



CLC Weekly Update
13th Sunday after Pentecost
August 22, 2021

GUEST PREACHER AND PRESIDER
BISHOP KURT KUSSEROW

Please welcome our synod's bishop to worship with us today.

<https://www.swpasynod.org/>

Pastor Erin is on vacation from Aug 20 - Aug 28. If you are in need of pastoral care, please reach out the church office, or to Pastor Ellen Lundie (Bethlehem Lutheran, Glenshaw) directly at 412-818-2189



In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to

arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Joshua calls all Israel to serve the Lord

Psalms 34:15-22

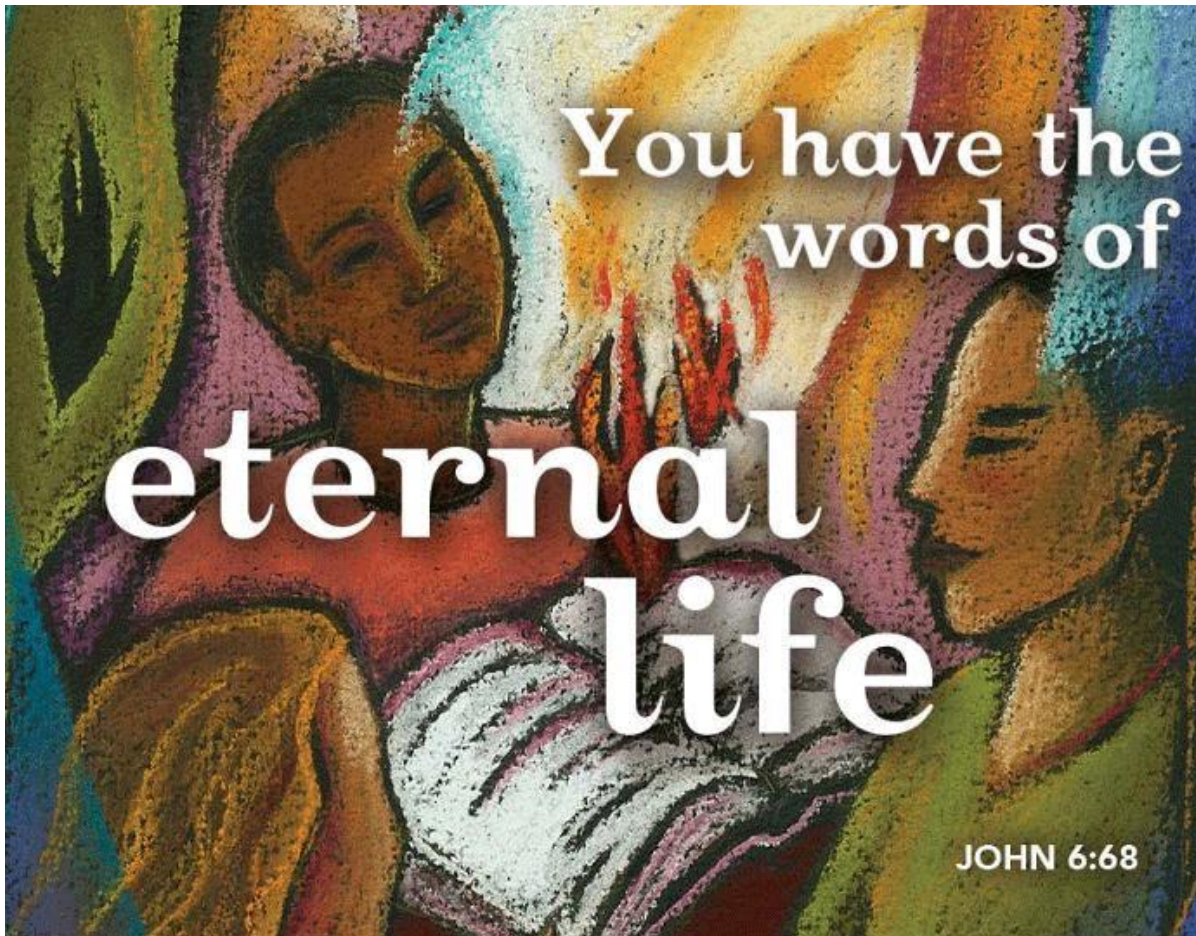
The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous. (Ps. 34:15)

Ephesians 6:10-20

Put on the armor of God

John 6:56-69

The bread of eternal life



TAIZE SUMMER SERIES HAS ENDED

THANK YOU to all who participated and worshipped with us for our Taize Summer Services, especially Ed Kapsha and Jon Zellhart for their musical leadership, and Joe Imhoff who filled in when Pastor was away. Please note there will be no Taize on August 25th.

Look what's going on this Week At CLC!

