



**CLC Weekly Update
22nd Sunday after Pentecost
October 24, 2021**

IN-PERSON WORSHIP
this Sunday, October 24, at 9:30AM
Pastor Erin Evans presiding

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WORSHIP WITH US

This 22nd Sunday after Pentecost!

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalm 126

Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

Pastor Erin Evans preaching

Stewardship Update from Pastor Erin

How often do you give to charity? How often do you give to the church?

When you think of it? When you attend a service?

When something really catches your attention and you feel compelled?

These are all good reasons to give an offering, but an offering is meant to be something extra on top of what you tithe or give to support your congregation. **The church is not a club which collects dues, nor is it a service you pay for, but it is made up of members of the body of Christ who have chosen this particular congregation to support with their time, talents, and treasures.** Your regular and consistent support, no matter what the amount, is important because the church has regular and consistent spending. Offering envelopes are one way to approach this consistency - providing a weekly reminder of our responsibilities in church membership. Some people choose to do this monthly as well. Automatic withdrawals from your checking account, which is what I do, are another. This requires praying and thinking ahead of time about the amount you'd like to give and then setting a reminder to yourself (or your bank!) to make that happen, whether you attend church or not that week.

With our annual meeting coming up on November 21st, you'll have an opportunity to review the budget and see for yourself the anticipated expenses of the congregation for 2022. Please also take an opportunity to prayerfully consider what your tithe will be next year as well. A tithe is meant to be 10% of your income, but that's not realistic to do all at once, if your offering has been \$20 once a month. Think about how much you gave last year, and increase by a percentage point or two. Not because the church needs your money, but because as children of God, we were created to give. If you would like to talk about this further, or have questions about giving, please don't hesitate to ask.

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Erin Evans

SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP SERIES

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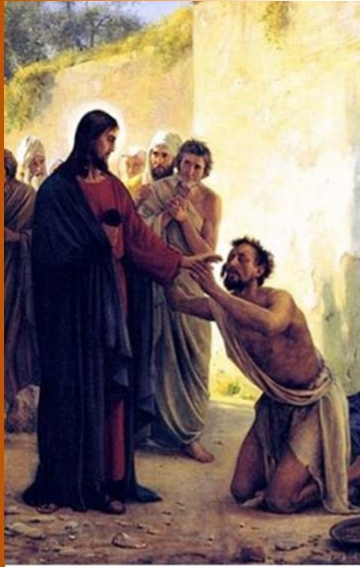
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Can we pray the way Bartimaeus prays?

People try to hush him up because by addressing Jesus as "Son of David" he is making a politically dangerous claim that Jesus is the rightful king.

Could our prayers ever be heard as a threat to unjust powers that be?

Bartimaeus won't give up or go away quietly, but repeats his call for help more loudly. Do we ask so boldly?

And are our prayers an honest answer to Jesus' question, "What do you want me to do for you?" ~

Reformation Day

Sunday October 31st, 2021

Reformation Day is Sunday October 31st. We celebrate Lutheran history and theological reforms, while at the same time mourning all schisms within Christ's Church. Check out [this link](#) * from a few years ago and learn a bit more about our history. We hold all these things in tension, which is a VERY Lutheran thing to do.

Written by Pastor Nelson H. Rabell-González October 31, 2018

** <https://www.livinglutheran.org/2018/10/a-word-of-hope-on-reformation-day/>*

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pray & crochet

No matter your skill level, we'll pray together and make blankets for those who might need an extra layer of compassion

FIRST MEETING
Thursday Nov. 11, 10am

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PRAY & CROCHET

Our newest ministry will kick-off on Thursday November 11th at 10am. We will gather to learn and teach crochet, and to pray for those in need. The fruits of our labors, the work of our hands, will go to those in need of the warmth of prayer and compassion. We have all supplies needed, but feel free to bring a donation of yarn or hooks if you have a big stash.



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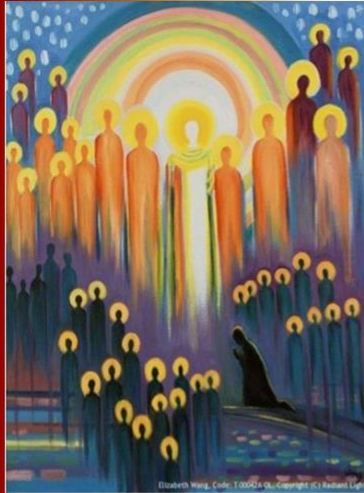
Food Pantry Items Needed:

Mayonnaise
Spaghetti Sauce
Canned Chicken and Tuna
Pancake Mix and Syrup
Jello
Pudding
Icing
Cake Mix
Cream of Mushroom Soup



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



All Saints Day Sunday November 7th

Bring a picture of a loved one
to display during the service.

... for we are surrounded by so great
a cloud of witnesses...

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY is Sunday November 7th. All Saints Sunday is a day for remembering. On All Saints Day we acknowledge our grief as well as honoring our connection with the church of all times and places. We name those we remember who have died in Christ. Please bring a picture of a loved one to display on the side tables as a visible reminder of our "great cloud of witnesses."

A Final Word

Joseph Imhoff

Language has always fascinated me, the sounds, the rhythms, even foreign languages that I never studied but have an affinity for because I like opera where you hear French, Italian, German, occasionally Spanish or Czech and even English! From writing these columns, once monthly but now weekly I often use the German from college for original Luther writings, the year of high school Latin with Mrs. Haas for church references plus throwing in a little Greek and Hebrew.

