



Christ Lutheran Church
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CLC WEEKLY UPDATE
5th Sunday after Pentecost
June 27, 2021

IN PERSON WORSHIP
This Sunday, June 27, at 9:30AM
Pastor Erin Evans presiding

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IN-PERSON WORSHIP Sundays at 9:30AM



WORSHIP WITH US

This 5th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Lamentations 3:22-33

Psalm 30

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

Pastor Erin Evans preaching

Baptism of Laila Dell Marfisi

Hymns:

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

"Baptized in Water"

"Endless Is Your Love"

"O God Beyond All Praise"



We rejoice with all God's family at the Baptism of Laila Dell Marfisi during worship this Sunday, June 27th, 2021. Laila is the daughter of member Jackie Marfisi and granddaughter of Bud and Ginger Worst.

FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP **SUNDAY JUNE 27th**

Grab a drink and a snack outside, weather permitting, for a little bit of fellowship after our 9:30 worship service. Hope to see you there!



CLC KIDS LIVE!

Learn about how
Jesus gives us
everything we
need and plenty
to share!

(ages 4-12)



Christ Lutheran Church, Millvale
917 Evergreen Ave

In the neighborhood,
for good!



Crafts, games, snacks,
songs, and more!

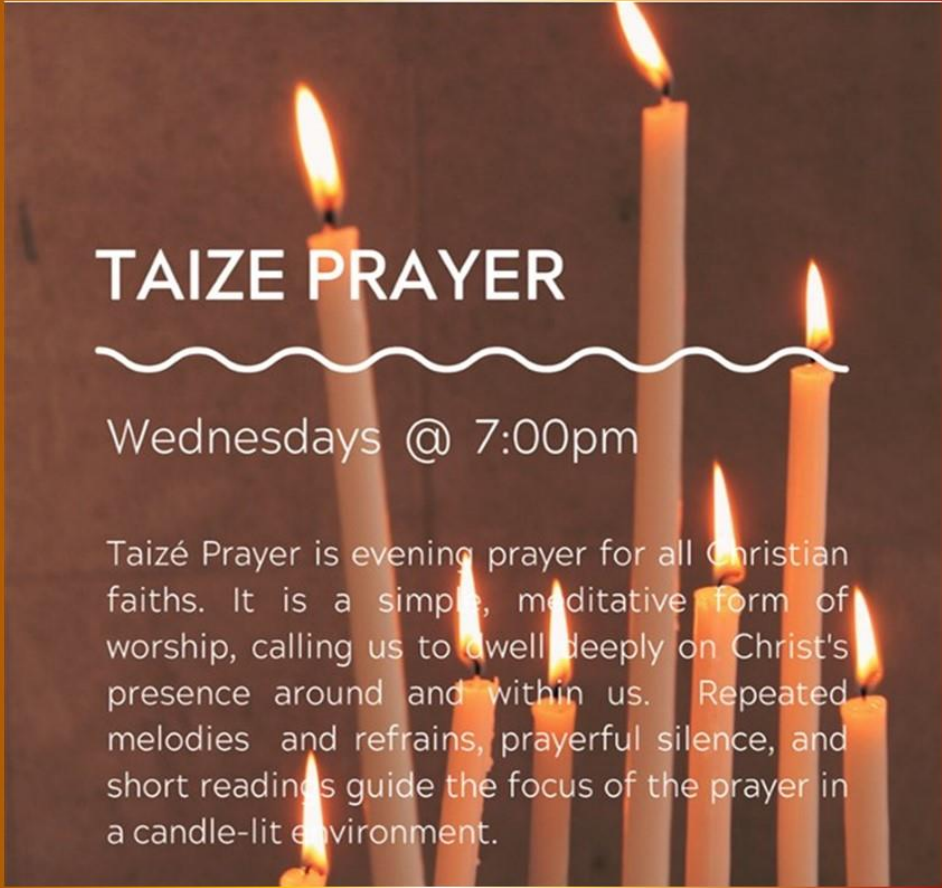
To Register for this
FREE EVENT
with lunch provided
call the church office
at 412-821-4300

**Saturday
July 31
9am-1pm**

[CLC Kids LIVE! JULY 31st, 2021 9:00am-1:00pm](#)

Registration forms are available now! Call the church at 412-821-4300 or fill one out at the desk in the narthex. Speak to Pastor Erin Evans if you can volunteer your time for this event.

