand our religious art and especially, the Bible verses associated with them. Our church really is blessed with a great deal of meaningful art which can be used to teach people about Jesus.

As the webpage grows, I have developed headers and footers and a more concise menu. I am also using submenus to direct people to information they may enjoy and learn from. I have grouped the educational parts of the website together as online lessons. I am using links between pages to encourage folks who read the page to stay on our site longer and learn more about our church and in turn about the Holy Gospel.

I am also trying to make our website more visible to the world in general by sharing our website address on Facebook in several places. I have been adding our important weekly content to our Facebook page and following other NALC and LCMC churches so that folks from those congregations know we exist for when they visit Florida. **Check out our CLC website—www.christstpete.org—I hope you love it!**

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Sunday May 14th** **Mother's Day Sunday Worship 10 AM with Flowers for everyone in memory or honor of their Mothers**
- Sunday May 28th** **Festival of Pentecost** **10 AM Worship service**
- Sunday June 4^h** **Festival of the Holy Trinity** **10 AM Worship service**
- Sunday June 18^h** **Father's Day Sunday Worship 10 AM with special tributes to Fathers everywhere**

Lots to Celebrate---See you in church!

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