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CLC Weekly Update
15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 5, 2021

IN-PERSON WORSHIP
this Sunday, September 5, at 9:30AM
Pastor Erin Evans presiding

please visit us at: <https://www.clcmillvale.com>

WORSHIP WITH US

This 15th Sunday after Pentecost!

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Psalms 146

Second Reading: James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

Pastor Erin Evans preaching

HYMNS

"Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng!"

"O Christ, Your Heart Compassionate"

"Sing, O Sing"

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

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Jesus does not mock the Syrophenician woman; rather, he engages her. He pushes back against her initial request in order to draw out of her an even stronger confession of faith. She is no longer just a desperate mother hoping against hope, but a woman of faith who knows deep in her soul that all people—even Gentiles, even her daughter, even she herself—are beloved and fed by God.

At times you may have found yourself wrestling with God. These situations are not always immediately pleasant. But take heart—the Holy Spirit promises to bring you through to the other side, faith intact and blessings bestowed. May you be “astounded beyond measure, at the works of the Lord.” (Mark 7:37)



CHOIR PRACTICE

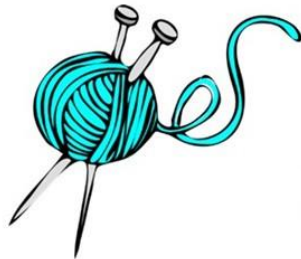
The choir resumes
rehearsals on Thursday,
September 9th at 6pm.

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CONFIRMATION SERVICE

Confirmand Troy Leas will affirm his baptism during worship on Sunday, Sept. 12th. Blessings Troy!



DO YOU CROCHET?

Want to Learn?

Pastor Erin has an idea for a new ministry to serve our church and community! Stay tuned for more information....



acolyte training

ACOLYTE TRAINING...

For Children of all ages will take place after worship on Sunday, Sept. 19th. Join us!



FOOD PANTRY

9:30am - 11:30am



The CLC Food Pantry is Open 9:30-11:30am
Mon., Tues., Thurs. and Fri.

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!

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New Bible Study

Starting Sept 15th and for the next 10 Wednesdays we'll be reading the Book of Revelation. The last book of the Bible, Revelation is full of symbolism, graphic violence, and visions of catastrophe. But why?? What does Revelation have to give to us today? What can it offer to us here in the 21st century, living in the midst of a global pandemic, social tension, gun violence, conflict, and political upheaval? Hear the promises of God, echoed in our hymns and liturgy from this amazing text!

BIBLE STUDY AT CLC

The Book Of Revelation

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT 7PM
STARTING SEPTEMBER 15TH

Come explore this misunderstood and
mistreated text with us.
You may know more about it than you think!

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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

SATURDAY OCTOBER 2nd
10:00am

917 Evergreen Ave, Millvale

All pets welcome for this brief
prayer service and individual
blessing. We'll gather in the
grassy area beside the church
building.

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Join us for an exciting day of events here at CLC! On September 12th, we'll celebrate the Confirmation of Troy Leas during worship, and welcome back our choir to help lead us in song. Traditionally in the Lutheran Church, this Sunday is known as "Rally Day." We've been through a lot as a community and as a congregation, and we know that coming back after COVID and conflict has been hard. What better way to "rally" than to gather to serve?

Sign-up in the narthex (Welcome Center) for bible studies, committees, and services opportunities! Please plan to bring donations for our Food Pantry that day (JELL-O, pudding, and canned icing). After worship, come out to the cemetery for some weeding, clearing brush, and caring for tombstones. We'll plan a simple picnic lunch there together too!

Worship @ CLC at 9:30am

Clean-Up and Picnic at the Cemetery is after worship at approximately 10:45am



JOIN US FOR THIS BUSY DAY AT CHURCH!

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION: JELLO, PUDDING, AND ICING
CEMETERY CLEAN-UP AND PICNIC FOLLOWING WORSHIP
SIGN-UP FOR COMMITTEES, CHOIR, BIBLE STUDY AND MORE!

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With a Voice of Singing Joseph Imhoff

Earlier this year Living Lutheran ran an issue with articles under the banner "Music & Faith" reminding me how much Lutherans are renowned for their singing and their hymns. The editor in "Editor's Note" column used the term, the gift of music; indeed it is, God's gift to the Church. Her husband, obviously not a Lutheran said, "You Lutherans like to sing a lot." She replied, "Yes, we do."

The Church has always sung from the Old Testament on, Moses, Miriam, Hannah, a whole collection in The Book of Psalms, and into the New with Mary, many we still sing today with more modern music. Before modern sound equipment other than a megaphone chanting was used so the words would carry in a great space. Martin Luther loved to sing, they say he was a good tenor, and during the time of the Reformation he didn't do away with the singing, chanting, but wrote hymns for the congregation to sing, what a radical idea. They were teaching tools with the lessons of the Church taught to illiterate people who would remember them in the song, not as the spoken word. Some even are much like sermons, Dear Christians, One and All' (229 LBW), no offense to the clergy when that is the hymn of the day.

What most people missed during the pandemic was the singing, either by a choir or as a congregation, no matter what was tried via remote services it wasn't the same, something was missing. Hymns are a congregational endeavor. John Wesley in Select Hymns (1761), many of which his brother Charles had written, gave directions to the congregation. All should join in the singing in spite of perceived ability. Sing lustily with courage and strength without shame. Do not try to out-sing others but join in as one voice.

Then there is the choir, that group hiding in the loft as their 'safe' space. They are the mainstay holding the musical portions of the service together, leading the singing of hymns for the congregation, especially unfamiliar ones, leading liturgical responses to the chanting of the cantor or presiding clergy, and providing additional music during the service. They are not there for the entertainment of the congregation but to LEAD them.

On Thursday, September 9, at 7:00 PM the Choir will resume practicing. Everyone who can sing, or thinks they can, is most welcome to come, there are no tryouts. It isn't as hard as you might think, well, sometimes, but it is also fun and good Christian fellowship. Everyone is welcome regardless of ability.

Someone is always there to help. ~



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James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophoenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings a need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir. ~

Upcoming Commemorations

**Peter Claver, priest, missionary to Colombia, died 1654
Thursday, September 9, 2021**

Born into Spanish nobility, Claver became a Jesuit missionary, and served in present-day Colombia. His ministry was focused on the slaves that arrived there. He gave them food and medicine, learned their dialects, and taught them Christianity.

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