



Lent

April 2nd at 9:30AM

WORSHIP WITH US

Palm Sunday of Our Lord's Passion



First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel: Matthew 27:11-54

Pastor Erin Evans preaching

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Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday Worship 9:30am - Children and youth can help with the processional hymn.

Maundy Thursday 7pm - Remember Jesus' Last Supper with our Communion Service

Good Friday 7pm - Ponder with us the mystery and victory of the cross

Easter Sunday Worship 9:30am - Celebrate the Day of Resurrection with us!



Palm Sunday Brunch

immediately following worship.
Bring something to contribute
to the potluck or just bring your
appetite!

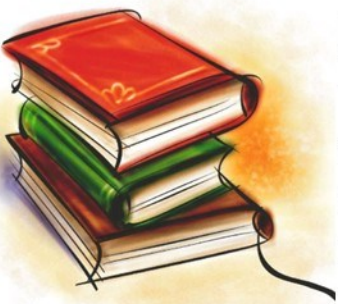
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+ Palm Sunday



Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work. ~



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!*

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JUNE 16 & 17, 2023



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6-9 PM

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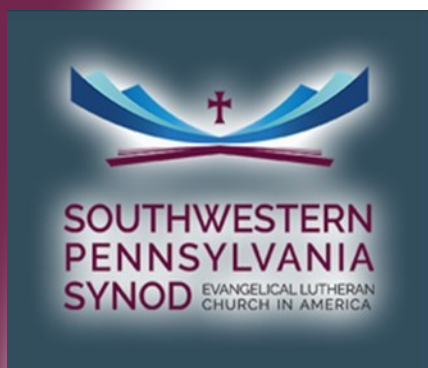
SATURDAY, JUNE 17

9 AM - 5 PM

In Person at PennWest California (Formerly Cal-U)

250 University Ave, California, PA 15419

[Directions PennWest California Performance Center >>](#)



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

Registration Opens: Monday, April 3

Register Online At:

[SWPASYNOD.ORG/ASSEMBLY2023](https://swpasynod.org/assembly2023)

Registration Will be Open Monday, April 3 - Monday, June 5

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.

Pre-Assembly Caucus Meetings

Please also plan to attend your conference caucus meeting. Pre-meeting business will prepare voting members prior to attending the assembly, and caucuses will serve as technical practice with Zoom and the Vevox voting app. Registration for assembly will automatically register for caucuses as well. Dates will be announced soon, all caucuses will be held online.

Questions about hybrid options, returning in person, or where to go? FAQ can be found on the assembly page:

[>>](https://swpasynod.org/assembly2023)



CHURCHWIDE REPRESENTATIVE JUDITH ROBERTS,

Sr. Director for Diversity,
Equity & Inclusion, Evan-
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is responsible for articu-
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Serving together in the
role of chaplain - and
embodying our theme of
Better Together - are
the pastors of Pittsburgh
Lutheran United Minis-
tries: Pastors Sue
Devine, Brenda Henry,
Alexander Sumo, and
John Gropp (left to
right).



- 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
- Non-voting members and the public may view the assembly live on the synod's [facebook page](#).

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Technical Requirements

Due to the online nature of Friday's portion of the assembly, two minimum technical abilities will be required. If you do not own or feel comfortable with the required equipment, please ask a family member or friend to assist you. If accommodations cannot be made, alert your pastor.



1. Attendance Device

A computer or tablet with both a camera and microphone.

(Most laptops and tablets come equipped. Desktop users may need to add a webcam with microphone.)



2. Voting Device

A separate smartphone or tablet to download the Vevox app.

(Download the **Vevox** app to your voting device at [Apple App Store](#) or [Android/Google Play Store](#))

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NEW FEATURE!

“Ask The Pastor”

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!*

You asked, I'll answer!

Question: “I've never read the Bible. It seems too overwhelming. Where do I start?”

Answer:

What an honest question, thanks! You're not alone, the Bible is a BIG book. However, it's easier to think of it as a library of books. 66 books, compiled and written over thousands of years. They are separated into two volumes for easy reference, the first volume being the Old Testament, or Hebrew Bible. This is the story of Creation and God's people. The second volume is the New Testament, starting with Jesus and moving through the first century or two of "church."

In your community library there are many different genres of books, and it's the same in the Bible. There's history books, poetry and song, letters, prophecy, and more. We read each differently, as we'd read a book of historical fiction differently from a book of poetry or a recipe or a lawn mower manual. Each book has an author and a particular audience, and because of the great span of time and cultural differences across the ages it can be a challenge to not only interpret, but to just keep track of who's doing what and why. Learning the stories, like we do in Sunday School, and hear in church, help to give us a frame of reference to start to understand how the pieces fit together.

