

**CLC Weekly Update - In-Person Worship
June 11th at 9:30AM**

WORSHIP WITH US

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

**First Reading: Hosea 5:15--6:6
Psalm 50:7-15**

Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25

Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Pastor Erin Evans preaching

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In the neighborhood...
For good.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Steve Slepecki recently graduated from United Lutheran Seminary with a Master's of Divinity. We celebrated Steve at our potluck on June 4th and gifted him a red stole for ordination from the congregation. Steve awaits his last meeting with the Candidacy Committee for approval for ordination. Please keep Steve and his wife Julie in your prayers.



Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord's day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God's mercy for the world.

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Welcome to Church!

Join us after worship July 9, 16, 23, and 30th for an informative and informal look at Lutheran Church Basics.

For visitors, new members, life-long Lutherans and anyone in between. Coffee and light snacks provided.



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*Catechism and
Sacraments
Church History
Denominational
Differences
Worship and
Liturgy*



St. Luke's Cemetery

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Do you have a plot at St. Luke's Cemetery on Martha Ave or have loved ones buried there? Would you like to receive annual news about the cemetery, or help us care for the property?

Christ Lutheran, Millvale has managed the cemetery since St. Luke's, Bauerstown closed. We were not given complete records for deed holders. Please reach out to the church via email or phone to let us know and help us get our contact list up to date!

Email at: ChristLutheran917@gmail.com
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Remember that you can review the June 4 CLC Annual Meeting reports on your CLC Weekly Update.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR-END FIELD TRIP!



***SUNDAY, JUNE 25 2PM-4PM
@ MAD SCIENCE OF PITTSBURGH
1248 EVERGREEN RD.***

<https://pittsburgh.madscience.org> for more info

Bring a friend! RSVP to Pastor Erin

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



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Pastor Erin, Diane Curry, and Emily
Kosova will be voting members
attending from CLC.



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SYNOD ASSEMBLY

JUNE 16 & 17, 2023



2023 SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD ASSEMBLY

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 QUESTION

and ANSWER!

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: Are there written/unwritten rules on interacting with a pastor outside of church? (Hey, we are going over Fred and Mary's to watch the game, Do you and Brian want to come?) I have grown up with the pastor not being treated like a standard person.

Answer: A decade ago, I ran into a parishioner at the mall, in a store with the initials V.S. Thankfully for everyone involved, I was standing in line with only a few bottles of lotion. There are no written or unwritten rules governing what to do in those situations. But here are some of my thoughts about interacting with clergy "in the wild."

The spiritual and moral elevation of clergy has been an issue in the church since the beginning. One of Luther's key arguments was the normalization of vocation, a call from God, to mean more than a call to the priesthood or religious life as a monk or nun. Each person has an important calling from God, and serving the church as a pastor is not a better call, a holier call or a more important one, just a different one. I am no more spiritual, holy, or good, than anyone else. I just have a different job because I have a different calling.

What are the differences? For one, my role in the world is public. I am a very public witness to the gospel, especially when I wear a black shirt with a little white collar. As a public servant of the church, my actions and words are judged as such. Is that always accurate or fair? No, but it's kind of part of the job. I'm expected to speak for the Church, so I have to clearly distinguish between my opinions and Church teaching and Church "Stuff." Even on vacation. So I keep good boundaries about what I share, with who, and how I share it.

Another difference is my role as a leader in the parish and the wider church, but my leadership should empower others

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“Ask The Pastor”

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to lead, not exert authoritarian influence or abuse of power. Constitutionally, a pastor's role is to preach the gospel and administer the sacraments. In those two things, the pastor of a congregation is the authority. All other manner of church business requires a working partnership between the leaders of the congregation and the pastor who has been elected and called by God and by the Church to lead.

Now, am I a standard person? I know loads of pastors, and for the most part we are very normal. If you ask my family, I have quite a few flaws, and I'll own most of them. I have a spouse and a daughter, and I stress about all the normal things moms and wives stress about. I don't set aside enough time for devotional prayer as I should. I can be a bit sarcastic. I like to nap a bit too much.

But what I think you are asking, dear Questioner, is "Can I treat my pastor like a friend?" My answer would be "Yes, please, I'd love to come watch the game, what can I bring?" I'll pet your dog, and I'll enjoy a cold beverage, and you can hear all about the latest adventure of my 6 year old, and we can talk about anything you like. But I am your pastor, and I serve a different role than "friend".