Taize Summer Services
Wednesdays at 7:00pm



TAIZE PRAYER

Wednesdays @ 7:00pm

Taizé Prayer is evening prayer for all Christian faiths. It is a simple, meditative form of worship, calling us to dwell deeply on Christ's presence around and within us. Repeated melodies and refrains, prayerful silence, and short readings guide the focus of the prayer in a candle-lit environment.

Laissez Taizé Days of Summer

Joseph Imhoff

The Lord was not in the wind, the Lord was not in the earthquake, the Lord was not in the fire. Had Elijah expected something big, something spectacular when he was told to come out of the cave and stand before the Lord? Sheer silence. It was then a voice came to him instructing him how to cleanse Israel from the worship of Baal. It's often been referred to as 'a still, small, voice'.

There is no need for a multiplicity of words, decibel levels raised to attract the attention of God or others, exhorting sermons, filling the time with the singing of hymns, though there is nothing wrong with any of these. Simon and Garfunkel sang of "The Sounds of Silence" along with "Mrs. Robinson" and the herbs that grow in the garden, but 'silence' makes an impression.

Are we afraid of silence? Look around, ear buds, phones constantly to ears, radios in cars and trucks at deafening levels, 'elevator' music everywhere. Has 'being connected' gone too far to be healthy?

Laissez Taizé Days of Summer *continued*

Have Christians lost the ability for quiet contemplation? There are mantras associated with yoga practices and Buddhists will sit on the carpeted floor of a temple in contemplation for long periods; but do those practices, moments of silence scare us? In monasteries and abbeys there are required times for silence, for inner reflection, for a single focus.

Wednesday, over a week ago, June 16, at 7:00, a simple time of reflection punctuated with chants developed by the Taizé religious community debuted in the sanctuary of CLC. Though not total silence the understated and quiet music repeated like a mantra imbues a calming effect as the words, that small voice, penetrate the mind. There is a short lesson and later simple prayers followed by closing songs and then silence, a reflection of the gathering in silence before the opening song. Nothing rushed, nothing hurried.

To those in attendance it was a most satisfying evening! These evenings are scheduled on Wednesdays throughout the summer. Come join us, relieve the tension of the constant noise. ~

Anchorpoint Returns!

Weekly counseling sessions with Anchorpoint Counselors will begin again at CLC starting Wednesday June 9th, from 4pm-8pm. This valuable ministry and resource serves people of all ages in our community, who might be unable to afford counseling or find transportation to a counselor's office.

There is a flier available with all information, or call Anchorpoint Counseling Ministries at 412-366-1300.

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CHANGE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS

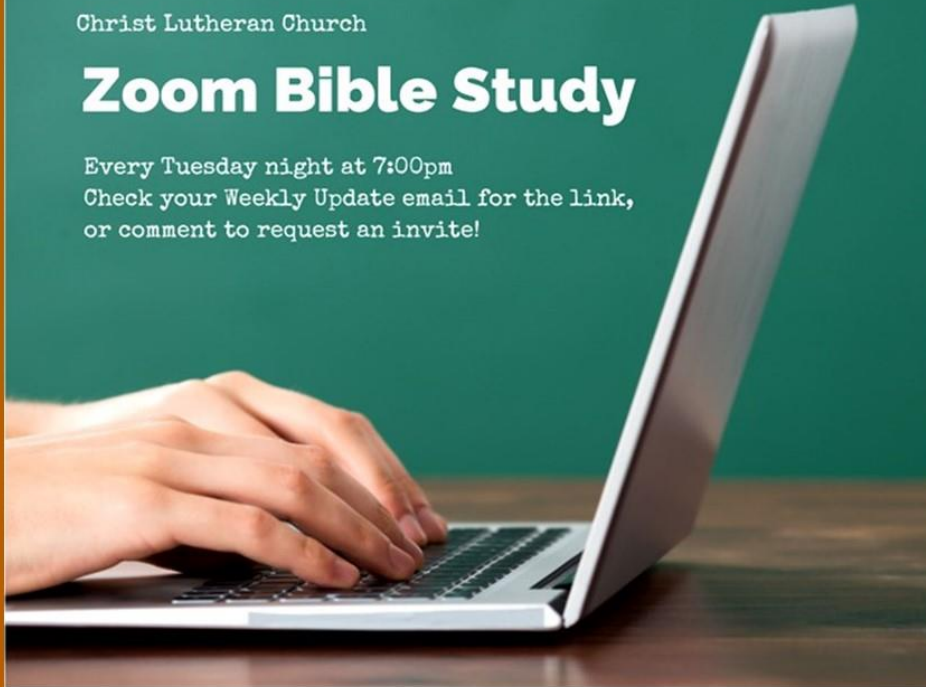
The CLC Congregational Council has voted to remove the "mask mandate" for vaccinated persons during public worship, and open pews that had been closed due to social distancing. Those who are not vaccinated are asked to continue wearing a mask.

