



**CLC Weekly Update - In-Person Worship
August 20th at 9:30AM**

WORSHIP WITH US

12th Sunday after Pentecost

**First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Psalm 67**

**Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Gospel: Matthew 15:10-28**

Deacon Amy Santoriello presiding

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Woman,
great is
your faith!

MATTHEW 15:28

In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need. ~

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Pastor Erin will be on vacation August 19-26.

Pastoral emergencies such as funerals or hospitalizations

**should be directed to Pastor Jennifer Soltis
570-401-1764.**

**For all other matters, you can call the church
office or Council President Lennie Jansen at
412-849-1089.**

RALLY DAY IS SEPTEMBER 10TH

**SUNDAY SPARK IS COMING!
WEEKLY CLASS AT 8:30AM FOR
K-5TH GRADE! JOIN US!**



SUNDAY SUNDAY!
Ice Cream For Breakfast
after church!



We're excited to explore the Old and New Testaments! Kids will learn a new Bible story each week through activities, music, and buddy activities.

Call Committee Report

After months of diligent work and help from the Congregation Council, our Mission Site Profile is ready to share with the Synod and potential candidates! This profile outlines both who we are as a congregation, where we fit into the community, and what sort of gifts we are looking for in our next pastor. Please continue to pray for the call process and we'll keep you updated!

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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 Deacon Amy Santoriello who is our guest preacher this morning. Deacon Santoriello will be celebrating a Deacon's Mass with us today and the 27th using pre-consecrated elements for Holy Communion.

MILLVALE DAYS are September 15th and 16th

Volunteers are needed for our congregation's presence at Millvale Days this year. Look for a sign-up sheet in the narthex to volunteer your time or donations to share with the community!

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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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Holding Jesus Accountable

As disturbing as the report of Jesus' callous-sounding encounter with the unnamed Canaanite woman may be to our ears, all around him, on both sides of their ethnic divide, were people who would have been outraged by any act of generosity or goodwill between a Jew and a Canaanite. So it's no surprise when the disciples urge Jesus to send her away. Animosities toward "those" on the other side of the border, between children of Canaan and children of Israel, were deeply entrenched and easily inflamed. Jesus appears to identify with the ill will.

All eyes and ears attend the scene. The shouting, then kneeling woman is in stubborn company with others whose protesting faith demands more than silence from God, who refuse to be rejected by God, who insist on being heard by God. She is in the company of Jacob, who wrestled with God through the night and demanded a blessing; with Moses pleading for God's mercy upon stiff-necked people; with Job, not settling for a vindictive Creator. She's in tradition with the psalmist's entreaty "My God, . . . why [are you] so far from saving me?" (Psalm 22:1). She is beside Martha railing against Jesus' delay as her brother, Lazarus, lay dying, and beside the blind men shouting to Jesus above defiant crowds at Jericho.

The Canaanite woman is clear about the way of Jesus, so she dares to hold him—Son of David, face of God—accountable. Yes, her aggressive and, surely for many, objectionable faith in the mercy of Jesus against all evidence to the contrary results in her daughter's healing. What's more, her persistent challenge to Jesus becomes an enduring voice to be heard by any who dare claim that God's mercy is limited, God's help is restricted, or God's providence is settled. She raises her voice and takes a knee for the church of Jesus Christ, representing all the voices shouting, "Have mercy on me." ~

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Upcoming Commemorations



Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, died 1153 Sunday, August 20, 2023

Bernard, a Cistercian monk, was a man of great spirituality who wrote mystical works and criticized those whom he thought took an overly intellectual approach to the faith. He became an abbot, and wrote several hymns that are still beloved today.



Bartholomew, Apostle Thursday, August 24, 2023

Mentioned as one of Jesus' disciples in Matthew, Mark, and Luke, Bartholomew's name is replaced in John's gospel by Nathanael, leading many to believe that the two are different names for the same person. Little is known about his work, though some traditions place him later in India or Armenia.

Welcome to Winnie Carol Davis, who was baptized in worship on August 6th.

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.

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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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.



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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