

# The Sundays of *Pentecost*



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

## **WORSHIP WITH US** **7th Sunday after Pentecost**

**First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13**

**Psalm Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13**

**Second Reading: Romans 8:1-11**

**Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

**Pastor Erin Evans preaching**

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For good.

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A sower  
went out  
to sow

MATTHEW 13:3

God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in 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.



Evangelical  
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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!

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

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# better together

2023 SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD ASSEMBLY

In the same spirit of "Better Together" Synod Assembly Worship featured not one, but three excellent preachers.

Each focused on one of the scriptures chosen for worship, and each is worth a listen!

For pictures and video of worship go to:

<https://www.swpasynod.org/stories/sermons2023>

Donations are requested for

- ❖ Spaghetti and spaghetti sauce.
- ❖ Pancake mix and pancake syrup.

## The Food Pantry is Open

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

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. †



## ***Sunday School Field Trip to Mad Science***



**We had such a great time - thank you to the parents and grandparents that helped make it happen!**

Our "**Mad Scientist**" host showed us a variety of experiments from ethanol rockets, to dry ice bubbles, exploding Coke and Mentos, chemical reactions, physics, and more!

We played with atoms, kinetic sand, lots of building blocks. We also got popcorn, lemonade, and cotton candy!

**Next month we'll get together for a Sunday School Service Project!**

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## Refrigerator Art

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

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

### In case of emergency....

**Did you know** we have an emergency defibrillator? It's on the wall, near the office and food pantry check-in table.

**Did you know** we have Narcan available? **With the first aid kits in the narthex and in the office too!**



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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:** How does the church decide which readings to do every week? Do they rotate every year or so? Do certain churches focus on different disciples' perspectives or is it up to the pastor?

**Answer:** Good questions! Most mainline denominations follow the Revised Common Lectionary. (RCL) This provides a three-year series of readings for Sunday, with the first Sunday of the church year being the first Sunday of Advent. For each Sunday and festival, three readings and a psalm are suggested and include: a Gospel reading, an Old Testament reading, and a New Testament reading. The lectionary comes from an ecumenical consultation of liturgical scholars and denominational representatives from the United States and Canada.

Each year of the Revised Common Lectionary centers on one of the synoptic Gospels — Matthew, Mark and Luke. The Gospel of John is read periodically in all three years and is especially frequent in Year B.

This provides a framework that structures our worship life together around the calendar of the church, and prevents the subject of preaching from being totally at the discretion of the pastor.

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While it is far from the entirety of scripture - using the RCL gives a wide variety of texts, forcing preachers to go beyond just what they'd like to preach about or want to talk about.

However it's not mandated, and many congregations find sermon series to be a helpful interjection and change of pace particularly during the long summer months when you find yourself celebrating the 74th Sunday after Pentecost.



*Pastor Erin*



I wish to thank everyone for showing their support and offering their prayers for the time I have been laid up! They have been most appreciated and welcomed.

Thanks to all!

Joe Imhoff

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## No Seeds Wasted

Throughout history, people have looked at the growth of plants from seed to seed and seen that as an illustration of God's work in the world. Everything else comes in limited supply, but it's fairly easy to observe that from just one seed, you can get dozens of seeds—or even more. Who but God could make so much out of so little? Even if we understand the mechanisms of growing plants and know that those extra seeds aren't really coming from nowhere, we still don't have total control of the process.

Jesus compares the different ways seeds might develop to the various ways people might respond to hearing the good news. Just as many different factors can affect seeds, many factors affect people.

It's easy to assume that the ideal scenario is the one that produces the biggest harvest. But God also cares for the birds that eat the seeds. God can use the short-lived plants in rocky soil to enrich the earth, slowly making it more suitable for growth. Is it possible that none of the seeds was really wasted?

What if the same thing is true whenever people hear the good news? What if an obvious harvest of large numbers isn't always the best sign that God is working? What if we assumed that, no matter what results we see, God is always working in the world? How would that change the way we gather, the way we share good news, the way we care about one another?

What if the seeds of God's word cannot be wasted? God's word cannot be limited, or used up, or shut out, or shut in. Even if we somehow manage to throw away all of God's word in the world, God is always sending more. God is always sending Jesus!

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## Upcoming Commemorations

### Bartolomé de Las Casas, missionary to the Indies, died 1566 Monday, July 17, 2023



A native of Spain, Las Casas first came to the Western hemisphere while serving in the military. Upon arriving in the West, Las Casas was granted a large estate with Indigenous enslaved people whom he freed after he was ordained a priest. He worked in the Caribbean and Central America to improve the lives of the native peoples.

### Mary Magdalene, Apostle Saturday, July 22, 2023

Sometimes called "the apostle to the apostles" because she told them of her encounter with the risen Lord, Mary was a woman of Galilee who followed Jesus throughout his ministry. She was present at Jesus' crucifixion and his burial.



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