I'd recommend starting with a Gospel (Matthew, Mark or Luke or John) I think Luke is the easiest for a couple reasons. These are narratives of Jesus' life and ministry, from the perspective of one of his disciples, birth to death. This includes what Jesus did, where he went, what he said, what the reactions of the people were, and why, based on that disciples perspective. The word Gospel means Good News, and these were written to share the Good News of Jesus Christ's life, death, and resurrection far and wide.

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Answer continued:

Then try a short letter. The book called Phillippians was written to the church in Philippi by the Apostle Paul, and has lots of encouragement, challenges, personal faith statements, and greetings to the local community. It would have been read aloud to the gathered church.

You'll need a good study bible, which the church has plenty of, so come see me! The study bible has a brief overview of each book, so you can go into your reading knowing some of the "who, what, where, and why" of the book. I also have some short books on the subject of "how" to read the Bible and what's in the Bible.

After you dip your toe into the New Testament, try some stories from Genesis or a song from the Psalms. Some of the middle of the Hebrew Bible does get bogged down in details of kingdom management, temple building, laws about sacrifices, and so forth. Don't get discouraged! Come talk to me or another church friend, and we can figure out together what to read next! Reading together is a lot easier than on your own.

Some Christians seem to think that knowing how to quote scripture word for word gives them some sort of street cred. Some people really do have good memories when it comes to that, and have favorite passages they can repeat as a prayer. But knowing what the words are on the page is different than knowing the story of God's love for the world. Read to find out the story, not the chapter and verse. Blessings on your reading!

p.s. www.bookoffaith.org is a great website with resources and suggestions.

Thanks for your question!



Link: <https://www.bookoffaith.org/>
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With abiding hope in the resurrection to eternal life, we announce the death of Helen Eleanor Koehler Vannosdel on March 10th at her residence in Falling Waters, West Virginia.



Helen worked as an LPN and was a member of Christ Lutheran Church. She is survived by her two sons, 4 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Service and interment will be private with a Celebration of Life to follow.

Please keep the family in your prayers.

<https://www.tributearchive.com/obituaries/27493289/helen-eleanor-koehler-vannosdel/martinsburg/west-virginia/brown-funeral-home>

A: You are the resurrection and the life. Even though we die, we will live. With thanksgiving, we remember all your saints who now live in your eternal love.

Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.



The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. ✝

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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!**





LENTEN OFFERING: This year's special offering will go towards the campus ministry (PSALM) at the Lutheran University Center in Pittsburgh. Pastor Brian Bennett visited us several weeks ago as our guest preacher. If you are able, please use the special purple envelopes in your envelope box to support this vital ministry to young adults in Pittsburgh. Visit www.psalmonline.com.



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



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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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 grand-child 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

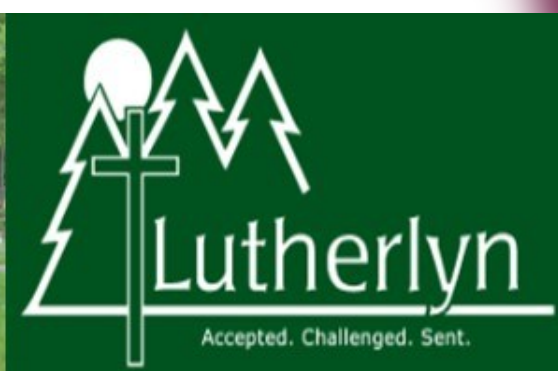
Camp Lutherlyn also has summer employment opportunities for young adults 17 and over! Check out the information below to have the summer of your life! Go to: https://www.lutherlyn.com/summercamp/summer_employment.html

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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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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**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT SHHC, PLEASE CALL
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- ✓ 1PM - 4:30PM | THURSDAY, APRIL 6TH
- 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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The Day of the Peepers

Joseph Imhoff

“*Hyla crucifer* is what the biologists call him, but to most of us he is the Spring Peeper....Everyone who has ever visited the the country in the spring has heard him trilling from the marsh in the twilight, and though few have ever caught the sight of him most know that he is a little, inch-long frog who has just awakened from his winter sleep.”

Thus Joseph Wood Krutch opened his book of essays *The Twelve Seasons* with the month of April. To him this is the beginning of the year just as Dionysius Exiguus chose March 25 as the beginning of the Age of Grace with the Annunciation in last week’s article, it is the time when life returns to the earth in the northern hemisphere. True, our calendar counts a year beginning when the days start to lengthen after the winter solstice on December 21 but now is when we notice real change in the life around us.

The calculations made for Easter, the first Sunday after the full moon occurring after the Vernal Equinox seems artificial when nature has already prepared its own greeting. “The (Spring Peeper) sentient (perceiving) creature who shares with us the drama and the exultation; who indeed sings our hosannahs for us.”

Earlier this week a friend who lives out in the Cranberry area and always posts a morning thought surprised me as I was planning to write this with, “I heard the peepers last night!!!” How timely it was!

