

CLC Weekly Update - In-Person Worship
June 25th at 9:30AM

WORSHIP WITH US

4th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-13

Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18

Second Reading: Romans 6:1b-11

Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39

Pastor Erin Evans preaching

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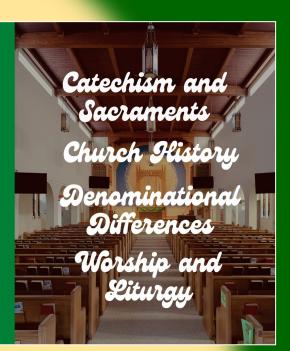
God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.

Welcome to Church!

Join us after worship <u>July 9, 16, 23, and 30th</u> 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.







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

Phone: 412-821-4300

Remember to see the Synod Assembly Report from Diane Curry and Emily Kosovo in your CLC Weekly Update!

SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR-END FIELD TRIP!



SUNDAY, JUNE 25 2PM-4PM

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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









Refrigerator Art

Check out our "mini fridge" bulletin board in the narthex, and add your art!

Tiny coloring pages available in the Prayground in the side aisle.



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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"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: What is the meaning and history of the mosaic on the side wall with the deer? What is the meaning of the symbol on the wall behind the altar?

Answer: Thanks for your question! Christians have long used symbols as a visual shorthand for topics of faith. And the stories behind these pieces are great. The mosaic on the side wall was created by Jim Cooper, late husband of Mary Jane Cooper. Jim did other pieces in the same style, including some for Camp Lutherlyn where he was also very active!

According to former pastor, Rev. Caroline Mendis, "An anonymous church member donated money for the supplies, and it was to be in honor of the children of the congregation — a place for the font to live when not front and center for a baptism.... Jim designed the mosaic based on Psalm 42:1. "As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God."

The baptism shell at the top is the source of the stream. The vine ("I am the vine") and its various kinds of leaves illustrating the diversity of the baptized. Jim found depicting the face of the deer difficult until he used his pet dog as his

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model. I wish I could remember his dog's name."

There are actually two symbols behind the altar, and both bear explanation. The bird is a dove, representing the Holy Spirit descending. Directly below that is a symbol called a Chi Rho. These are two greek letters on top of each other. (The Chi looks like an X and the Rho looks like a P) This symbol is a visual shorthand for Christ, using the first two letters of the Greek Christos.

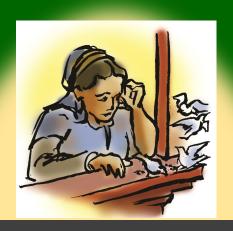
Keep looking for symbols!

Pastor Erin

P.S. The gold on the back wall is real gold – not paint - painstakingly applied, fragile leaf by leaf.







Evil? I Renounce It!

The service of Holy Baptism asks baptismal candidates, parents, and sponsors to reject sin in a series of renunciations:

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Those assembled respond: "I renounce them!" (ELW, p. 229)

In today's gospel, Jesus warns the disciples about what sorts of evil, risks, and divisions may be ahead for them. Discipleship has already cost them their intended vocations, and the road ahead includes conflicts that will split families and may cost them their lives. Such was the reality in ancient days when taking on Roman authority.

Today, risks for living out faith still exist, especially in countries without freedom of religion. But most of us have difficulty imagining what resistance to our faith would look like. One look at the morning news reminds us that evil is rampant in our world. We resist evil when we raise our voices against violence, when we march against inequality, when we welcome and house the stranger new to our country and community, and when we fight for the rights of Black and brown and LGBTQ+ siblings. Some among us tackle systemic racism and corruption in workplaces and institutions—often at great risk.

This passage from Matthew is difficult and disturbing, yet there is gospel in it. Jesus tells those who follow him not to fear, and that we undertake this mission of mercy with vulnerability and dependence on a most gracious God. Amid the risks, despite the uncertainty, the gospel is to be proclaimed "in the light" and "from the housetops" (Matthew 10:27), for it is the most powerful tool we have against the evil of this world. ~



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

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This Week at CLC:

Sunday

June 25 - CLC Sunday Worship Service at

9:30am

Sunday School Field Trip 2-4pm

Monday

June 26 - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY

5-6pm TOPS CLUB, 6-7pm Tai Chi

Tuesday

June 27 - 9am to 3pm 412 Food Rescue

Wednesday

June 28 - 9am to 12pm 412 Food Rescue

4-8pm Anchorpoint Millvale Community Counseling

5-7pm FOOD PANTRY

Thursday

June 29 - 1-4:30pm Medical RV

Friday

June 30 - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY

7pm NA meets in the Library

Saturday

July 1 - 9am AA meets in the Library

7pm NA meets in the Library

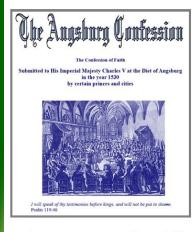
Sunday

July 2 - CLC Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am





Upcoming Commemorations



Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, 1530 Sunday, June 25, 2023

On this day in 1530 the German and Latin editions of the Augsburg Confession were presented to the Emperor Charles of the Holy Roman Empire. The Augsburg Confession was written by Philipp Melanchthon and endorsed by Martin Luther, and consists of a brief summary of points in which the reformers saw their teaching as

either agreeing with or differing from that of the Roman Catholic Church of the time.



Philipp Melanchthon, renewer of the church, died 1560 Sunday, June 25, 2023

Though he died on April 19, Philipp Melanchthon is commemorated today because of his connection with the Augsburg Confession. Colleague and co-reformer with Martin Luther, Melanchthon was a brilliant scholar,

known as "the teacher of Germany."

Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, died 444 Tuesday, June 27, 2023

Cyril defended the orthodox teachings about the person of Christ. After a conflict involving all of the major Christian leaders of the time, it was decided that Cyril's interpretation, that Christ's person included both divine and human natures, was correct.

Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, died around 202 Wednesday, June 28, 2023

This important early church leader tried very hard to hold to the faith handed down by the apostles. An opponent of the movement known as gnosticism, Irenaeus was one of the first to speak of the church as catholic, or linked together.

Peter and Paul, Apostles Thursday, June 29, 2023

These two strong-willed apostles are the pillars of the church in the first generation after Christ. Peter was one of the Twelve, one who both offered a glorious confession of faith and later denied knowing Jesus. Paul once led the

Saturday, July 1, 2023



persecution of Christians, then was converted and helped bring the faith to non-Jewish people.

Catherine Winkworth, died 1878; John Mason Neale, died 1866; hymn translators

Neale was an English priest who specialized in the translation of Latin and Greek hymns into English. Winkworth lived in Manchester, England, and devoted herself to translating German hymns. Almost all English-speaking hymnals include many of their translations.

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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