



Worship with Us

The 20th Sunday after Pentecost

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CLC Weekly Update - October 23, 2022

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

This Sunday, October 23rd at 9:30AM



WORSHIP WITH US

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

Psalm 84:1-7

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

Pastor Erin Evans preaching



All who
humble themselves
will be exalted

LUKE 18:14

Genuine repentance and pretentious piety stand in stark contrast in the gospel and all around us. All creation stands in need of God's forgiveness. Keep the faith. God's people shall be accounted righteous for Jesus' sake. Our God is merciful to sinners. For this we worship and glorify God forever. ~

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Home Communion Training

Do you have a few hours once a month to make a visit to one of our homebound members or a member in a nursing home facility?



Pastor Erin would like to train a team of folks to make these visits and provide regular care and connection for these members who are unable to attend worship. Please plan to attend information sessions after worship on either Sunday, Dec. 4th or Sunday, Dec. 11th.

Congregational Meeting - Elections and Budget

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



Our Congregational Meeting will take place on Sunday, November 20th, to approve the budget for 2023, elect new council members, and elect call committee members. You'll receive a letter in the mail with all the pertinent details next month.

Please mark this on your calendar, read the materials sent to you, and plan to attend!

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All Saints Sunday is November 6th

We'll remember by name all those from our congregation who have died over the past year, but we also invite you to remember your loved ones who now live with God. Please bring a picture or two and place them on the tables around the church to remind us that we are always surrounded by a "great cloud of witnesses".



food pantry update

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

WEDNESDAYS

5:00PM-7:00PM

IMMEDIATE NEEDS:

MACARONI AND CHEESE



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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ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

Wednesdays at 7:00pm

Pastor Erin

leads "Psalms and Prayers."

This class not only explores the basics of prayer, how to pray, and patterns for prayer, but perhaps offers a thoughtful counter-perspective to the phrase "thoughts and prayers" as we respond to situations in our life. Learn from the Psalms how to pray, alongside Martin Luther and Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and explore the richness of scripture as it grounds our prayers.

This class is just six weeks long - sign up in the narthex after church or let Pastor Erin know you are interested.



Community Dinner

Thanks to all who made our Dinner a delight! It feels great to get back into the swing of things and we'd love to restart our Neighborhood Table dinners soon. We have the funding and the volunteers - **let's make a plan!**

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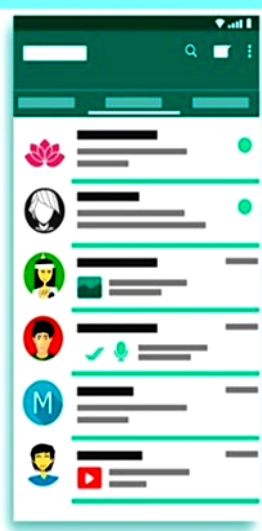
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SUNDAY SCHOOL for PRE-K THROUGH GRADE 6
SUNDAYS AT 8:30AM

SUNDAY STEAM IS IN FULL SWING!

Sunday STEAM is a one room school house model for kids PreK through 6th grade. We share bible stories and incorporate STEAM lessons to go with the theme for the day. We have several main teachers to cover basics and provide consistency, along with special guest teachers covering things in their field or area of interest. We'll do science experiments, art projects, problem-solving and make music. Join us each week for some chemical reactions!



CHURCH DIRECTORY

Copies of our new 2022 Church Directory are here!

Stop by the office or the narthex to get your copies or call to have the office mail one out to you: 412-821-4300.

Periodic updates will be sent via our Weekly Update emails.

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YOGA at CLC!

Join this small class on the
2nd and 4th Monday of
each month at 6:00pm.
No experience necessary,
\$10 donation per class.



