



WORSHIP WITH US

This 7th Sunday after Pentecost!

First Reading: Amos 7:7-15

Psalm 85-8-13

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel: Mark 6:14-29
Rev. Melissa Stoller preaching

Hymns:

"Gather Us In"

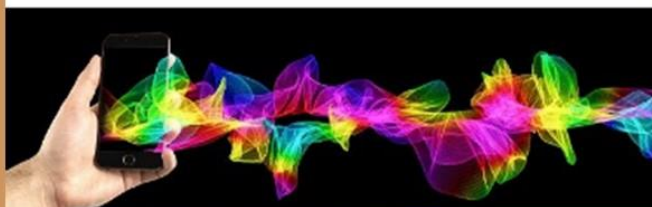
"Blessing and Honor"

"Only a Shadow"

"How Great Thou Art"

Pastor Erin will be on vacation JULY 10-18. Please call the office at 412-821-4300 OR Pastor Jennifer Soltis at 570-401-1764 in the case of pastoral emergency.

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Herod
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MARK 6:20



When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God's saving love. ~

Zoom Bible Study will not meet on Tuesday, July 13 while Pastor Erin is away. It will resume the following Tuesday, July 20.

From Our Congregational Council

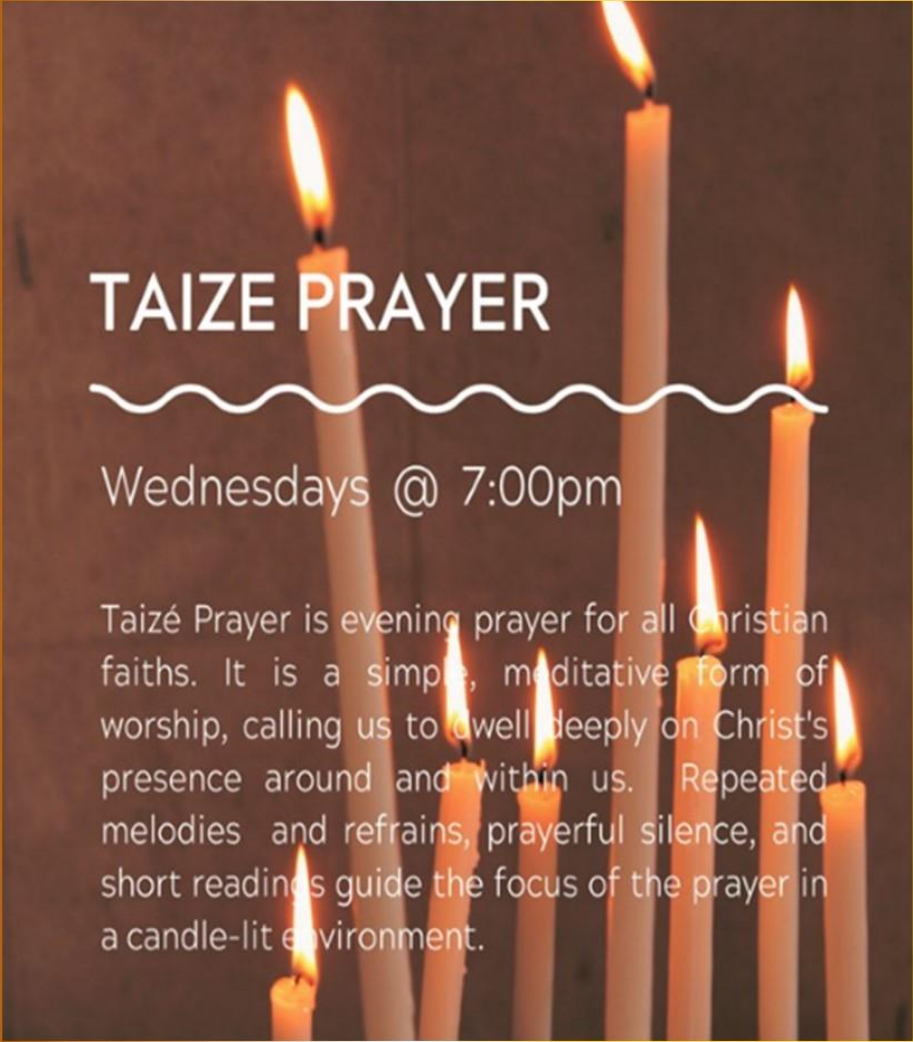
CHANGE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS

As more of our population has had the chance to be vaccinated, and many places are permitting vaccinated people to remove masks, things are changing here at CLC again. We've lived through a year of great upheaval and quick changes, and consistently we have made choices to protect the most vulnerable populations during this global pandemic.

