



CLC Weekly Update
20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 10, 2021

IN-PERSON WORSHIP
this Sunday, October 10, at 9:30AM
Pastor Erin Evans presiding

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

**For God
all things
are possible**

MARK 10:27



WORSHIP WITH US

This 20th Sunday after Pentecost!

First Reading: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Psalm 90:12-17

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16

Gospel: Mark 10:17-31

Pastor Erin Evans preaching

From the Pastor's Desk...

Dear members and friends,

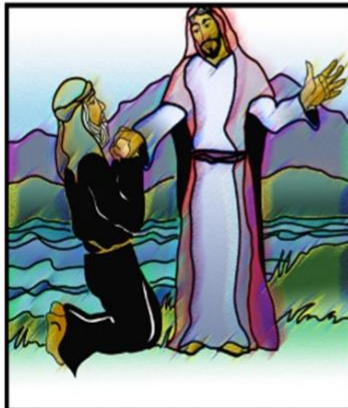
Once again, I want to encourage you to care for each other by wearing a mask or social-distancing at our worship and our church events. We had 12 people at Bible study last week, and we later found out 2 vaccinated persons tested positive for COVID several days afterwards. We were able to get in touch with everyone present, and the rest were tested and negative.

As your pastor, frankly, this scares me. I feel like I've gotten more relaxed with my mask wearing at CLC and felt comfortable removing my mask in small groups of vaccinated folks. I don't want our worship service, our bible studies, or our events, to end up infecting multiple people. It's clear now that breakthrough cases in the vaccinated population are an issue we have to take seriously.

Please either keep your mask on at worship OR distance yourself from others not in your household. A distance of 10-15 feet is appropriate when singing together.

If you do have cold/COVID symptoms, there are many options to get a quick test. I can even help you secure an appointment online or point you in the right direction. Believe me, I understand that you are exhausted. I'm exhausted and frustrated, but I've had at least 20 COVID tests in the last year so that I can continue to do my job and keep folks safe. Each time our household is ill or has an exposure, my four year old also needs a test in order to return to pre-school. Let us continue to hold in prayer all who are ill, hospitalized, or awaiting test-results.

In Christ's Service,
Pastor Erin



The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other. ~

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A STEWARDSHIP SERMON SERIES takes place this month of October. Today and the next 2 Sundays, Pastor Erin will preach from the lectionary readings the perspective of purpose and creation. What are we created to be and do as God's beloved children? We are created to care, give, serve, and pray. **Made for relationships, with blessings in abundance, we can serve and pray for the world and our neighbors.** *Plan to attend! You can also visit at <https://www.clcmillvale.com>*

A graphic with a warm orange and brown background. On the left, a large, stylized white word "Created." is written in a script font. Below it, in a smaller sans-serif font, is "Created to..." followed by a list: "care.", "give.", "serve.", and "pray." To the right of this text is a large, detailed illustration of a single autumn leaf in shades of orange and yellow. Further to the right, the text "OCTOBER 10th" is written in a white sans-serif font. Below that, the phrases "Created to give." and "Created to worship." are written in a white sans-serif font, stacked vertically.

SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP SERIES

Created.

Created to...
care.
give.
serve.
pray.

OCTOBER 10th

Created to
give.

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worship.

Stewardship Letters were mailed this week and 2022 Offering Envelopes will go out next week. Please be on the look-out for those.

The Ladies previously with Hanna Circle will be cleaning out the Library Closets after church this Sunday, October 10th, and need volunteers to help. Call the church office at 412-821-4300, email to christlutheran917@gmail.com or just show up after church if you would like to help!



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION instruction will be offered soon with Pastor Erin. There is no age requirement, but if your child is asking questions about communion and wants to participate in the sacrament, please speak to **Pastor Erin ASAP!**



pray & crochet

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

MEETING SCHEDULE TBA

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At CLC October 10th to 23rd, 2021

10 9:30am Sunday Worship	11 9:30-11:30am Food Pantry 6:15pm Yoga 7pm Pain Support	12 9:30-11:30am Food Pantry	13 6-8pm Girl Scouts Gathering Place 4-7pm Millvale Community Counseling Center Services 5:30pm Sewing 7pm Bible Study	14 9:30-11:30am Food Pantry 5:30pm Boy Scouts 6:30-7:30pm Violin Gathering Place 7pm Choir Practice	15 9:30-11:30am Food Pantry 6-8pm Girl Scouts-Gathering Place 7:00pm NA Meets Library	16 9am AA Meets-Library 7pm NA Meets-Library
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FOOD PANTRY

9:30am - 11:30am

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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 9 weeks, we have
fed an average of 128 people
per week!

