

The Sundays of

# Resurrection



**CLC Weekly Update - In-Person Worship  
April 16th at 9:30AM**

## **WORSHIP WITH US Second Sunday of Easter**

**First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-32  
Psalm 16**

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9**

**Gospel: John 20:19-31**

**Pastor Erin Evans preaching**

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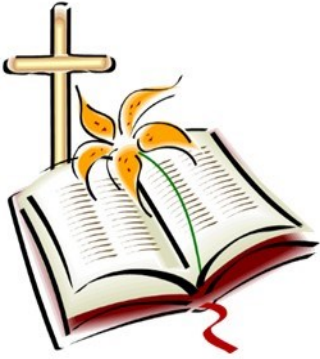
# MY LORD AND MY GOD!

JOHN 20:28



In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism. ~

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## New Bible Study

Want to study the Bible? Feel like you should be reading more of it but don't know where to start?

Join Pastor Erin for a 4 week course on getting into scripture and getting something out of it. Zero experience necessary.

Free bibles will be provided if you don't have your own study bible. Wednesday evenings at 7pm, April 19th, 26th, May 3rd and May 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Update from the Call Committee

The elected committee has begun their work of writing our Ministry Site Profile, the first step of the call process! This profile describes our congregation and our community, and is the document that will be shared with synods and potential candidates. The committee is currently meeting twice a month to complete this task, and Pat Bauer has been elected to chair the committee.



## Community News!

**Did you know that our church is currently hosting a whole variety of great stuff for our community!** We host multiple NA and AA groups, scouting, counseling services, a mobile healthcare RV, weight loss support group, chronic pain support group, yoga, and tai chi classes! Most recently we are now home to a 412 Food Rescue program which feeds even more families around Millvale! Check out our calendar to see just how busy this building is during the week!

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**SOUTHWESTERN  
PENNSYLVANIA  
SYNOD** EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN  
CHURCH IN AMERICA

## SYNOD ASSEMBLY

JUNE 16 & 17, 2023

**FRIDAY, JUNE 16**

**6-9PM**

*Online via ZOOM*

**SATURDAY, JUNE 17**

**9AM - 5PM**

*In Person at PENNWEST*

**CALIFORNIA**

*(Formerly Cal-U)*

250 University Avenue, California, PA 15419



2023 SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD ASSEMBLY

**Registration Will be  
Open through  
Monday, June 5**



### CHURCHWIDE REPRESENTATIVE JUDITH ROBERTS,

Sr. Director for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

The Sr. Director for DEI is responsible for articulating and championing a comprehensive approach and vision for diversity, equity, inclusion for the ELCA churchwide office.



### CHAPLAINS

**P.L.U.M. PASTORS,** Serving together in the role of chaplain - and embodying our theme of Better Together - are the pastors of Pittsburgh Lutheran United Ministries: Pastors Sue Devine, Brenda Henry, Alexander Sumo, and John Gropp (left to right).

See: <https://www.lutheranadvocacypa.org/event/the-legacy-of-dr-martin-luther-king-jr/>  
Read more about the Rev. Dr. Asa Lee: <https://hpccpgh.org/2022/10/26/meet-your-neighbor-dr-asa-lee-president-of-the-pittsburgh-theological-seminary/>



## SYNOD ASSEMBLY

JUNE 16 & 17, 2023

### Please see Pastor to Register


Voting members from your congregation have an important responsibility on behalf of all the members of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

This assembly is the highest legislative authority of our synod; they will be making decisions that impact 151 congregations covering 10 counties in southwest PA.

This year's assembly will begin with an evening of business conducted online via Zoom, followed by a day of gathering together in person to worship, work, and remember that we are always better together.

"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor. If either of them falls down, one can help the other up." - *Ecclesiastes 4-9*

- Cost to register is \$75 per voting member.
- Voting members are required to have a smartphone or tablet to download the Vevox app as your voting device.
- Who can register? See the [Lay Voter Formula & Letter from the Secretary](#) >> to determine how many voting members your congregation may send.
- Login links and passwords for both the online portion of assembly and caucus meetings will be in the registration confirmation email.
- For help with registration, contact the Registrar: Pastor Ellen Lundie, 412 440-7672, [registration@swpasynod.org](mailto:registration@swpasynod.org)
- Non-voting members and the public may view the assembly live on the synod's [facebook page](#).  
  
Technical Requirements  
ATTENDANCE DEVICE: a computer or tablet with both a camera and microphone.  
VOTING DEVICE: a separate smartphone or tablet to download the Vevox app.  
If accommodations cannot be made alert your Pastor.