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. As always, we appreciate your patience and flexibility, and we look forward to this new change and step forward.

Taize Summer Services: Wednesdays at 7PM



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.

Which Kingdom? Amid the dancing, feasting, and complicated family dynamics of this week's gospel text, we hear a story of two leaders who embody power very differently: John, a man of righteousness and integrity, and Herod, whose power is corrupted by fear, greed, and paranoia. The former embodies the kind of power that points us to life and wholeness. The latter kind of power results in gruesome and irrational death.

All too often, corruption and greed seem to win the day. We might find ourselves desperately searching for Christ and wondering if there is any hope to be salvaged from the wreckage of grief, anxiety, and pain present in our world.

The good news is that the story of God doesn't end in senseless violence at the hands of power-hungry rulers. There is another banquet to come. This banquet will be a celebration in which the wealthy and powerful are not front and center. It will be a feast where Jesus is the host and there is more than enough for everyone to eat their fill. It is a banquet of new life, hope, and a kind of power that empties itself for the sake of the other. ~

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.

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 attached with all information, or call Anchorpoint Counseling Ministries at 412-366-1300.



Millvale

COMMUNITY COUNSELING CENTER



AFFORDABLE COUNSELING IN YOUR COMMUNITY

The Millvale Community Counseling Center is a safe and welcoming place where Children, Teens, Parents, Adults, Couples and Families from Millvale, Etna, Shaler and surrounding neighborhoods can find comfort, support and healing from life's struggles.

Are you struggling? We can help you with:

- Anxiety
- Depression
- Loneliness
- Grief
- Low Confidence
- Low Self-Esteem
- Family Conflict
- Abuse
- Marriage & Relationships
- Past Trauma
- Peer Pressure
- Bullying
- Parenting Difficulties
- Faith & Spiritual Development
- And many more

- Convenient walkable location—Easy to access by bus or car
- Licensed and experienced counselors available to meet your needs
- Affordable sliding-scale fees based on your income and household size

**Open Wednesdays from 4-8 PM
starting on June 9**

Schedule your appointment today:

**Call Anchorpoint
Counseling Ministry at
412-366-1300**

and ask about the Millvale Community
Counseling Center

Millvale Community Counseling Center
at Christ Lutheran Church Millvale
817 Evergreen Rd. Pittsburgh, PA 15209

The Millvale Community Counseling Center is made possible by Christ Lutheran Church Millvale and the Fortitudo Foundation.



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.



Quo Vadimus?

Joseph Imhoff

Six years ago I wrote companion articles, "Quo Vadis?" and "Quo Vadimus?" for the newsletter. It was a time of transition and of decisions, much like today. The idea came from the popular movie of 1951 and the book on which it was based. In a late chapter St. Peter flees Rome ruled by Nero Pontifex Maximus. As his journey proceeded he had a vision of Jesus and kneeling down asked in Latin, "Quo vadis, Domine? (Where are you going, Lord?)". "Romam vado iterum crucifigi!", Jesus answered, (I am going to Rome to be crucified again!). These are real quotes from the Apocryphal book The Acts of Peter. Peter knew then what he had to do!

At that time there were challenges to being 'In the Neighborhood for Good' while having an interim pastor so I posed the question, "Quo vadimus, Christ Lutheran Church? (Where are we going Christ Lutheran Church)?". Many people worked very hard to maintain continuity in a difficult time. Once again the congregation is being asked about the direction we are to take and how we are to get there. This after a year unlike any other with a pandemic and mandates disrupting every facet of life in and out of the Church.

**"Quo vadimus?" WHERE ARE WE GOING?
"Ibimus cum Domino!" WE GO WITH THE LORD!**

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