Which brings me to an oft repeated phrase, "They changed the words!" Be it a hymn, a prayer, or a scripture reading, words of one particular version that have been ingrained over years of usage. Words and usage in a language change, usually over time as a natural evolution of pronunciation and meaning, unlike today where words have acquired unintentional connotations and suddenly become unspeakable. This is most noticeable in the various editions of the hymnal used over the years in the Lutheran Church.

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The Authorized Edition of the Bible in English known as the King James version is a landmark of literature stemming from the time and writings of the style of Shakespeare, but people no longer use many of the words in the same way, some not at all, and scholarship has revised how some words are translated from the original sources. If one memorized Bible quotes years ago they sound foreign to modern ears. Two items remain inviolate from 1611, The Lord's Prayer and Psalm Twenty-Three!

The liturgy and hymns are a different story, we now use the fourth book of worship and hymns since 1917, a little over 100 years. Over the years the 'thee's', 'thy's', 'thine's', have been replaced by 'you's'. Words and phrases have been modernized with the common usage of today not 1917! In one way our congregation has an advantage, instead of looking down at the page of a book we look up to the screens on the walls of the nave, it is good to read the words we say rather than reciting them by rote. I find it helpful to read the liturgy lest I slip into the words from the SBH of 1958 or LBW of 1978 (still, it happens every once in a while!).

The other night Dancing With The Stars had a Grease night using music from the soundtrack for the dances and the atmosphere. The comparison of Rydell High School in 1958 to Shaler Area today would be close to the Service Book and Hymnal of 1958 to the new Evangelical Lutheran Worship we use today. Even things that are the same have changed in many ways! ~

At CLC October 24th to 31st, 2021

24 9:30am Sunday Worship	25 9:30-11:30am Food Pantry 6:15pm Yoga 7pm Pain Support	26 9:30-11:30am Food Pantry	27 4-7pm Millvale Community Counseling 5:30pm Sewing 6-8pm Girl Scouts- Gathering Place 7pm Bible Study	28 9:30-11:30am Food Pantry 5:30pm Boy scouts 7pm Choir Practice	29 9:30-11:30am Food Pantry 7:00pm NA Meets Library	30 9am AA Meets-Library 7pm NA Meets-Library
31 Halloween 9:30-10:30am Sunday Worship Reformation Day						



LUTHERAN PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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Hope Cannot Be Silenced

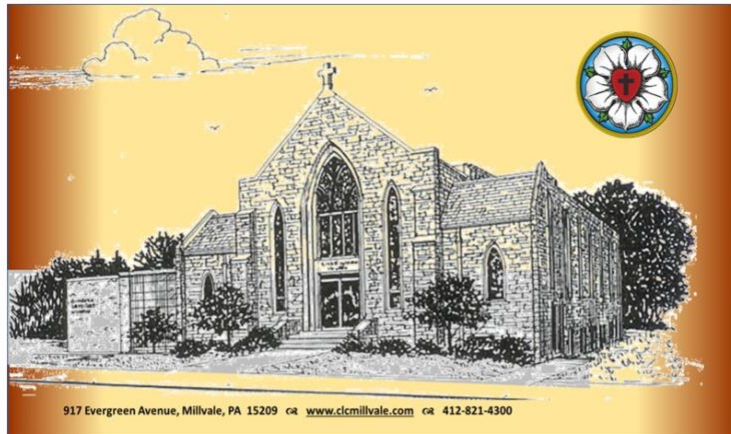
Have you ever had to take a break from the news or shut the TV off because the story was just too much to take in? All the reminders of pain, injustice, and misfortune in the world around us can be overwhelming at times. Sometimes the problems feel so insurmountable that we become frustrated, even angry at the constant reminders of our powerlessness. At our worst, we may block out not only the problems but our compassion for the people who are suffering and crying out for help.

In today's gospel, a man who suffers cries out again and again for mercy as Jesus passes by. Yet his cries are too much for others gathered around, who are annoyed by the man and want him to be quiet. In his cries they hear only hopelessness, pain, and misfortune with no remedy; they hear their own powerlessness. But Jesus hears something different: rather than the problem, pain, misfortune, and human weakness, he hears a person in need, hope, and divine strength. Jesus hears the man's faith that his cries will not be in vain, and his trust in God's mercy and power. When Jesus hears the suffering one crying out in hope, it is the beginning of healing.

In Christian assembly, we gather to lift up our own cries and to hear those of others. The peace that comes when the body of Christ gathers is not achieved by shutting out the sounds of a world in pain, but through the hope that wherever they ring forth, God is already present and listening and ready to heal. As you listen in your own life and among those gathered today, what do you hear? And how is God calling you to respond? ~



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Upcoming Commemorations

Philipp Nicolai, died 1608; Johann Heermann, died 1647; Paul Gerhardt, died 1676; hymnwriters

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

These great hymnwriters all worked in seventeenth-century Germany in times of war and plague. Nicolai, a pastor, lost 1,300 parishioners to plague, 170 in one week. He wrote "O Morning Star, how fair and bright" and "Wake, awake, for night is flying." Heermann's hymns, including "Ah, holy Jesus," often express the emotions of faith. Gerhardt, perhaps the greatest Lutheran hymnwriter, was a pastor in Berlin.

Simon and Jude, Apostles

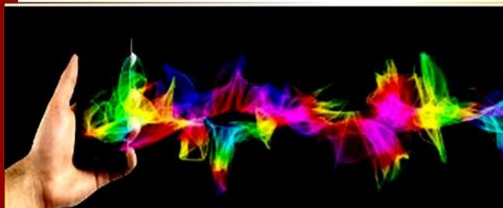
Thursday, October 28, 2021

We know little about these apostles. Simon is listed as "the zealot" or Canaan in New Testament lists. Jude, also called Thaddeus, asked Jesus at the last supper why he had revealed himself to the disciples but not to the world.



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