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Worship with Us

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Presiding Minister: Pastor Erin Evans

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CLC Weekly Update - August 21, 2022

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

This Sunday, August 21 at 9:30AM



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First Reading: Isaiah 58:9b-14

Psalm 103:1-8

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-29

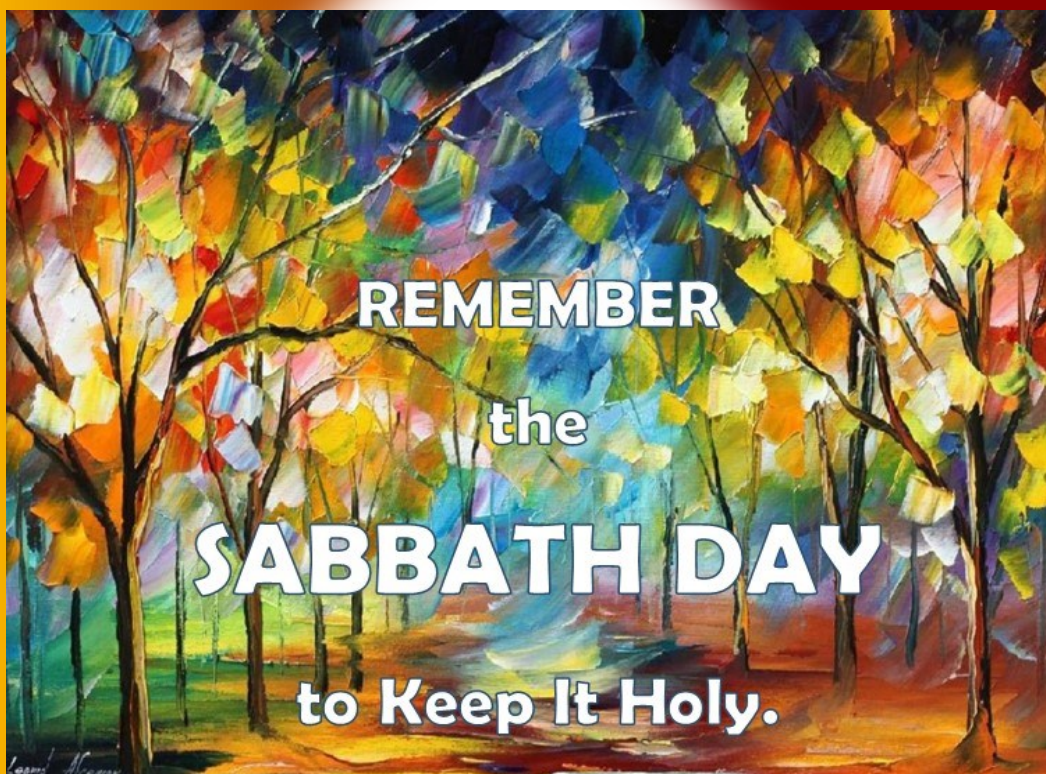
Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

Pastor Erin Evans preaching

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Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing. ~

Welcome new members David and Edie McCleary and Keith Franskousky!



CONGRATULATIONS STEVE!

Our Seminarian, Steve Slepecki, has completed his internship year at Trinity Lutheran in Butler. Steve will now return to full time class work to complete his final year at seminary. Please continue to pray for Steve as he prepares for ordained ministry in the Lutheran Church.

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BLESSING FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS ON AUGUST 28th

Blessings and stickers for all at the conclusion of worship on Sunday August 28th! Please plan to attend if you work in education or are currently in school!

RALLY & REJOICE!

Join us for a special
"Sundae Sunday"
Ice Cream Social after
worship on Sunday
Sept. 11th to celebrate
the beginning of a new
Sunday School year!

