

The Sundays of

Resurrection



**CLC Weekly Update - In-Person Worship
May 7th at 9:30AM**

WORSHIP WITH US

Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 7:55-60

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Gospel: John 14:1-14

Pastor Erin Evans preaching

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As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life. ~

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Interim Ministry Update From Pastor Erin Evans

Just a quick note to let you know how things are going - my interim contract with CLC was renewed by the council for another 6 months. My ministry with you will continue, I don't have an "expiration date" but rather will continue my call to help you through the multiple transitions and challenges. As the call committee begins their work, my job is solely a resource person for them, and to support and guide the congregation through this process. We will keep you updated at each step of the journey.

I also want to take a moment to express gratitude for the many volunteers of Christ Lutheran Church - members who really put their heart into ministries and the work of the church. We have come so far together as a congregation in the last two years, following a global pandemic and a pastoral resignation. These would be MAJOR challenges and transitions for any church. Your faithful and consistent effort is what has brought us to this point, and I'm so grateful to be on this journey with you.

Peace, Pastor Erin

Trinity Sunday Potluck AND Annual Meeting

Members please plan to attend our ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING and potluck "brunch" on Trinity Sunday, June 4th.

Join us that Sunday for a meeting to review the reports of the Pastor, Council, Treasurer, and various committees and ministries for 2022 - and hear updates from church leaders on what's happening in 2023. We need voting members' attendance to have a quorum to approve the reports, but visitors are always welcome. **Check for the sign-up in the narthex to add a dish to bring and share.**



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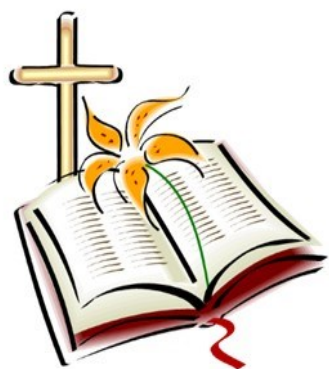
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for Clean-Up
or gifting the
Cemetery Fund!

Cemetery Clean-Up

**We meet at 10am on Sunday, May 7 for Clean-Up
Sign-up in the Narthex!**

Cemetery Clean-Up Weekend!

One of our ministries is caring for the cemetery we inherited: the land, the memories, and the graves of those who have gone before us. We pay for the grass to be cut, and the property to be maintained, but still need to do some clean-up ourselves several times a year! If you can weedwack, clear headstones, haul dead branches, or trim bushes, your help is needed! Or, consider a special gift this spring for our Cemetery Fund!



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 evening at 7pm on May 10th.

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CHURCH OUTING!

Ring Pittsburgh hosts The Raleigh Ringers for a night of handbell ringing not soon to be forgotten. Join us in the Cahouet Auditorium at North Catholic High School on Friday, July 14, 2023 at 7:00 PM! Tickets are \$20, and we'd like to purchase a block of tickets soon for this fun night of CLC fellowship. Let Danielle Visconti know ASAP if we can reserve a ticket for YOU!

Call or text 412-901-0124




ONLINE GIVING UPDATE

Blessings on all those who are traveling this spring and summer!

Use this QR Code on your phone to easily schedule offerings for a few Sundays while you are out of town, or do it directly through our website.



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FRIDAY, JUNE 16

6-9 PM

Online via ZOOM

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

9 AM - 5 PM

In Person at PennWest California (Formerly Cal-U)

250 University Ave, California, PA 15419

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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!*

You asked, I'll answer!

Question: "Some people have said that taking the Lord's name in vain means saying "Oh my God" while other people say it's using your faith to justify doing terrible things like extortion. What does the bible actually mean by this in context?"

Answer: *That's a really great question, and I think you are onto something in your discernment of the second commandment. Here's Martin Luther's explanation of the Second Commandment for reference:*

You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, practice witchcraft, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

This commandment comes from the Hebrew Bible, and the giving of the Law to Moses. As some helpful background, many observant conservative Jews do not speak God's name aloud, (YHWH, or Yahweh) instead replacing it with another name, like Adonai (Lord) Some even go so far as to write G_d, rather than spell it out. But this commandment also has to do with actions; claiming to be the people of God, using God's name, but living a life contrary to the commandments and God's will. The whole story of the prophets of the Hebrew Bible warns the people of exactly these things: using God's name to justify actions which do not give life, care for the least of these, and diminish our role in caring for all of God's good creation.

Long story short, I think it's both, but unfortunately for us, it's a lot easier to police kids saying "OMG" than it is to talk with them about how their actions reflect their Creator and Redeemer. *continued*

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"Ask The Pastor"

continued

There is also a difference between swearing with God's name and profanity. Profanity are words that are agreed upon to be offensive by some, but this "agreement" depends on such a variety of factors, language, culture, family, personal preferences, etc. On the other hand, using God's name "in vain" invokes God's power in a way that God did not intend, for frivolity or damnation. Using profanity may harm our neighbor, which is sin, and may be atoned for, but I believe God is far more concerned with our actions than our four letter words.

Admittedly, I struggle with my language, and having a kid has been a wake up call to check my speech. My split-second reactions to stubbing my toe now require explanation and apology. When I do have those OMG moments, I try to immediately reflect on what I intended to do with God's name. Usually it is actually a plea for help in my frustration. We run into dangerous territory when we presume to apply God's name to our agendas, likes or dislikes.

Thank you for your thoughtful questions.

Keep 'em coming!

