



**CLC Weekly Update - In-Person Worship  
September 24th at 9:30AM**

# **WORSHIP WITH US**

**17th Sunday after Pentecost**

**First Reading: Jonah 3:10--4:11**

**Psalm Psalm 145:1-8**

**Second Reading: Philippians 1:21-30**

**Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16**

**Pastor Erin Evans preaching**

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Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars. ~

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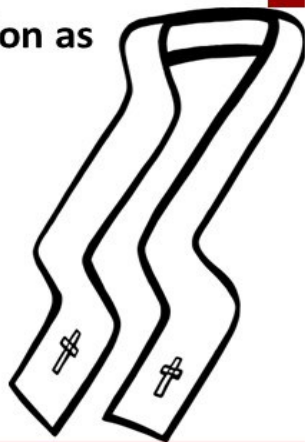


## **SAVE THE DATE!**

Our Seminary Graduate, Steve Slepecki, has a call vote!  
***If the vote is yes, he will be ordained HERE at CLC on October 8th at 4:30pm***, with a dinner to follow.  
**We'll be sending out a special invitation as soon as we have the final word!**

*Here's how you can help:*

- Pray for Steve and Julie!
- Make a special donation for the dinner we'll host.
- Make dessert to share for the dinner
- Sign-up to set up or clean up that day!



## **WELCOME LINDSIE STRUTH!**



**Our congregation has been asked to serve as a Ministerial Fieldwork site for a 1st year seminary student!**

Pastor Erin will serve as her supervisor while Lindsie observes, learns, and practices her leadership skills and vocation at CLC.

Lindsie will be with us each Sunday through the 2023-2024 school year, and at other times as well, about 6-8 hours a week.

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## **Thrivent Action Team Grants**

Do you have a Thrivent account for insurance or other financial services? **Did you know that you can apply for grants up to \$250 for various service projects?** They'll send you a debit card loaded with money to spend on a project! It's free money, and Pastor Erin can show you how to access it!



## **New Church Directory**

**Coming soon!** Please see Sarah in the office if there is information you would like updated.



## **Sunday School News**

**We have 17 students registered so far for Sunday School/Confirmation!**

Thanks for all who helped and participated in Rally Day. Please pray for our Confirmation students as they begin their 2 years of faith formation: Zachary Jansen, Paige Leas, Jenna Vogel, Chase Vogel, and Alaina Weiher.

***New friends are always welcome in our Elementary School class, and Pre-K Class, so bring a friend next week!***

## **Honoring and Remembering our Veterans**



**Each Veterans Day and Memorial Day, American flags are placed around the sidewalks of the church with the names of Veterans we remember and honor.** Thank you to those who have given their time and energy to make this happen. We are currently updating our database of names. **Please let the office know if you have a name of a family member or friend that we should include, and we will make new tags for all flags.**

**Veterans Day this year is Saturday, November 11th.**

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## HELP WANTED

Would you like to take a more active role serving in worship, but prefer something behind the scenes? Are you good with computers or want to learn? The Tech Team needs a few more hands on deck each month to record services, run the PowerPoint slides, and operate the camera. Please see Pat Bauer to learn more, and serve with the Tech Team once or twice per month.



Donations are  
requested for  
♦ **KETCHUP**  
and  
♦ **MUSTARD**

**The Food Pantry is Open**  
Mondays and Fridays from  
9:30am to 11:30am,  
and on Wednesdays from  
5pm to 7pm.

### 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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## Daily Bread for Everyone

We all have a natural sense of justice, and of what is fair. We might easily conflate the two, but justice and fairness don't always lead to the same end. Jesus' parable of the landowner and the workers suggests that God's sense of justice might not seem fair to everyone. Our ideas of what is right are likely upended by the landowner's generosity. He gives to each worker not what they have earned but rather the "daily bread" they need.

Sometimes in the church's ministry, we behave in a spirit exactly opposite that of the parable's landowner, opting to be "fair" above all else. So, for example, the food pantry can insist on the same items in the same amount for everyone, or the soup kitchen rules dictate that everyone get the same thing on their tray. Yet everyone doesn't always have the same needs. What if instead of fairness, we also made a way for generosity to sometimes disrupt the rules? There are good reasons for insisting on fairness. Rules establish helpful boundaries. Fairness can help ensure that when resources are scarce, everyone has a chance to receive something. Yet, in the name of fairness, we can also overlook both God's abundant generosity and the actual needs of others.

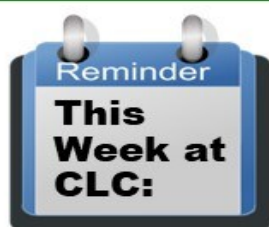
Maybe Jesus' parable doesn't mean changing the rules altogether. But maybe it means leaving ample space for those situations in which emulating God's generosity means bending the rules. God's grace frees us from a stubborn insistence on "only what's fair" so that we can care for others with generous spirits. No matter when we come to the baptismal waters, God's word of grace is enough to cover our sins. No matter our circumstances when we are gathered at Christ's table, God's generosity means there is always enough for each and every one of us to receive the daily bread we need. ~

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## This Week at CLC:



### Sunday

September 24 -

8:30am Sunday School

CLC Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am

### Monday

September 25 - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY

5-6pm TOPS CLUB

6-7pm Yoga

### Tuesday

September 26 -

9am to 3pm 412 Food Rescue

### Wednesday

September 27 - 4-8pm Anchorpoint Millvale  
Community Counseling

5-7pm FOOD PANTRY

7pm Choir Practice

### Thursday

September 28 - 6:30-7:30pm Boy Scouts

### Friday

September 29 - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY

7pm NA meets in the Library

### Saturday

September 30 - 9am AA meets in the Library

7pm NA meets in the Library

### Sunday

October 1 - 8:30am Sunday School

CLC Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am

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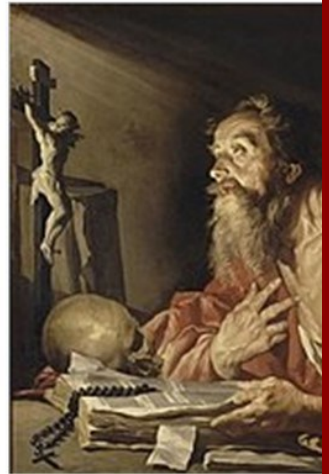
## Upcoming Commemorations



### Michael and All Angels

**Friday, September 29, 2023**

Michael the archangel, captain of the heavenly hosts, is remembered on this day along with the other angels and archangels. The word "angel" means messenger, and in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, these beings have a fully spiritual nature and no physical body.



### Jerome, translator, teacher, died 420

**Saturday, September 30, 2023**

Jerome was a biblical scholar and translator, but rather than translating the original Hebrew and Greek scriptures into classical Latin, he worked in the commonly-spoken Latin of the day, creating a version called the Vulgate.

**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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## 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!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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