For those who consider themselves to be still at risk, and may yet be wary of coming to in-person worship, we offer "Safer Seating." This is a section of socially distanced seating at the back of the church where masks are required. This section is labelled as such. Anyone may sit there, so long as they are masked and distanced. We appreciate your patience and flexibility, and we look forward to this new change and step forward. ~

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Zoom Bible Study

Every Tuesday night at 7:00pm
Check your Weekly Update email for the link,
or comment to request an invite!



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Join us for this weekly look at the Gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday. Pastor Erin will walk through the scriptures verse by verse, as well as provide pertinent background info and context to the text.

Introduction to the day, Sunday, June 27, 2021

A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two.

We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider. ~



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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

FOOD PANTRY

CONDIMENT COLLECTION

*Add your donation to our pantry and help us
"ketchup" with the needs of our community!*

Bring donations this summer: mayo,
mustard, syrup, jelly, and of course,
ketchup!

LOOK FOR REGULAR FOOD
PANTRY NOTES IN THE
WEEKLY UPDATE TO KNOW
WHAT WE ARE MOST IN
NEED OF!



Food Pantry hours are 9:30am-11:30am
Monday-Tuesday & Thursday-Friday.

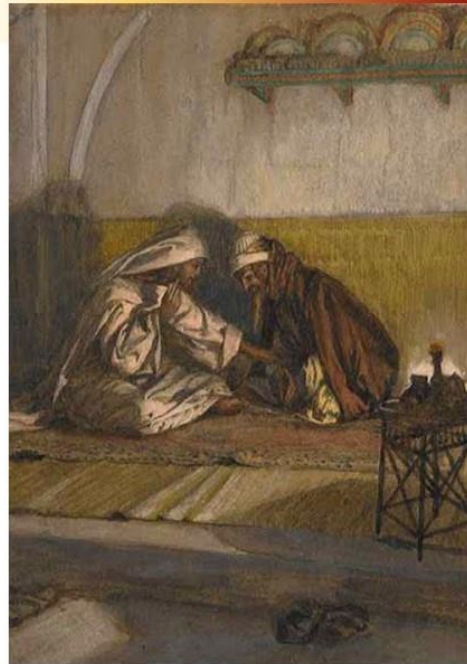
Thank you for your generous donations of condiments.
The Food Pantry can always use more weekly volunteers.
Call Dorie Budzik at 412-874-0083 to volunteer.

If you are experiencing hunger or food insecurity in your household, you can always confidentially speak to Pastor Erin Evans.

Our Condiment Collection is underway, and we need PANCAKE SYRUP! Any size, standard varieties, is great! Bring your condiment to church on Sunday and drop in the collection bin in the narthex.

Robust Adapter

As technology changes, the ways we connect cables to computers and store data also change. New laptops do not have all the ports and drives that laptops made just a few years ago have. And yet, we need all those devices, old and new, to be able to “talk” to one another. Enter the adapter, which bridges two or more ways of connecting. Some adapters are robust enough to connect multiple generations of technology, facilitating connection and communication.



In today’s gospel we encounter a Jesus who is robust at adapting to the different ways people need to connect and communicate with him. First there is Jairus, who falls at Jesus’ feet in a public show of desperation and boldly tells Jesus, “Come and lay your hands on [my daughter]” to heal her (Mark 5:23). Next is the woman who has been hemorrhaging for twelve years. She quietly touches Jesus’ robe, hoping to go unnoticed. Then come people from Jairus’s house who do not believe there is anything Jesus can do. Finally, some at Jairus’s house laugh when Jesus says the daughter is only sleeping.

With each encounter Jesus is the robust adapter who meets people where they are, bringing connection, communication, and so much more. He goes with Jairus, gives the woman a voice and a blessing, puts a challenge before the doubters, and puts out the scoffers. These last two groups will certainly reflect on Jesus’ words and actions toward them when they see Jairus’s daughter walking about town.

What posture and pains do you bring with you today? What certainties or doubts? What questions or requests do you bring to Jesus? There is no one way to approach the font and the table. Jesus adapts to meet us right where we are, and then heals, grows, and challenges us. Through connection, communion, love, and grace he sends us out with the blessing that our faith has made us well. ~

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