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For good.*



## **Worship with Us** **Christ the King**

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**Christ Lutheran Church, 917 Evergreen Avenue, Millvale, PA 15209**

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CLC Weekly Update - November 20, 2022  
**IN-PERSON WORSHIP**  
This Sunday, November 20th at 9:30AM



# WORSHIP WITH US

## **Christ the King**

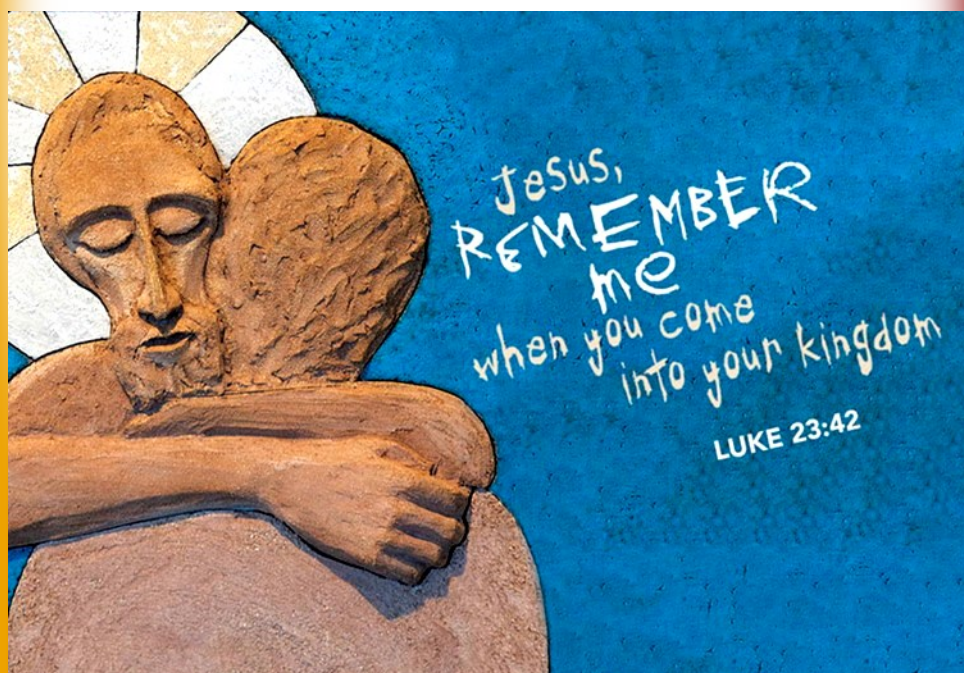
First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 46

Second Reading: Colossians 1:11-20

Gospel: Luke 23:33-43

**Pastor Erin Evans preaching**



Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise. ~

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## From the Pastor's Desk:

### Stewardship Series Part 4

When we pray, "your kingdom come" - Luther's small catechism reminds us that indeed God's kingdom comes with or without our prayer, but we pray that it might come among us and through us. We say this prayer each week to remind us that we have a part to play and the many ways that the reign of God is manifest in this world includes our finances. Last week, I wrote about my choice to give regularly, because of the mission I believe in, AND because we creatures need to give, to offer, something of ourselves.

When you give to Christ Lutheran Church, you are participating in the Reign of Christ; God's kingdom manifest on earth. To be sure, our earthly institutions remain fallible and flawed, but nevertheless, fallible and flawed is how God has chosen to spread the gospel since Christ picked the first 12 disciples.

When we participate fully in the life of a congregation, with our time, talents and treasures, we minister to each other. We contribute to the community, each with the riches we possess, and work together for the full coming of God's kingdom. The church is a spiritual community where each is invited to fully participate in God's work.

I'm glad you are here. Your contribution matters to the fullness of the body of Christ. It wouldn't be the same without you.

Love in Christ,

***Pastor Erin***



**Congregational  
Meeting -  
Elections  
and Budget**

**CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING**



**This Sunday, November 20th**

Voting Members please plan to attend. If you did not receive a letter in the mail with details about the budget and agenda for the meeting, please pick one up in the narthex.

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# *Hanging of the Greens*

Stick around this Sunday, Nov. 20, after our Congregational meeting to help hang the greens for Advent, place our Christmas trees, and ready our worship space for the season to come!