Mon Aug 23rd: Food Pantry 9:30—11:30am
Yoga 6-7pm
Chronic Pain Group 7pm

Tues Aug 24th: Food Pantry 9:30—11:30am

Wed Aug 25th: Millvale Community Counseling Center 4-8pm
Girl Scouts 6-7pm

Thurs Aug 26th: Food Pantry 9:30—11:30am
Sewing Ministry 5:30pm
Boy Scouts 5:30pm

Fri Aug 27th: Food Pantry 9:30—11:30am
Narcotics Anon 7pm

Sat Aug 28th: Alcoholic Anon 9am
Narcotics Anon 7pm

We are grateful to have our community partners back, and be able to share our building as a resource for the community!

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Current Donations Needed:
boxes of Jello and Pudding, cake mix and icing

Over the last 5 weeks,
we have fed an average of 128 people per week!

THANK YOU!

"Just a quick note to thank Vivian Evans and Zoey Vida for helping us distribute backpacks full of school supplies to 67 children in the community. Your hard work made a big difference!

~Dorie and Fran Budzik, CLC Food Pantry.



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Friends in our companion synod in Madagascar have been living through a severe drought. Our synod council is asking for your support and will match individual and congregation gifts up to \$5,000.

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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.

**Open Wednesdays from 4-8 PM
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Tradition**&****Change**

Joseph

Imhoff

In thinking about this week's article I came across something I wrote in 2014 that proves just as timely today. A series of interrelated articles appeared in The Lutheran at that time concerning why things are done the way they are in the Lutheran Church.

The Sunday after Labor Day church returns to 'normal' the choir is back, adjustments are often made to the service, now is a good time to review those articles.

"Tradition" was written by Robert C. Saler and delves into the heart of what Luther had in mind when he set about reforming the Church, not break from it. Luther was not a maverick, he was very traditional in his faith, a faith he wished to return to its roots. He did not sweep away 1500 years of tradition but affirmed what was good keeping what many other reformers considered too Catholic. He got rid of what he considered injurious to faith, shaping a church which would create its own traditions as the Holy Spirit would guide it. We are lucky as a Church body to have Luther's most important writings and other documents of faith collected in The Book of Concord, or everything you need to know to be a Lutheran.

The second article gives insight into practices abandoned long ago but returning with a certain immediacy for today. David A. Berg uses this idea as a jumping off point to show different approaches in worship can be integrated and not be at odds with each other, but the structure and integrity must be maintained whether we favor traditional or contemporary styles in our worship. It is not about our personal interests but about worshiping a God who loves us all. The author offers many examples of things which can be done to augment the perception of ritual within the church, indeed, our congregation has incorporated many of them over the years and continues to do so.

More next week!

Upcoming Commemorations

Bartholomew, Apostle

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Mentioned as one of Jesus' disciples in Matthew, Mark, and Luke, Bartholomew's name is replaced in John's gospel by Nathanael, leading many to believe that the two are different names for the same person. Little is known about his work, though some traditions place him later in India or Armenia.

Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, died 430

Saturday, August 28, 2021

Augustine was one of the greatest theologians of the Western church. A native of North Africa, he recovered from a debauched young adulthood through the influence of his mother, Monica, and Bishop Ambrose of Milan. Besides writing influential theological books, he served as bishop of Hippo, in present-day Algeria.

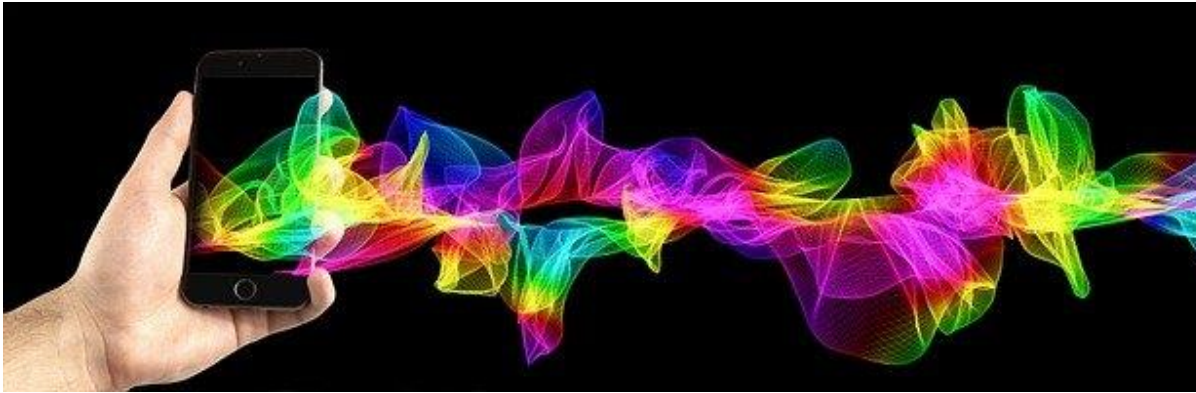
Moses the Black, monk, martyr, died around 400

Saturday, August 28, 2021

Converted from life as a thief and a robber to Christianity, Moses was an Ethiopian who became a desert monk at Skete. The change in his heart and life had a profound impact on his native country. He was murdered when Berber bandits attacked his monastery.

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