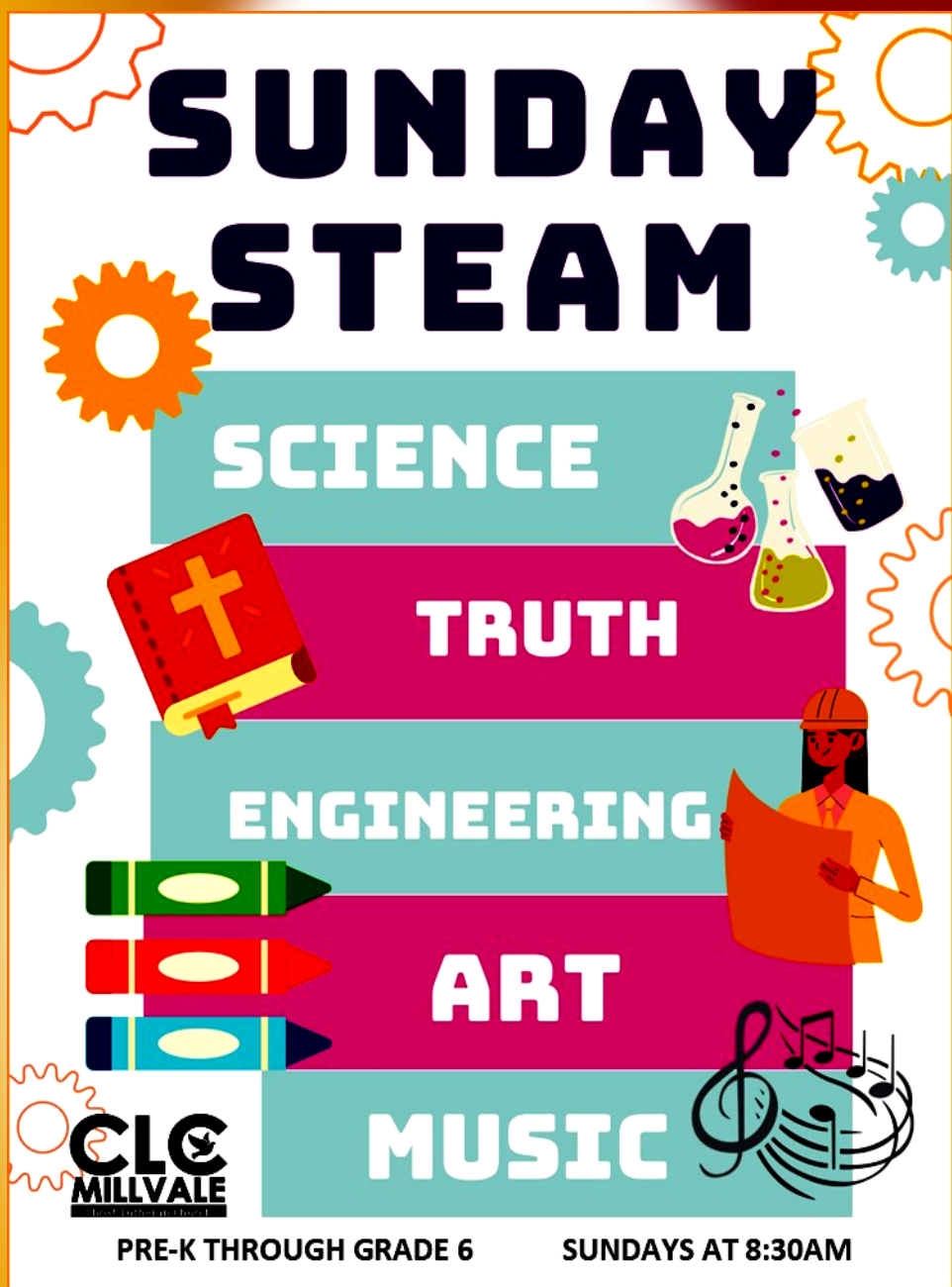


RALLY & REJOICE!

Sunday School for Pre-K through 6th grade will begin on Sunday Sept. 11th. Sunday School will be held from 8:30-9:15am with worship starting at 9:30am. Please call the office if you did not receive a registration form in the mail, or if you'd like one for a grandchild or neighbor. **As we Rally and Rejoice, we'll enjoy an ICE CREAM social after church on Sunday September 11th!** Please plan to attend!

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NEW Sunday School!

Sunday STEAM will be our homegrown curriculum this year! It's a "one room school house" model teaching kids PreK - 6th grade bible stories and incorporating STEAM lessons to go with the theme for the day. Several main teachers will cover basics and provide consistency, along with special guest teachers covering things in their field or area of interest. We'll do science experiments, hands-on projects, and cover all things "STEAM" (Science, Truth, Engineering, Art, and Music). **Come have hands-on fun every Sunday, starting September 11th.** Talk to Pastor Erin or Mandy Freiss to get on board and watch for a mailing!

HARVEST HOMECOMING on OCTOBER 2nd

Join us as we celebrate all that God has provided for us, the heritage of God's word, and the home we have in God's house. We give thanks by giving back, and will have a special offering of donations for the food pantry that morning. With our Harvest Homecoming Offering Envelopes, we will give one more time to the investment we've made in our "home" through the Capital Campaign. We will also have mums available for purchase to decorate the sanctuary, look for more info to come!



food pantry update



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
WEDNESDAYS
5:00PM-7:00PM

IMMEDIATE NEEDS:
RAMEN NOODLES
BOXED PASTA

The Food Pantry is Open Mondays and Fridays from 9:30am to 11:30am, and on Wednesdays from 5pm to 7pm.

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SUMMER STEWARDSHIP NOTE FROM PASTOR ERIN

It's my fervent hope that this is a relaxing and **SAFE** summer for all! My own family has roadtrip plans, camping plans, beach plans, and plans to see some close friends who live far away.

We all know that summer worship attendance takes a dip while we all enjoy the great outdoors(or air conditioned bliss!), but can we talk about our summer offerings and tithes?

No matter the amount, the most helpful way to give to the ministries of the congregation is regularly and consistently. Whether it's weekly or monthly, make a prayerful decision ahead of time this summer, and commit to a consistent amount.

