



INDEED, HE IS RISEN!

CLC Weekly Update
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 25, 2021

IN-PERSON WORSHIP
this Sunday, April 25th at 9:30AM
Pastor Erin Evans presiding
please visit us at: <https://www.clcmillvale.com>



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ON PURPOSE

Faithful & Fulfilling Lives
SWPA SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2021

Vocation isn't only what you do for a living, it's what you do with your life. At the 2021 Synod Assembly—in addition to the important legislative decisions that impact the congregations in our synod—we'll explore the purpose and fulfillment found in biblical narratives: embrace your identity as a child of God, embody hope, take care of others, and keep growing.

Christ Lutheran needs two voting members, plus the Pastor, to participate in these ZOOM meetings.

This assembly is the highest legislative authority of our synod; they will be making decisions that impact 157 congregations covering 10 counties in southwest PA. Please speak with Pastor Erin Evans or Council President Beth Rios if you are interested in more information about this event.

THURSDAY, JUNE 10 ~ 7:30-9:30PM

FRIDAY, JUNE 11 ~ OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES TBA

SATURDAY, JUNE 12 ~ 9AM-5:30PM

LUTHERLYN

CLC will be offering Camper Scholarships again this year. The Lutherlyn applications are in the office. Please fill out the form and return it to the office. We will send in your application with a check from the church.

COUNCIL UPDATE

The church council met on Monday, April 19, 2021. It was our first meeting with our new interim, Pastor Erin. Discussions included Earth Day, Saturday, April 24, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. to clean up the area around CLC. We hope to work with a neighborhood group to clean up St. Luke's Cemetery. Becky Nyren will be organizing the project. Please contact her, if you would like to help. We also discussed grass cutting at CLC and are looking for volunteers to cut grass. A retreat is scheduled for May for the council to work on the calendar and goals for CLC.

CONSULTATION PANEL

CLC has been contacted by the Synod Consultation Panel chairperson. The Panel will meet with Council and congregation members via Zoom for half hour appointments. Or if a member prefers, they can send a written letter to the panel. The process should take about two weeks once they have started. They are willing to meet via Zoom with individuals or small groups of up to three. More information and the schedule will be published as information from the Panel becomes available.

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From the Pastor's Desk....

Dear members and friends of Christ,

It's been so great to get to finally see you all in person, after I've prayed for you for so long. We're back to in-person worship, singing with masks on, and a socially distant choir. Temps are checks, and seating is distanced. We have Holy Communion and an excellent liturgy, thanks to our talented musicians! This is where we'll start, as worship is foundational to our lives as the body of Christ.

When we are gathered by the Holy Spirit and fed by the sacrament, we are strengthened to care for each other and serve our neighbor.

Caring for each other will involve listening and praying and attending to the basic practices of community. I'll be visiting all the shut-ins and the sick. I'll be meeting with council members and hosting small listening sessions in order to meet and get to know at least 60 people in 60 days. We'll be putting together an updated directory and sending out a newsletter mailing to those without email. We'll get back to the things we do to serve the church like volunteering our time and preparing for worship. We'll celebrate the Affirmation of Baptism of some of our young members, and we'll plan for Christian Education and some informal worship options for the summer.

I know it has been a year of great upheaval and uncertainty. Some in our community may need to catch their breath before figuring out how to re-engage, while others are chomping at the bit to keep moving forward. We'll need to be patient with each other and listen carefully to each other as we journey together.

I'm excited to resume/ reimagine all the ways that Christ Lutheran has been a faithful and hopeful presence in the community of Millvale. Our food bank is still going strong, and I'll be meeting with Anchorpoint Counseling Ministry to talk about hosting them again.

It is still our plan to continue to offer online worshipping opportunities for those who are unable to resume in-person worship as this time. Please take advantage of that and let me know if you desire Holy Communion.

See you Sunday!

Pastor Erin

Cell: 412-580-7773



Cub Scout Pack 162 Scouting for Food

Pack 162 collected 24 boxes or 367 lbs. of food for the CLC Food Ministry and also \$131.87 in donations.

They will be back this Sunday the 25th at Shop and Save collecting between 10:00 and 2:00.

Lennie Jansen

WORSHIP WITH US

This Fourth Sunday of Easter!!

First Reading: Acts 4:5–12

Psalm 23

Second Reading: 1 John 3:16–24

Gospel: The Good Shepherd

1 John 10:11–18

Pastor Erin Evans preaching

Hymns:

"The King of Love

My Shepherd Is"

"Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the

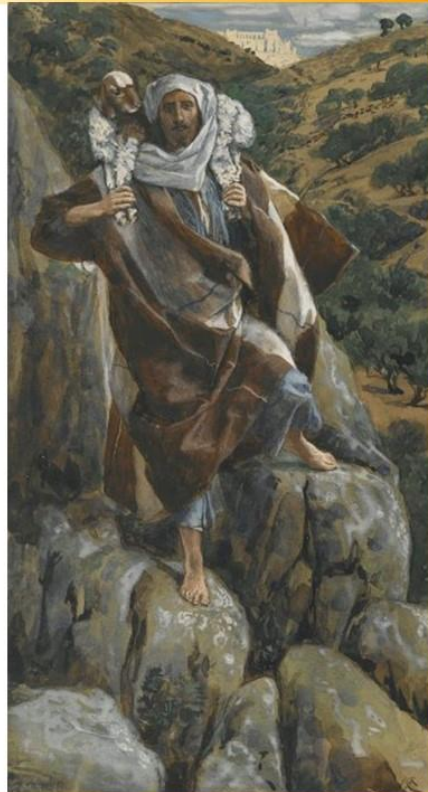
Holy Anthem Rise"

"Shepherd Me, O God"

"Choir Anthem"

"Endless is Your Love"

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"



The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

**Third Sunday
(Fourth Sunday of Easter)**

Joseph Imhoff

Noise is hard on the ears, OSHA requires many industries to supply ear plugs, earmuffs, or noise cancelling head gear for hearing protection on the job. Noisy people can be a nuisance and often considered obnoxious. But, the unnamed psalmist of Psalm 66 exhorts us to, "Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise."

Jubilate Sunday comes from the Latin Introit: "Iubilare Deo, omnis terra, alleluia: psalmum dicite nomini eius." The Psalm is very joyous, many of the verses extol the wonderful things God has done for his chosen people. The appointed lessons for the day temper the final joy with the reality of a world unaccepting of God's great gift. In these selections we are shown those things which have happened or may happen, that when God acts, our joy is only natural.

In the present day lectionary for the Fourth Sunday of Easter all three cycles of lessons focus on Christ the Good Shepherd.

Be in good voice for next week.



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