*Thanks to everyone who contributed  
to our Palm Sunday Potluck brunch!*

## **CLC FOOD PANTRY NEWS!**

We were blessed to receive 70 donated Easter hams to distribute! We also have received donations in abundance from the Boy Scouts, Marzolf Primary School, and neighborhood collections! So many people in our community have donated and participated, and for that we give thanks to God. In other exciting news, we've received a \$10,000 grant from the Ethel Verney Fund of the Southwestern PA synod to run the food pantry! This will supplement our utilities and church resources that make this pantry possible. But the number one thing that helps us feed and care for our neighbors is YOU! Our volunteers are the best and you can volunteer for this life-changing ministry today! Speak to Diane Curry or Pastor Erin to find out how you can help!

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

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: canned vegetables and canned soup!** Thanks for your regular support!



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## “Ask The Pastor”

### NEW FEATURE!

Submit an anonymous question in the offering plate, and you might get your question answered in the Weekly Update! Have a Bible question? A Church question? A burning query about what the number of candles means and why? *Ask away!*

Question: **What about Matthew 19:9? "And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for unchastity, and marries another commits adultery."**

People divorce and remarry all the time. If they divorce because "It didn't work out" and not because of unfaithfulness, are they supposed to leave their new spouse and go back to their first spouse?

Answer: *Thanks for your question! This is a bit of a deeper issue than one verse about divorce, so let's dig in. Here's the whole scene:*

Some Pharisees came to him, and to test him they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any cause?' He answered, 'Have you not read that the one who made them at the beginning "made them male and female", and said, "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh"? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.' They said to him, 'Why then did Moses command us to give a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her?' He said to them, 'It was because you were so hard-hearted that Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but at the beginning it was not so. And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for unchastity, and marries another commits adultery.'

This is a trick question. The Jewish law was that a man could divorce his wife for any cause. The Pharisees ask this question to see if Jesus is going to "keep" the law and uphold it in his teachings, that a man could divorce his wife for any reason. A woman had no rights to divorce for any reason, and so could be put out on the street at the whim of her husband, with no recourse. Her family would be unlikely to take her back, and she'd have no money or social standing. So yeah, Jesus says, that's not right, that's not God's intention for marriage.

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**NEW FEATURE!**

**“Ask The Pastor”**

*Answer continued:*

**And the Pharisees can now say, "Aha! you don't uphold Moses' law!**

**And Christians today can say, "Aha! Jesus says that Christians can't get divorced!"**

**As a divorced and remarried person myself, I've preached on all this multiple times. The Law that Moses gives is "accommodation to human struggle, not an expression of the divine ideal" *\*see footnote below***

**Divorce is the result of sin - a broken consequence of broken relationships, whatever the cause or fault. I can only speak for myself, but I've long since asked for and received forgiveness from God, and from the people I've served. As a pastor, my life is a public witness to the gospel, and also a public witness to the power of God to give new life and second chances. Where we have broken what God has joined together, God can pick up the pieces to make all things new.**

**Looking back to the scripture through the lens of its historical situation, Jesus' strong view of marriage, protects the most vulnerable in his society, women and children, from destitution and/or abuse. He reasserts that divorce is contrary to God's plan for us to care for each other, but within the larger framework of his mission and ministry, continues to emphasize forgiveness, new life, and equality in the eyes of God. This topic is way too long for just one bulletin blurb, but if divorce is something that you have struggled with or are currently facing, my door is always open.**

**Pastor Erin**

*Thanks for your question!*

**(Footnote: <https://www.saltproject.org/progressive-christian-blog/2018/10/3/one-flesh-salts-lectionary-commentary-for-twentieth-week-after-pentecost>)**



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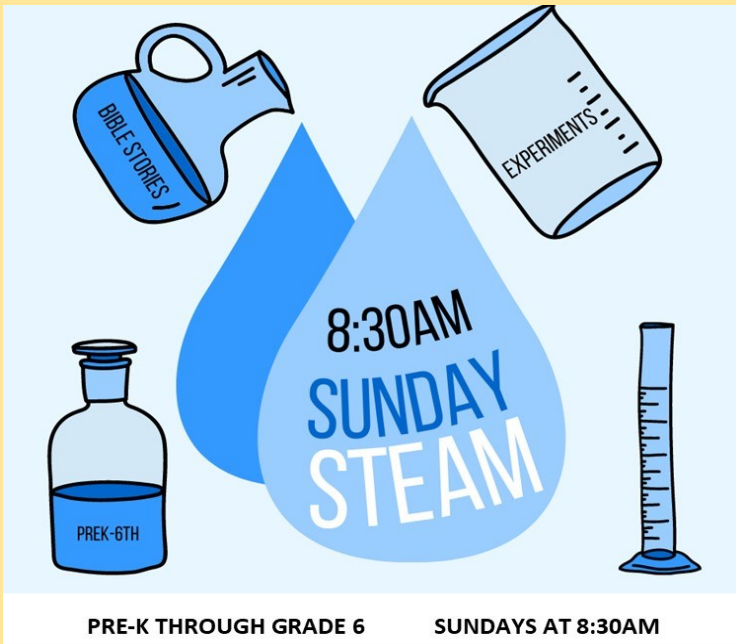
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## Hymnals for Worship