With our online giving platform, Vanco, it's super easy! Or do like I do, and schedule a check to be sent once a month through your bank's website. If you've already done this, or you remember to mail an envelope when you can't be physically present with us, thank you!

Go to: <https://www.clcmillvale.com/donate/>

CHURCH DIRECTORY IN THE WORKS!

It is our hope that we'll have a basic member directory to share with you soon, but we'll need your help!

If you would NOT like your contact information listed, please let the office know. Once we have a draft, we'll have it available to be checked after Sunday worship to make sure we have your information listed correctly.



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Quare Vadimus

Joseph Imhoff

A number of years ago I wrote two articles suggested by the book by Henryk Sienkiewicz and later movie, Quo Vadis, the title being based on a quote from the Apocryphal book The Acts of Peter. “Quo vadis, Domine?” (Where are you going, Lord?); Peter leaving Rome confronted by Jesus telling him that he is going to Rome to be crucified again only to return and be crucified himself. The second article was “Quo vadimus?”, where were we going as a congregation at that moment in time.

It was early this week when the August issue of Living Lutheran arrived and perusing it came upon Bishop Elizabeth Eaton’s ‘Presiding Bishop’ column on the last page and was struck by how timely it was to CLC as we prepare to work through the process of calling a pastor.

To those first two questions I will add. “Quare vadimus?”, **why** are we going? After her own experience she states the the Church has become very good at the ‘how’ we work as a church in doing the things we do through worship, education, ministry, etc., when the question should be ‘why’ we are doing them. This will be one of the questions the committee, when it is formed, will have to ask to justify the calling of a pastor to this place at this time. She did give a hint in a quotation from Luther’s ‘Small Catechism’:

“I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

This is certainly a good reason for Christ Lutheran Church to remain as a congregation here in Millvale!



A Good Time for Liberation

Luke tells us that Jesus had such compassion for an ailing woman that he healed her without waiting. It's hard to imagine what it was like for her to be bent over for eighteen years. Anyone who has known back pain knows how debilitating it can be. The image of her stooped over is quickly transformed when she is healed, is liberated from her ailment, and stands up straight. She is set free from pain and social isolation. She spontaneously praises God. How could she not?

Some people present with Jesus and the woman did not celebrate or praise God. They complained that Jesus' timing was bad. It was the Sabbath day. Sabbath is a holy gift from God given for God's people to have rest, to be free from the burdens of labor, and to enjoy life in community with one another and God. Some thought restrictions against doing work meant it was a bad time for healing. They failed to see that as good as Sabbath-keeping is, there is never a bad time for healing. It is always the right time to liberate people from whatever disease and oppression keeps them bent over and suffering.

Luke's message is that Jesus comes to bring God's liberation for the poor, oppressed, sick, and sinful. Through mercy granted unconditionally, a new world is formed in Christ where it is always a good time for healing and liberation. Just as Jesus lifted up the woman bent over in pain, God lifts up the lowly and humble to give them life and liberty.

God surprises us with grace that comes even when we think it can't be the right time. Whether it is God claiming us in Christ through baptism, or granting healing from disease, or lifting up people bent over from marginalization, it is always the right time. How could we not offer our spontaneous praise as we are lifted up by such good news? ~

Thrivent Action Teams

Creating positive change in your community can be easier than you think.
Start small and watch your impact grow. You can make a difference.

Thrivent Action Teams Grants!

Do you have a Thrivent insurance policy or mortgage? Did you know that you may be eligible to receive a \$250 grant once or twice a year for a project that benefits your community? Talk to Pastor Erin to learn how to apply for it and you can use it for any number of missions and ministries at CLC!

Upcoming Commemorations

Bartholomew, Apostle

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

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.

PRAYER of the DAY: O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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Southwestern PA Synod News



As a congregation of the SWPA Synod, we support and contribute to the ministry of the whole church in many ways! Check out what the Synod is up to, what other congregations are doing, and read about ministry and mission in Southwestern PA! Here are two links to the Synod Website:

Weekly Newsletter and Quarterly Magazine:

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

Synod News and Letters from the Office of the Bishop:

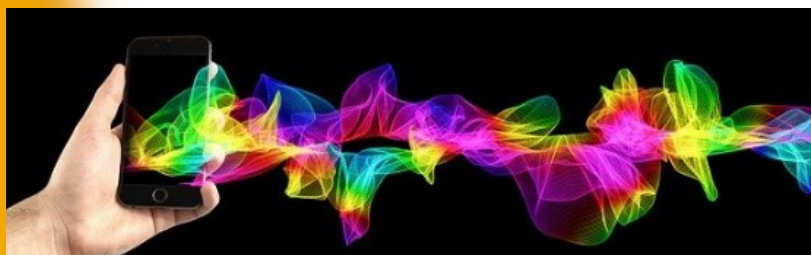
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