



INDEED, HE IS RISEN!

CLC Weekly Update
The Second Sunday of Easter
April 11, 2021



IN-PERSON WORSHIP
this Sunday, April 11th at 9:30AM
Pastor Erin Evans presiding
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WORSHIP WITH US

This Second Sunday of Easter!!
First Reading: Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 118
Second Reading: 1 John 1:1, 2:2

**Gospel: The Reading of
Doubting Thomas**
John 20:19-31
Pastor Erin Evans preaching

Hymns:
"Three Days"
"Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!"
"At the Lamb's High Feast"
"Jesus Is Risen"
"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"



Volunteers needed for Millvale Earth Day Community Clean Up:
Join CLC on Saturday, April 24th from 9-12pm as we help clean up our church neighborhood! More info available on our Facebook page. Please text/call or email Emily Kosova if you'd like to sign up. (ejkosova@cmu.edu or 814-449-1490). We'll meet at the North Ave entrance at 9am on Sat. 4/24 to distribute trash bags and supplies.

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL EASTER MESSAGE UPDATE

Happy Easter season to everyone. We had a wonderful Easter service with communion. Many thanks to Steve and Julie Slepecki for the wonderful service, Ed Kapsha for beautiful music, Sherrie Lane for all the setup and cleanup of flowers and church, Pat Bauer for running slides, Rheba Salac for creating slides and Diane Curry for arranging consecration of the elements. They all worked really hard and did a wonderful job.

We look forward to Pastor Erin Evans beginning her interim service this weekend, April 11. Please join us for worship to welcome our new pastor. ~

From Our Pastor, The Reverend Erin Evans

Pastor Erin Evans begins her ministry among us this Sunday, April 11th, as our Intentional Interim Pastor! Look for new info, bible study opportunities, and opportunities to get to know her each week in these emails. Pastor Erin's regular office hours will be approximately 9pm-1pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, with other hours as needed! She'll also be working from home as well. She can be reached in case of emergency any day of the week at 412-580-7773.

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From Our Pastor . . . continued

Pastor Erin grew up just outside of Hershey PA and graduated from Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg VA with a B.A. in Religion. She was a "pipeliner" right into a Master's of Divinity program at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg PA. Upon graduation she was assigned to the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod, ordained at Synod Assembly at Thiel College, and has been falling in love with Pittsburgh ever since. She has been the called pastor of two churches, and the interim pastor of several others. She has walked with congregations through all manner of joys and sorrows.

Pastor Erin loves worship, liturgy, music, and challenging ordinary interpretations and assumptions about Jesus and the Church. She also loves hiking, camping, napping, spending time with friends and family, and a good craft beer.

Pastor Erin is married to Pastor Brian Evans, who is the senior pastor of First Lutheran in downtown Pittsburgh. Their daughter Vivian Mae was born in 2016. Since then, they have had precious little time for hobbies or interesting things about themselves. Thankfully, Vivian is the most interesting of the three of them, and has a lot of hobbies, opinions, and interests. Notably, the three of them completed a two week tent camping trip around Nova Scotia, and everyone survived. They live in Wilksburg, and always have a home-improvement project (or five) that they work on together. ~

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From Fear to Freedom

The disciples had good reason to be afraid.

Their teacher, perceived as a threat to social, political, and religious order, had just been crucified; now with rumors swirling about his mysterious resurrection, it wasn't clear if Jesus' followers would face the same dire fate on a cross. When we take a moment to look at the world around us, it doesn't take long to notice what a strong influence fear has on our lives.

As it was for the disciples in today's reading, our unaddressed fears can get in the way of recognizing what Jesus is doing in our midst. They turn us inward toward ourselves rather than outward toward those who could be blessed by our gifts and who need our care and love.

When Jesus appeared to those first disciples locked together behind closed doors, he came offering peace, and he breathed on them the Holy Spirit. In that moment their lives were changed—forever, and for good. The same is true for us when we dare to surrender our fears to God and embrace God's future for us with courage.

Pastor Mike Robinson is available for emergencies. You can call or text him at 412-260-4407. Please leave a message if he is not able to answer immediately.

First Sunday

Joseph Imhoff

Of the Latin named Sundays after Easter as I referred to them in the Weekly Update on Palm Sunday, the first after Easter is named 'Quasi Modo Genitii'. "As newborn babes desire the sincere milk of the Word." These are the first words of the Introit antiphon announcing the theme of the day taken from the First Epistle of Peter, 2:2: "Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation."

This was a metaphor about those newly baptized on Easter. Baptisms were not performed during Lent, and these most likely would not all have been infants, but a new birth through Baptism!

Popularly referenced should be Victor Hugo's novel Notre-Dame de Paris, where Archdeacon Claude Frollo finds a child abandoned in the cathedral the Sunday after Easter and gives him the name of the day he was found. We all know him as the hunchback!

