



# INDEED, HE IS RISEN!

**CLC WEEKLY UPDATE**  
**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 9, 2021**

**IN PERSON WORSHIP**  
**This Sunday, May 9, at 9:30AM**  
**Pastor Erin Evans presiding**

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Jesus with Mary and  
Martha—Gustave  
Doré (1832-83)

*Abide in my love*  
JOHN 15:9



## WORSHIP WITH US

**This Sixth Sunday of Easter!!**

**First Reading: Acts 10:44–48**

**Psalm 98**

**Second Reading: 1 John 5:1–6**

**Gospel: As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you;  
John 15:1–7**

**Pastor Erin Evans preaching**

**Hymns: "Sing a New Song"**

**"Choir Anthem"**

**"Miracle of Grace"**

**"Lift High the Cross"**



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**This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship.**

**We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, servanthood is too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us.**



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

## FOOD PANTRY

917 Evergreen Ave, Millvale

9:30-11:30am Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri

Meat, Produce, Dairy and MORE

All are welcome, no restrictions.

You pick what you want.

### Volunteer for the Food Pantry!

Volunteers greet clients, pack food bags, pick up food, put donations away, and unload trucks and cars. Contact Dorie Budzik for more information [\(412\)874-0083](tel:4128740083). Food Pantry hours are 9:30am-11:30am Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri. but our food pantry crew works all week long with flexible hours whenever our donations come.

**Food Pantry Thank you!** To Bev and Rick for picking up 53 hams for the food pantry to give out for Mother's Day, and to Nancy Heil for purchasing the hams as a generous donation to this ministry!

### Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd

The following students have completed the Confirmation Program and classes with Mr. Leonard Jansen and are ready to affirm their baptism: Caitlyn Cahoo, Troy Leas, Gavin Smallwood, Tyler Vogel, and Logan Weiher. (Due to a scheduling conflict, Troy Leas will be confirmed on another Sunday this summer.)

**Please congratulate our young people on their accomplishment and continue to pray for them and support them in their faith journey!** Thank you especially to Lennie Jansen whose commitment to this ministry enabled the program to continue through a pandemic, and the parents of our young people for encouraging them to attend and participate virtually.

### Sign-up to be a Greeter!

As we ease back in to in-person worship, we need volunteers to greet people at the door, take temperatures, and provide assistance or information to visitors.

Sign-up in "The Welcome Place" or talk to Linda Thens (412)487-0840 to add your name to the volunteer list and pick a date.



# 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. There is only ONE WEEK left to register!**

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**

CLC MILLVALE

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Help out at our Cemetery on SUNDAY MAY 16th at 1:00pm  
Bring gloves, weedwackers, and clippers, etc.  
Entrance to Cemetery located  
at the end of Martha Street, off Anderson Road



**CLC Cemetery News** A workday has been planned for Sunday May 16th beginning at 1:00pm. There is a wonderful group of neighbors in that area who want to help and support our church in caring for the property, so that our cemetery is a beautiful place in their neighborhood. We need a few pick-up trucks to take some debris out, rakes, gloves, weedwackers, etc. Becky Nyren and Pastor Erin will be working with the neighborhood and any church members who would like to work on getting a few projects done this summer! Reach out to Becky (412)720-4599 if you plan to come on May 16th, OR would like to be involved in the future!

## Eternal, Unconditional, and Unchanging

To abide is to put down roots: to dwell in the same location and with the same people for the long term. Unlike in Jesus' time, today few of us live in the same place in which we were born. Families are routinely scattered across the country and around the world. Yet Jesus invites us, "Abide in my love" (John 15:9). While so much else in our lives seems impermanent, Jesus' love is eternal, unconditional, and unchanging. The secret to love is that it puts others first. Love is the only emotion that can defeat our instinctive self-centeredness. Jesus issues an invitation to be awake and aware, to see others as beloved children of God .

### Fifth Sunday + (Sixth Sunday After Easter)

Joseph Imhoff

Rogate, the Latin name for this Sunday is not to be found in the traditional Introit for the day which is taken from Isaiah 48:20, "[Go forth from Babylon! Flee from the Chaldeans!] With a voice of singing, Declare, proclaim this, Utter it to the end of the earth; Say, 'The Lord has redeemed His servant Jacob!'" It is a thanksgiving for the answer to prayers and God's gifts.

Rogate is the imperative present (command, direction) tense of the verb rogare (rogo, rogare, rogavi, rogatum) which means to ask. Lessons for the day include: "Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near," and "If you ask anything of the Father in my name he will give it to you."

These words are significant because Wednesday of this week is Ascension Day, forty days after Easter. Our Lord is still with us as He has not ascended to the Father. Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday are considered rogation days, days set aside for petitioning God for His blessings, at this time of year that is for the planted crops to be fruitful, the Church is to be fruitful with the coming of the Holy Spirit. Today's Lutheran Church maintains the sense of rogation in Occasional Services under The Stewardship of Creation.

"Men of Galilee, why do you stand there looking up to heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." ~

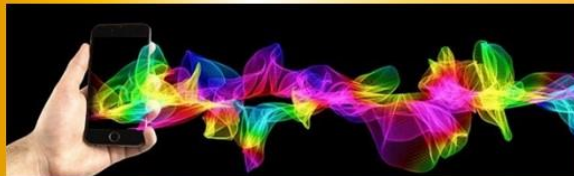
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