This Week at CLC:

Sunday

October 23 - 8:30am Sunday STEAM
9:30am WORSHIP @ CLC

Monday

October 24 - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY;
5 TOPS CLUB
6pm YOGA
7-9pm Pain Support (Library)

Wednesday

October 26 - 4-8pm MILLVALE COMMUNITY COUNSELING
5-7pm FOOD PANTRY
7pm PSALMS & PRAYERS Adult Education Class

Thursday

October 27 - 5:30pm Sewing
5:30-7pm Boy Scouts
7pm CHOIR PRACTICE

Friday

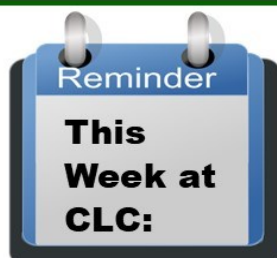
October 28 - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY
7:30pm NA in Library

Saturday

October 29 - 9am AA in Library
7pm NA in Library

Sunday

October 30 - 8:30am Sunday STEAM
9:30am WORSHIP @ CLC



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A Good Time to be the Church 4

Joseph Imhoff

God is New Each Moment is a book of conversations with Edward Schillebeeckx, a noted Catholic theologian from Belgium who often irritated the established Church with his controversial ideas but one of them caught my eye. Having written **Jesus, An Experiment in Christology** he was asked, “What is the key word in the story of Jesus?” The Kingdom of God! “What is expressed in it is that God’s affair is man’s affair. God identifies himself with man’s affair. He is concerned....” As a prophet Jesus didn’t say anything new but it was in how those words found in the parables were carried out, that was the establishment of the ‘kingdom’, the basis for what the Church should be doing.

The changes that Bishop Anderson refers to need to be dealt with in different ways. As Dr. Schillebeeckx points out, “Even if we had the same structures from New Testament times until the present, this does not in any sense mean that those structures would form the ‘unchangeable nature’ of the Church.” As noted at times in the liturgy we are a “Church of every time and every place” dealing with current situations.

So what makes all this a good time to be the church? Vitality! The outside world is prodding the Church to change its ways, change its beliefs to conform to the world. Remember, “The Christian is in the world but not of the world.”

CLC is in the neighborhood for good and now that pandemic times are over other challenges are arising, the food pantry is one outreach, the dinners have begun, different people are becoming involved in the life of the congregation. **Just as God is new each moment so must we! ~**



Fractured Hearts

At first glance, the Pharisee in Jesus' parable seems to be doing everything right. He attends worship faithfully, he offers thankful prayers to God, he tithes 10 percent of his income, and he even fasts regularly. That's an impressive list! However, it's not the state of his spiritual habits that Jesus reproaches, but the state of his heart. The Pharisee is diligent and observant, but he is putting trust in himself and his own piety rather than in God.

Martin Luther interpreted the first commandment, "You shall have no other gods before me" (Exodus 20:3), to mean that we should put our whole confidence in God alone, trusting in God above all else. Our hearts should cling to God, Luther said. When our hearts start clinging to other things, as the Pharisee's did to his religious routine, we turn those things into idols.

In one version of the communal confession we use in worship, we admit to God: "We have not loved you with our whole heart" (ELW, p. 95). Despite our best intentions, our hearts can become fractured, clinging to all kinds of things before they cling to God. Sometimes all that's left for God is a tiny portion of our hearts. The words of the confession reorient us by reminding us of our dependence on God and our need for God's grace. We echo the prayer of the tax collector in Jesus' parable: "God, be merciful to us sinners!"

No matter how fractured our hearts become, though, God's response to our prayers will always be the same. God overflows with mercy and compassion toward us. At the end of our confession, we receive the assurance of forgiveness in Christ. That good news is for everyone—Pharisees and tax collectors alike. We are all God's beloved children, freed and forgiven by the radical grace of God.~

Upcoming Commemorations

James of Jerusalem, martyr, died around 62

Sunday, October 23, 2022

One of three early-church leaders named James, this man is identified in the New Testament and by a historian of the time as a brother of Jesus. Scholars are uncertain whether this means a blood brother. He was a leader of the church in Jerusalem.

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

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

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

Friday, October 28, 2022

We know little about these apostles. Simon is listed as "the zealot" or Cananean 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.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE APPEAL



**View the LDR letter about recent natural disasters
and the help LDR provides online at:**

<https://community.elca.org/emailviewonwebpage.aspx?erid=02ea3600-d486-4585-a293-110f79f4b72d&trid=02ea3600-d486-4585-a293-110f79f4b72d>



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