Visit Us at CLCMillvale.com

Sent in Love to the 4 Corners of the Earth

You Send Me

Joseph Imhoff

As the Communion concludes and the congregants return to their pews the presiding minister drinks the remaining wine in the chalice then veils the Communion vessels and consecrated elements to be dealt with later. A prayer is now said in thanks for the gifts received through the bread and wine, reminding us that we have an obligation to share the gifts we receive with the rest of the world. This is reminiscent of Luther's table blessings, one prior to eating and one after to thanks for all God's benefits.

We have come to the end of the service. "So long, farewell, auf Wiedersehen, adieu," as the von Trapp children sing is not quite the intent of the moment because there is much unsaid at the time of the Blessing, formerly known as the Benediction, from the Latin 'bene' meaning well or good, and decere, to speak. Sometimes referred to as a dismissal which has a slightly negative connotation such as your time is up, the new SENDING has a very positive meaning.

God's blessing is now asked upon all in attendance. In the Book of Numbers God told Moses to have Aaron bless the Israelites, "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace." Thus the name of God was imprinted on them. Throughout scripture the blessings of God have been called down on his people. St. Paul opens many of his letters with blessings on the congregation for whom it is intended, thanking them and praying for them.

All now join in the sending song and during this time if there had been a procession during the gathering the participants may recess in the same order. At the end of the hymn the assistant dismisses the congregation with, "Go in peace." followed by, "Serve the Lord.", "Share the good news.", or "Christ is with you." The congregation returns, "Thanks be to God." These are the Church's marching orders for going into the world spreading the good news! The Church service has ended but our service to God is just beginning with God's name imprinted on us. ~



Limitless Possibility

For the young, life can feel like a limitless landscape of possibilities. It can seem there is nothing we cannot do or become if we simply set our minds to it. But as we age, the possi-



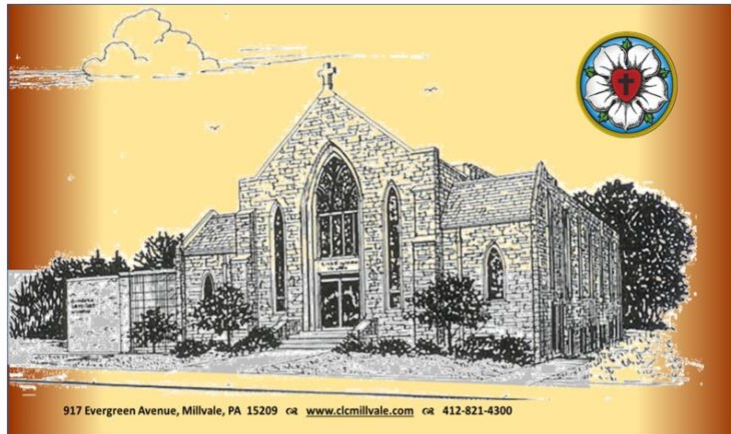
bilities may appear to shrink, whether through the choices we make or through the limits of a world beyond our control. At certain points in life, we may look at ourselves—who we are and what we have become—and see not possibilities but, rather, inevitabilities. It may seem impossible to live any other way than how we are currently living or for people to see us in any other way than they currently do. We may struggle to see any way beyond our habits or patterns, our history, or our current roles.

In today's gospel, Jesus invites a man to leave behind everything he has known and thought about himself to become Jesus' disciple. To the world, the man is defined by his wealth, but Jesus sees the man behind the possessions and loves him. He sees past what seems inevitable about the man, to what God can make possible. Yet, tragically, the man can only see the world's vision of him, a vision of limited possibilities. When Jesus calls him to leave his wealth behind, the man thinks he is being asked the impossible and goes away heartbroken.

In the Christian assembly, the voice of Christ calls us to look past one another's worldly inevitabilities to the divine possibilities present among us. No matter what moment of life we are in, it is never too late. No matter what our history of failures or addictions, there are still more chances. No matter what we have been to this point, there is still something new we can become. Jesus calls us to leave ourselves behind in order to follow him, to rediscover who we are with a God for whom all things are possible. ~



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Upcoming Commemorations

**Massie L. Kennard, renewer of the church, died 1996 (TFF)
Sunday, October 10, 2021**

A native of Chicago, Kennard was a major figure in supporting and working toward ethnic and racial inclusiveness in the former Lutheran Church in America. Ordained in 1958, he served in positions including Director for Minority Concerns of the Division for Mission in North America.

**Teresa of Avila, teacher, renewer of the church, died 1582
Friday, October 15, 2021**

A mystical writer and reformer of the monastic order (Carmelites) to which she belonged, Teresa may also be commemorated with John of the Cross on December 14. Latino Christians traditionally remember her on this date.



LUTHERAN PRAYER OF THE DAY

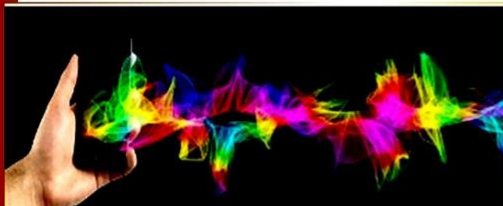
Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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