We celebrate together. “But I also add something which, for me at least, is...important. ‘Don’t forget,’ I whisper to the peepers, we are all in this together.’!”

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Parades and Long Walks

The stories we hear for Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday are marked by a series of parades. The crowd shouts “Hosanna” as Jesus processes into Jerusalem. After his arrest, he is paraded to the home of Caiaphas to be confronted by the scribes and elders. They bind him and parade him to Pilate. The soldiers lead him to the governor’s headquarters before he is paraded to Golgotha to be crucified.

These were not celebratory parades. For Jesus, each of these journeys was another step on his long walk toward death. We may not know what it is to be paraded about before crowds of people as Jesus was, but we can understand the long walk toward death.

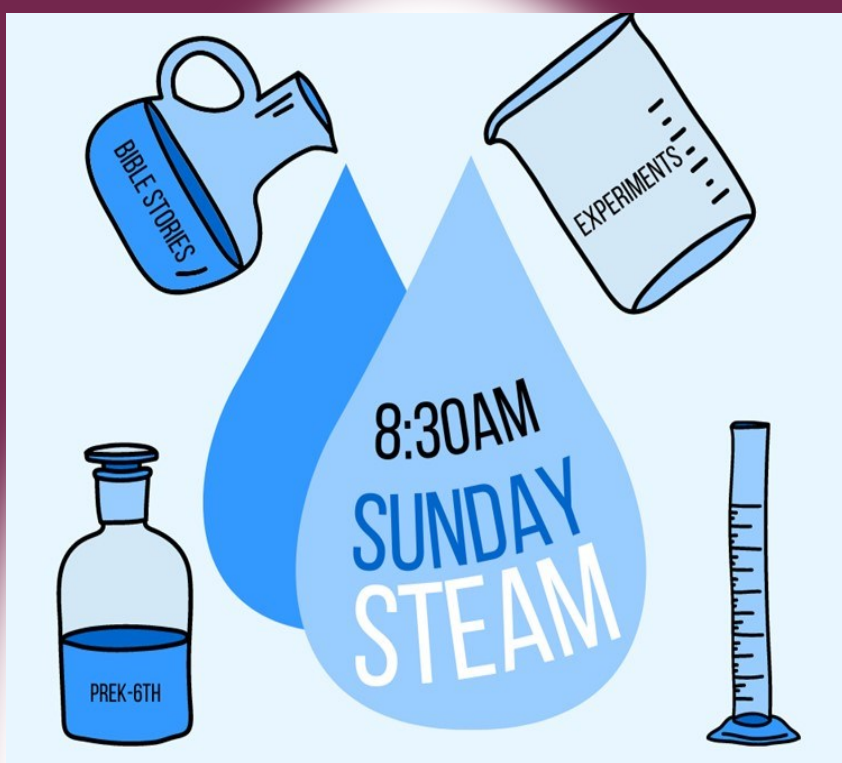
Perhaps you have taken the long walk from a hospital parking lot to the information desk, from the desk around the corner to the visitors’ elevators, and from the elevator through the maze of hallways to the bedside of a loved one to sit vigil as they breathe their last. Maybe you have made the long walk between cubicles to your boss’s office during a time of layoffs, knowing what news is coming. The walk from a classroom to the principal’s office is long and scary, for both the student and the parent who was called in to school from work.

Life has plenty of long and painful walks we would just as soon avoid. Jesus’ prayer at Gethsemane tells us he did not want to take his walk either. And yet he did take that walk. In so doing, he joins us in all of our long and weary wanderings that end in the things of death. Jesus is with us in our deepest pain. But the story does not end there. The journey continues as the women walk to the empty tomb, as Jesus walks with disciples to Emmaus, and as he continues to walk us to places of new life. ~

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PRE-K THROUGH GRADE 6

SUNDAYS AT 8:30AM

Upcoming Commemorations



Benedict the African, confessor, died 1589 Tuesday, April 4, 2023

Born into slavery on the island of Sicily, Benedict lived as a hermit until the pope ordered all hermits to attach themselves to a monastery, at which time Benedict joined the Franciscans. Though illiterate, he was highly respected as a confessor and later superior of his community.

Albrecht Dürer, died 1528; Matthias Grünewald, died 1529; Lucas Cranach, died 1553; artists Thursday, April 6, 2023

These great artists revealed through their work the mystery of salvation and the wonder of creation. Dürer's work reflected the apocalyptic spirit of his time. Though he remained a Roman Catholic, he was sympathetic to Martin Luther's reforming work. Grünewald's paintings are known for their dramatic forms, vivid colors, and depiction of light. Cranach's work includes many fine religious examples and several portraits of Martin Luther. Cranach was also widely known for his woodcuts.



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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!

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