## **TURKEY TUESDAY**

**Volunteers needed for our one-day turkey give-away and food pantry special openings.**

**Tuesday November 21st: 9:30am-11:30am OR 5:00pm - 7:00pm.**

***See  
Pastor Erin  
to sign up to  
volunteer!***



### **food pantry update**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**WEDNESDAYS**

**5:00PM-7:00PM**

**IMMEDIATE NEEDS:**

**MACARONI AND CHEESE**



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# ONE STOP SANTA SHOP

Craft Fair & Vendor  
Show

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 10, 2022  
10:00AM - 2:00PM**

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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# Christmas Gifts for Kids

**Once again with the help of your compassion and generosity, we'll be collecting gifts for local kids!**

We'll have tags for you to pick up in the narthex. On each tag will be the first name and age of a child, and 1-3 suggestions for gifts. PLEASE do not feel like you must buy all three gifts. Ideally, we'd like to keep these under \$40- \$50 per child, so that we are able to provide as many children as possible a gift. This year, your tag will also inform you if the parents would like the gift pre-wrapped or not.

**If you can't go shopping, you can donate to support, and gifts will be purchased. All gifts must be returned by Sunday, December 18th.**

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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.



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

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!

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## **NEW! Squirrel Hill Health Center Mobile Medical Unit At CLC**

Do you need a local Dr. you can walk to? Need a quick check up or conversation and not sure where to go? The Mobile Medical Unit RV will be parked here on **NORTH AVENUE, TWICE A MONTH**, for all your primary care needs! See the Flier below for more information and dates.

**SQUIRREL HILL**

**HEALTH CENTER**



## **SHHC'S MOBILE MEDICAL UNIT IS COMING TO MILLVALE**

Squirrel Hill Health Center's mobile medical unit provides primary healthcare services to Pittsburgh communities, regardless of patients' income level or insurance status. We treat patients of every age.

**PAYMENTS AND INSURANCE:** SHHC ACCEPTS ALL INSURANCES AND OFFERS A SLIDING FEE SCALE FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNINSURED.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT SHHC, PLEASE CALL  
(412) 904-5284**

### **CLINIC DATES:**

**1PM - 4:30PM | THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1ST**

**1PM - 4:30PM | THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15TH**

**1PM - 4:30PM | THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29TH**



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**\*\*Mobile Unit Will Be Parked on North Ave\*\***

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# Through New Eyes and Ears

Joseph Imhoff

Several weeks ago I cited the article In Living Lutheran about the anniversary of the publication of Martin Luther's publication of his translation of The New Testament into German from the Greek in 1522 which Rheba thoughtfully provided a link for anyone interested in reading it. The previous year he had a public relations brainstorm and published an essay, A Brief Instruction on **What to Look for and Expect** in the Gospels, the subject of an article in the previous month's magazine. For the most part we think of there being four Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, those chosen from among a myriad of possibilities though unlike the theories posed in The DaVince Code!

**Luther believed there is ONE Gospel described in various ways by many apostles. "The gospel is a story about Christ, God's and David's Son who died and was raised and is established as Lord. This is the gospel in a nutshell. Just as there is no more than one Christ, so there is and may be no more than one gospel. Since Paul and Peter too teach nothing but Christ, in the way we have just described, so their epistles can be nothing but the gospel." An entirely different way to approach scripture as the new Church year beginning with Advent on November 27.**

As each of the three selections are read and the Psalm is sung, listen and follow along as if you've never heard them before, wonder at what you hear, anticipate what might happen next. Yes, it means stretching your imagination because the story is so familiar, the readers should think the people they are telling this good news to have never heard it before!

As the Church season changes to Advent in expectation of the coming of the Messiah, as we listen with a new perspective, so a new setting of the service will make us pay attention to the words we know as we sing them to a different tune. Setting Five in the new ELW book is the same as the familiar Setting Three in the LBW, green, we've been using since it was published in 1978, it was Setting Two in the old SBH, red book. It is in a free-flowing style like speaking with a rise and fall of the music. Called plain-song what we use came from the Swedish Mass Book with roots in ancient Gregorian chant. It is a way of connecting what we do today with what the Church has done for over a thousand years.

**A new Church year through new eyes and ears!**



## CHRIST the KING - The Cross as Hinge

We end the church year in an unconventional fashion: at the cross. Today's gospel seems a strange capstone to the liturgical calendar, and that is intentional. This is because Christ the King Sunday is not a capstone at all, but rather a hinge that opens into the new year. We end at the cross because that is where we see most fully the great, culminating example of where God is willing to go to show love for humanity. We end at the cross because in the crucifixion we see Christ's enthronement as the one that nothing, not even death, can destroy.