The green hymnals(LBW) in the pews are the Lutheran hymnals from 1978, while a new "cranberry" colored hymnal (ELW) was introduced in 2006. While the entirety of our worship service is viewed on the screens, some have mentioned wanting to read music for our hymns. *Please grab a hymnal from the narthex if you'd like to have one for worship today!*



## **Our Council Members for 2023**

Erica Strafalace	Tim Komoroski
Kurt Schreiber	Jean Thens
Lennie Jansen	Bud Worst
Becky Nyren	Ray Lardin
Diane Curry	Joe Imhoff

Council Meetings are normally the 2nd Monday of the month at 7pm. Thanks to those who have served and all who share their time to lead our congregation!

## Online Giving Update:

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 Lent, and commit to a consistent amount.

With our online giving platform, Vanco, it's super easy! Go to:

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

See the **Online Giving Code** here, and **Thank You!**





# SUMMER CAMP

## Let's Go To Camp!

**Registration for Camp Lutherlyn is open!** CLC has a long history of supporting Camp Lutherlyn in Prospect PA, and outdoor ministry has touched the lives of generations. We have a scholarship fund to make sure YOUR child or grandchild can experience this life-changing adventure in faith! Check out their [website](https://www.lutherlyn.com/summercamp/summer_overview.html) to find registration details, and speak to Pastor Erin or Treasurer Ray Lardin about this exciting opportunity! Go to: [https://www.lutherlyn.com/summercamp/summer\\_overview.html](https://www.lutherlyn.com/summercamp/summer_overview.html)

Camp Lutherlyn also has summer employment opportunities for young adults 17 and over! Check out the information below to have the summer of your life! Go to: [https://www.lutherlyn.com/summercamp/summer\\_employment.html](https://www.lutherlyn.com/summercamp/summer_employment.html)

**Everyone can join Pastor Erin for CAMP BLAST on May 13th!** This is a completely free day and open house full of fun at Camp Lutherlyn. You can get to know the place and experience it for yourself. Mark your calendars now for a day at camp!

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What are  
You Doing  
This  
Summer?



[https://www.lutherlyn.com/summercamp/summer\\_employment.html](https://www.lutherlyn.com/summercamp/summer_employment.html)

## SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

**NEW SUMMER STAFF** - Follow These Steps to APPLY:

- 1.) Read the Information Below to Learn More About the Ministry of Lutherlyn and Employment Details
- 2.) Fill Out the Application (must create a "campbrain" account)
- 3.) Have Three (3) References Complete the Online Reference Form
- 4.) Once Your Application and ALL Three References Are Received, You Will Be Contacted to Schedule an Interview

**RETURNING SUMMER STAFF** - If you have already served on summer staff in the past 3 years, please complete the Returning Staff Application. Returning staff DO NOT need to submit references again.

- Returning Staff Application (must create a "campbrain" account)

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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, APRIL 20TH

1PM - 4:30PM | THURSDAY, MAY 4TH

1PM - 4:30PM | THURSDAY, MAY 18TH

1PM - 4:30PM | THURSDAY, JUNE 29TH



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*Celebrating the Resurrection of Our Lord!*

## More Than One Sunday

Joseph Imhoff

The music and pageantry are but a memory, the lilies and tulips have been repotted and sitting on the porch or planted in the garden, Easter has officially passed, or has it. According to the church calendar Easter is a season lasting fifty days until Pentecost, forty of which the risen Lord is still with us and appearing to many until his Ascension to the Father. Each of the Sundays used to have intriguing names in Latin based on the Introit or introduction to the theme of the Sunday before a revised lectionary was introduced. They are:

- 1) As newborn babes desire the sincere milk of the word, O hear my people.
- 2) The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.
- 3) Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: sing forth the honor of His Name.
- 4) O sing to the Lord a new song: for he has done marvelous things.
- 5) With a voice of singing declare ye, and tell this: utter even unto the end of the earth.