When my time at this particular congregation ends, you'll have a new pastor, and there will be boundaries to our relationship, because I will no longer be your pastor. Would I love to hear from you? Sure! Would I rather you talk to your new pastor and get to know them? Yes. Will I give you spiritual advice, or listen to you complain about the new thing that the new pastor is doing, or officiate a wedding for you, or preach at a funeral for you? No. Because that is no longer my role. That being said, some people and some pastors aren't good with boundaries. But we all have room for growth.



As always, please feel free to talk to me in more detail! I'm normal, I swear, and my door is always open. Unless I'm napping.

Pastor Erin



Desperate Measures

You've likely heard the saying "Desperate times call for desperate measures." Today's gospel features a story within a story, both of women, both restored to life and community. And the actions—of the girl's father and the woman with the flow of blood—are equal parts desperation and faith.

A father approaches Jesus in his desperation and asks for the inconceivable—that Jesus would lay his hand on his dead daughter and bring her back to life. Our daily news from throughout the world is filled with images of parents taking drastic measures to save their children. Asking this rebellious rabbi to bring the daughter back to life is certainly taking a chance!

Before Jesus even reaches the daughter, he is interrupted by a woman whose desperation has been building for twelve years. Due to a medical condition, she has lived as an outcast. She spends her days plotting her movements so as not to "contaminate" others and is accustomed to being on the outside looking in. Imagine how lonely she is. Her desperation leaves her determined to move through the crowd just to touch the fringe of Jesus' garment. He responds to this act of faith by looking her in the eye and telling her exactly what an incredible act of faith this was.

In these desperate, faithful stories, the appeal for mercy is met with mercy. What would make us appeal for mercy? A medical diagnosis that leaves us determined to exhaust all treatment possibilities? Praying for the impossible at a loved one's deathbed? Hurtful circumstances that leave us feeling isolated? Jesus calls Matthew from his tax table, then gathers with him and others around a dinner table with words of mercy. Week after week, Jesus gathers us at his table, because he is desperate to share that same mercy with us.

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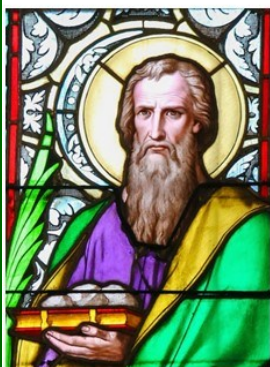
June 18 - CLC Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am



Mondays and Fridays from 9:30am to 11:30am, and on Wednesdays from 5pm to 7pm.

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Upcoming Commemorations



Barnabas, Apostle

Sunday, June 11, 2023

Barnabas was not numbered among the twelve apostles, but the book of Acts gives him that title. After Paul was converted to Christianity, Barnabas welcomed him to Jerusalem, and later the two traveled together on missionary journeys.

Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea, died 379; Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, died around 385; Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople, died around 389; Macrina, teacher, died around 379

Wednesday, June 14, 2023



St. Gregory of Nazianzus

The Cappadocian fathers, as the three men in this group are known, explored the mystery of the Holy Trinity. Basil's monastic rule forms the basis for Eastern monastic life. Gregory of Nazianzus defended orthodox Christianity in Constantinople. Gregory of Nyssa, Basil's younger brother, wrote on the spiritual life.

Macrina, older sister of Basil and Gregory of Nyssa, was the leader of a community dedicated to asceticism, meditation, and prayer.



St. Macrina the Younger

Emanuel Nine, martyrs, died 2015

Saturday, June 17, 2023

On June 17, 2015, Clementa C. Pinckney, Cynthia Marie Graham Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lee Lance, DePayne Middleton-Doctor, Tywanza Sanders, Daniel Lee Simmons, Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, and Myra Thompson were murdered by a self-professed white supremacist while they were gathered for Bible study and prayer at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church (often referred to as Mother Emanuel) in Charleston, South Carolina. Pastors Pinckney and Simmons were both graduates of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. **A resolution to commemorate June 17 as a day of repentance for the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine was adopted by the Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on August 8, 2019.** Congregations of the ELCA are encouraged reaffirm their commitment to repenting of the sins of racism and white supremacy which continue to plague this church, to venerate the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine, and to mark this day of penitence with study and prayer.

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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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