



**CLC Weekly Update - In-Person Worship  
August 13th at 9:30AM**

## **WORSHIP WITH US**

**11th Sunday after Pentecost**

**First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9-18  
Psalm 85:8-13**

**Second Reading: Romans 10:5-15  
Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33**

**Pastor Erin Evans preaching**

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Lord,  
save me!

MATTHEW 14:30



Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others. ~

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## Welcome Sarah!

**CLC has a new Church Secretary!**

**Mom of four, Sarah Bower is a lifelong resident of the community. You may know her dad, Jim, and sister, Jaime, from Hahn Funeral Home. Sarah will be managing the church office part-time with open hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-12pm.**

## Confirmation Classes

**Confirmation Classes will begin on September 10th, Sunday mornings at 8:30.**

Young persons in grades 7-9 meet together with Lennie Jansen and Pastor Erin to cover Small Catechism teachings and prepare to affirm their faith over the course of two years. If your young person has not yet been confirmed and desires to do so, please speak with Lennie or Pastor Erin about the class. **Parents are asked to attend this first session on Sept 10th with their child.**



**Welcome to Winnie Carol Davis, who was baptized in worship last week.**

**Winnie is the daughter of Todd and Ellie Davis, little sister of Brooks and Will, and granddaughter of Glenn and Donna Davis and Rick and Sue Calfo.**

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## **With hope in the resurrection....**

We share our deepest sympathy to family and friends of longtime church member, Barbara Ramsey. Sadly, Barb died on August 6th following a brief battle with pancreatic cancer.

Arrangements are through Hahn Funeral Home, and can be found on their obituary website.

See: <https://www.hahnfhand>

[cremationservices.com/obituary/Barbara-Ramsey](https://www.hahnfhandcremationservices.com/obituary/Barbara-Ramsey)

## **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!

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.

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## Here and Now

“Lord, save me!” (Matthew 14:30). Right now! Right here! Right away! Peter was desperate. Neither Peter nor Jesus was thinking of heaven. The cry cracking through the storm at sea had nothing to do with a hoped-for future in a realm beyond earth in a time to come when the days of this life, here, are no more. In the tumult, in the deep-water chaos and fright, “Lord, save me!” is an urgent cry for Jesus to reach “here”—not to take me “there.”

Christians can become so bent on “being saved” as an after-life promise that they go along, living with little discovery of Jesus present in the world, saving the world here and now.

“Lord, save” is a refrain repeated throughout all of scripture from Genesis to Revelation. In the first chapter of Matthew’s gospel is the prophetic “Wow!” that Jesus is Emmanuel, meaning “God is with us” (Matt. 1:23). From the moment he begins his ministry, Jesus makes visible and touchable the kingdom of heaven that “has come near” (Matt. 4:17). He gathers a community of disciples, announces and creates good news, cures, teaches the way of blessedness, does mercy, insists on forgiveness, encourages faith, remembers the forgotten, sees the unseen, chooses the rejected, gives courage, offers hope . . . all to save here and now.

“Lord, save me!” The saving takes place even before Jesus dies on the cross. The reason for his parables: to save. The meaning of the miracles: to save. The purpose of his teaching: to save.

“Lord, save me!” What a courageous appeal those words are, trusting Jesus to be Lord—master not only of a gated spiritual territory, but master on windy seas where we tremble and gasp and sink into the deep waters of a turbulent world that roils our lives. Courageous Peter, with little faith and little doubt, dares us to make his words our own: “Lord, save me!” ~

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## Upcoming Commemorations

**Florence Nightingale, died 1910; Clara Maass, died 1901; renewers of society**

**Sunday, August 13, 2023**



Nightingale was born in England, and horrified her wealthy family by deciding to become a nurse. She led a group of nurses in ministering in the midst of the Crimean War, and worked for hospital reform. Maass, a native of New Jersey, was also a war nurse, and volunteered as a subject for research on yellow fever. She died of the disease.



**Maximilian Kolbe, died 1941; Kaj Munk, died 1944; martyrs**

**Monday, August 14, 2023**



Father Kolbe was a Franciscan priest arrested by the Nazis and confined in Auschwitz. Kolbe gave generously of his meager resources, and finally volunteered to be starved to death in place of another man. A Danish Lutheran pastor and playwright, Munk strongly denounced the Nazis who oc-



cupied Denmark in the Second World War. His sermons and articles helped to show the anti-Christian nature of the movement.

**Mary, Mother of Our Lord**

**Tuesday, August 15, 2023**



The church (including Martin Luther) honored Mary with the title Theotokos, meaning "God-bearer," for her role in giving birth to the Son of God. Her song, the Magnificat, speaks eloquently of God's lifting the lowly and feeding the hungry.

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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.



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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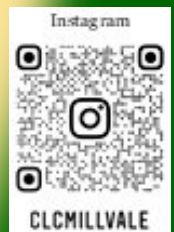
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