Christ's kingship lies not in his exultation in glory but in his being raised upon the instrument of death from which God causes life to spring. The cross of Christ is the tree of life. But this life is hidden in what appears to be anything but life. Christ is not king because he conquers all in self-preserving might and force but because he conquers all in self-giving grace, and in doing so, he proves that he cannot be conquered even by violence.

Now we stand ready to step again onto Advent soil, where new life, hope, and possibility are germinating. We must remember, as we prepare to hear once again in the story of Jesus' birth and life, that God's glory is not found in power and might but in humility and sacrifice, in one willing to give his life for his friends, his enemies, and the criminal hanging beside him. That is the kingdom of God: that place where the friend, the enemy, and even the one rightly condemned receive the grace and forgiveness of Christ. For that, we praise Christ as king! ~



## This Week at CLC:

### Sunday

**November 20** - 8:30am Sunday STEAM

9:30am WORSHIP @ CLC

**10:30am—Congregational Meeting**

### Monday

**November 21** - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY;

5 TOPS CLUB

6:15pm Yoga

7pm Pain Support

### Tuesday

**November 22** - TURKEY DAY

9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY; 5-7pm FOOD PANTRY

### Wednesday

**November 23** - 4-7pm MILLVALE COMMUNITY COUNSELING

NO FOOD PANTRY

5:30pm Sewing

### Thursday

**November 24** - THANKSGIVING DAY

The Church is Closed.

### Friday

**November 25** - 7:30pm NA in Library

### Saturday

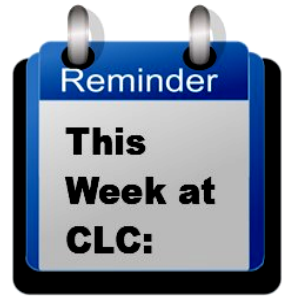
**November 26** - 9am AA in Library

7pm NA in Library

### Sunday

**November 27** - 8:30am Sunday STEAM

9:30am WORSHIP @ CLC



## NOVEMBER

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## Upcoming Commemorations

### **Clement, Bishop of Rome, died around 100 Wednesday, November 23, 2022**

Clement was the third bishop of Rome. He is best remembered for a letter he wrote to the congregation in Corinth, still struggling with the same problems that led to Paul's letters to them. As did Paul, he focused on the need for love among Christians.

### **Miguel Agustín Pro, martyr, died 1927 Wednesday, November 23, 2022**

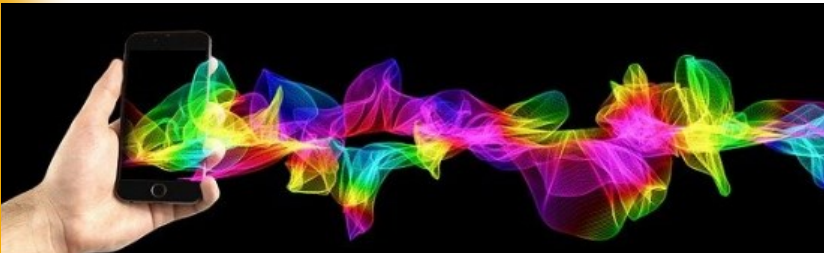
Pro grew up in a time when the Mexican revolutionaries accused the church of siding with the wealthy. He became a Jesuit priest, and worked on behalf of the poor and homeless. Falsely accused of throwing a bomb at a government official, he was executed, but not before crying out "Long live Christ the King!"

### **Justus Falckner, died 1723; Jehu Jones, died 1852; William Passavant, died 1894; pastors in North America Thursday, November 24, 2022**

Not only was Falckner the first Lutheran ordained in North America, but he published a catechism which was the first Lutheran book published on the continent. Jones was the Lutheran church's first African American pastor and carried out missionary work in Philadelphia which led to the formation there of the first African American Lutheran congregation (St. Paul's). William Passavant helped to establish hospitals and orphanages in a number of cities and was the first to introduce deaconesses to the work of hospitals in the United States.

### **Isaac Watts, hymnwriter, died 1748 Friday, November 25, 2022**

Thought by many to be the greatest hymnwriter in the English language, Watts as a youth was critical of the quality of the metrical psalter of the time. He wrote about 600 hymns—many based on the psalms, but others that are not.



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