Pastor Erin

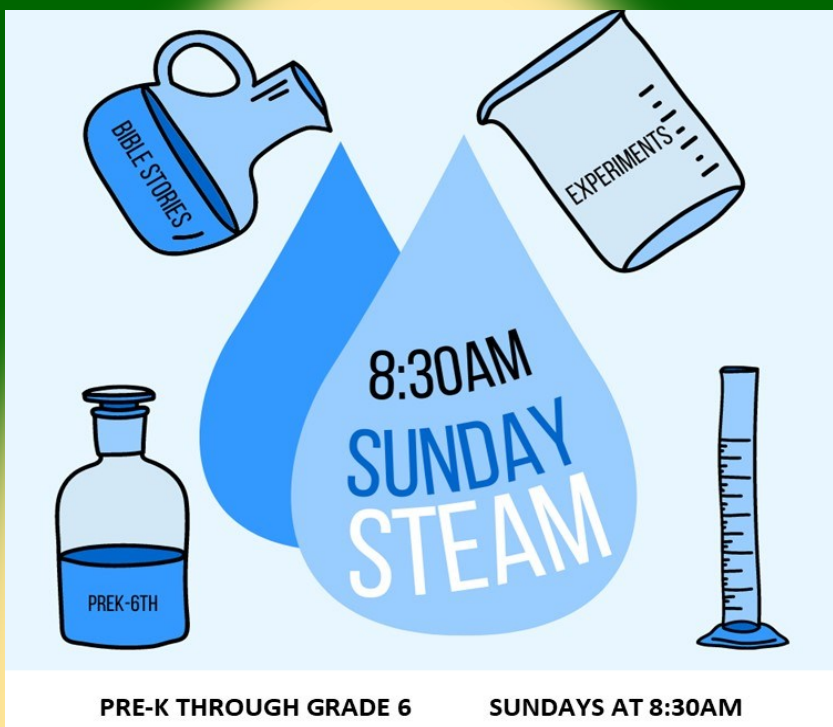


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A graphic for '8:30AM SUNDAY STEAM'. In the center is a large blue water droplet containing the text '8:30AM SUNDAY STEAM'. Surrounding the droplet are four science-related illustrations: a blue pitcher labeled 'BIBLE STORIES' at the top left, a blue beaker labeled 'EXPERIMENTS' at the top right, a blue bottle labeled 'PREK-6TH' at the bottom left, and a blue graduated cylinder at the bottom right.

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



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

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!



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 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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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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CLINIC DATES:



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

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



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Are You New Here?

“You know the way to the place where I am going,” Jesus tells his followers (John 14:4), but they aren’t so sure. So he goes on, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life” (John 14:6), but they’re still confused. Finally, he asks, “Have I been with you all this time . . . and you still do not know me?” (John 14:9). It’s as if he’s asking them, “Are you new here?”

They’ve had him all this time. They’ve watched him and listened to him and learned from him. But, suddenly faced with the idea that he won’t always be there in quite the same way, it’s as if they remember nothing.

Yet, Jesus isn’t one of those teachers who says, “Do as I say, not as I do.” He lived his very life here on earth as a model for us, even now. Our road map to the place where he is going is to understand his words and actions, not only as his way, truth, and life, but as our own as well.

It’s as complicated as that, but it’s also that simple. “Do not let your hearts be troubled” (John 14:1), Jesus tells them. Indeed, road maps are meant to reassure us, by giving us direction and setting us on the right course.

He didn’t say it would be easy. He also didn’t tell this to any of them alone, and his words are intended for us to hear in community today as well. Living out our understandings of Jesus as the way, truth, and life is a collective act, not an individual one. We do this every time we gather in community, whether that’s a congregation, a parent-teacher organization, an extended family, or a neighborhood Buy Nothing group.

“You know the way to the place where I am going,” Jesus tells us. We might feel new here, but it turns out we’ve had the road map all along. ~

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This Week at CLC:

Sunday

May 7 - Sunday STEAM 8:30am
CLC Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am
First Communions
Cemetery Clean Up Day after Service
Violin Recital

Monday

May 8 - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY
5-6pm TOPS CLUB
6-7pm Yoga
7pm Council Meeting

Tuesday

May 9 - 9am to 3pm 412 Food Rescue

Wednesday

May 10 - 9am to 1pm 412 Food Rescue
4-8pm Anchorpoint Millvale Community Counseling
5-7pm FOOD PANTRY
7pm Bible study

Thursday

May 11 - 5:30-7pm Boy Scouts
7pm Choir Practice

Friday

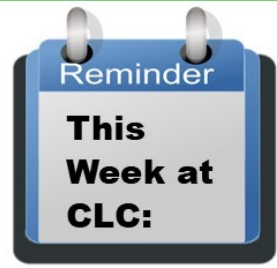
May 12 - 10:30-11am Voting machines arrive
9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY
7pm NA meets in the Library

Saturday

May 13 - 9am AA meets in the Library
10am Call Committee
7pm NA meets in the Library

Sunday

May 14 - Sunday STEAM 8:30am
CLC Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am



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Upcoming Commemorations

Julian of Norwich, renewer of the church, died around 1416

Monday, May 8, 2023

When she was about thirty years old, Julian (or Juliana) reported visions that she later compiled into a book, *Sixteen Revelations of Divine Love*, now a classic of medieval mysticism. The visions declared that love was the meaning of religious experience, provided by Christ who is love, for the purpose of love.



Victor the Moor, martyr, died 303 (TFF)

Monday, May 8, 2023

Also known as Victor Maurus, this native of the northwest African nation of Mauritania was a soldier in the Roman Praetorian Guard. Under the persecution of Maximian, Victor died for his faith at Milan.



Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, renewer of the church, hymnwriter, died 1760

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

When he was 22, a group of Moravians asked permission to live on Zinzendorf's land. He agreed, and eventually worldwide Moravian missions emanated from this community. Zinzendorf participated in these missions, and is also remembered for writing hymns characteristic of his Pietistic faith.

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