The Ascension of our Lord

- 1) Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice: Hallelujah.

The Festival of Pentecost

These Sundays are often referred to as the low Sundays, not because the attendance of the Easter Sunday celebration has diminished, but because the 'high' church pageantry of celebration with all the stops pulled out has been returned to the ordinary form.

Any one of these themes would be worthy of note in the liturgical cycle but they comprise one season and one celebration, the Resurrection of our Lord! ~

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## ***A Wild, Skeptical Hope***

“Doubting Thomas” is nearly always meant as a pejorative, but Jesus shows up for him. It’s easy to forget that Thomas is asking for nothing more than what Jesus has already provided to his friends—showing up for them, in the flesh. When he does the same for Thomas and Thomas exclaims, “My Lord and my God!” (John 20:28), Jesus responds, “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe” (John 20:29). It’s easy to hear this as if Jesus were chastising Thomas while he blesses the rest of us, but he does no such thing. He can show up for Thomas and bless the rest of us all at the same time.

Can you even imagine what those days must have been like—those days between the crucifixion and resurrection, and then the days that followed, full to the brim with confusion and grief and rumors and wild, skeptical hope? Two thousand years can make us forgetful, as if those who were present in those moments had the luxury of knowing the entire story all at once, the way we do.

But they didn’t. Regardless, Thomas believed in a God big enough to carry his doubts and uncertainty. He trusted that God was big enough to hold all his questions and his hope.

What are the big doubts you carry? What are your questions? What kind of wild, skeptical hopes do you have, that you hardly dare to utter out loud, even to your closest friends? Do they feel any different when you stop to wonder about letting God carry them with you?

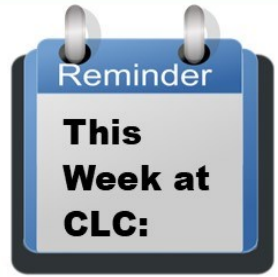
Here, at the beginning of the Easter season, God has shown us that very little is truly impossible. Thomas believed as much, and he had the courage to ask for it. Jesus shows up in response to Thomas’s bold ask, and through this witness, he blesses the rest of us. ~

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**This Week at CLC:**



**Sunday**

**April 16** - Sunday STEAM 8:30am  
CLC Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am

**Monday**

**April 17** - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY  
5-6pm TOPS CLUB  
6:15pm Tai Chi  
7-9pm Pain Clinic

**Tuesday**

**April 18** - 9am to 1pm 412 Food Rescue

**Wednesday**

**April 19** - 4-8pm Anchorpoint Millvale Community Counseling  
5-7pm FOOD PANTRY

**Thursday**

**April 20** - 1-4:30pm Medical RV  
3pm Sewing  
5:30-7pm Boy Scouts  
6:30-7:30pm Violin Practice  
7pm Choir Practice

**Friday**

**April 21** - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY  
6-8pm Girl Scouts  
7pm NA, Library

**Saturday**

**April 22** - 9am AA meets in the Library  
7pm NA meets in the Library

**Sunday**

**April 23** - Sunday STEAM 8:30am  
CLC Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am

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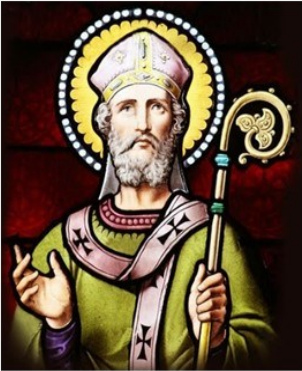


## Upcoming Commemorations



**Olavus Petri, priest, died 1552; Laurentius Petri, Bishop of Uppsala, died 1573; renewers of the church  
Wednesday, April 19, 2023**

These two brothers studied with Luther at the University of Wittenberg and then returned to their native Sweden to introduce the Lutheran reforms. Olavus published a catechism and hymnal; Laurentius was a professor who defended the office of bishop and later became one.



**Anselm, Bishop of Canterbury, died 1109  
Friday, April 21, 2023**

This eleventh-century monk was one of the greatest theologians of the Middle Ages. He is remembered for emphasizing the maternal aspects of God, and for the theory that the Son of God became human in order to make the necessary payment for our sin.



**Day of the Creation (Día de la Creación) (LLC)  
Saturday, April 22, 2023**

This observance invites us to notice and give God thanks for the wonders of the created universe. As stewards of that creation, we are also challenged to be careful in our use of it.

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