

The Sundays of

Pentecost



**CLC Weekly Update - In-Person Worship
October 22nd at 9:30AM**

WORSHIP WITH US

21st Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

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In the neighborhood...
For good.

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Give to God
the things
that are God's

MATTHEW 22:21



In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.~

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Middle East Crisis

Due to escalating conflict in Gaza and Israel, a severe humanitarian crisis is rapidly unfolding in the Holy Land. The ELCA has a longstanding relationship with partners in the region, including the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land and Augusta Victoria Hospital.

Lutheran Disaster Response has a history of providing support for our partners and will be prepared to answer calls for assistance when the time comes.

Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton has issued a letter of solidarity to Bishop Dr. Sani-Ibrahim Azar of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land. In it, she writes,

“I pledge our accompaniment and support to you as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land and its ministries provide ‘critical and timely assistance (psychological and otherwise) to those affected by this war.’”

Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to this and other disasters, whenever and wherever they strike. Gifts designated for “Middle East Crisis” will be restricted to and used in full (100%) for those affected by disasters in the region.

To give online go to:

<https://community.elca.org/middle-east-crisis>

OR give through CLC and write a check out to:

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Memo Line: LDR Middle East Crisis

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CAUTION - SCAM!

Several members and friends of the church have notified the office that they have received strange texts from a number claiming to be Pastor Erin. These texts do NOT come from Pastor Erin's actual cell # OR the church #. These texts ask for money and favors and are a bit vague. Please do not engage and be assured that Pastor Erin will not randomly text you asking for money, gift cards, or discrete favors. Call the Church Office if you receive anything suspicious.



Lunches with Lindsie

One of the responsibilities of our congregation this year is caring for our Field Education Student through one-on-one conversations.

Please sign up in the narthex if you'd like to take Lindsie out to lunch after worship on a Sunday to tell her more about CLC and answer some of her questions about our church.



Pastor Erin serves 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. Please pray for Lindsie in her vocational formation and education.

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Ordination of Stephen Slepecki



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the beauty of the day! We had a large crowd in attendance with folks from CLC, Oak Grove Lutheran Church (Zelienople), Trinity Lutheran Church (Butler), St. John's Lutheran Church (Carnegie) and St. John's Lutheran Church (Perrysville), as well as many local clergy. So many were grateful for our hospitality and delicious meal! The music and liturgy was uplifting and faithful! Please continue to keep Steve and Julie in your prayers as they move to the parsonage in Zelienople and get to know the people of Oak Grove.

Neighborhood Bonfire



We are hosting an event on Halloween for our neighbors, during and after trick or treating on October 31. This will be a good chance to get to know folks and share hospitality. We'll have a fun craft for both kids and adults, free snacks, and

quality time together! **Please let Pastor Erin know if you can help out that evening!**

Church Council



Our Church Council met on Monday, October 16th. The Council began to review the budget for 2024, and will have information coming out soon about our financial situation and our stewardship at CLC. Then, as we do yearly, we'll plan an annual meeting to approve the budget for next year, ***Stay tuned!***

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ALL HALLOWS EVE NEIGHBORHOOD BONFIRE



October 31st
Christ Lutheran Church
917 Evergreen Street Millvale
6:00pm-9:00pm

FUN FOR
KIDS AND
ADULTS!



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!

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Donations are
requested for

◆ **PEANUT
BUTTER**
and
◆ **JELLY**

The Food Pantry is Open

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts.
Created by you, let us live in your image; created for
you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let
us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord.

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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Coins and Foreheads

It sure would be nice if Jesus had said his followers don't have to pay taxes. It would be wonderful to be able to say when taxes come due, "Gosh, I wanted to pay my taxes, but Jesus said I don't have to, so . . ." Of course, Jesus didn't say that, so we're not off the hook!

But Jesus says a lot more here than just "Pay your taxes." He encourages people to rethink their relationship with money and government in light of their relationship with God. He uses a coin of the Roman Empire to make a point. The coin bears the image of the emperor. So, if the emperor wants his coins back, go ahead and give them to him.

But then Jesus puts a limit on how much allegiance and loyalty to pay to the emperor: "Give . . . to God the things that are God's" (Matthew 22:21). Like so many coins that bear the images of great leaders, we are told in Genesis that we each bear the image of God. Give to God what is God's! Give yourself, your heart, your soul, your mind, your will to God! Don't give any of that to those who demand you pay taxes. God has a claim on you, not those in power.

At times we might feel a dilemma when it comes to balancing our loyalties among our government and civil obligations, and our loyalty to God. But the message is clear: We belong to God. God claims each of us as beloved, as valuable, as worth more than coins or gold or dollars.

In baptism we are marked with the cross of Christ on our foreheads. We bear the image of the Crucified One who claims us by grace. At the table we are fed and nourished, welcomed and loved, because of the one who tells us our lives have great worth. ~

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This Week at CLC:



Sunday

October 22 - 8:30am Sunday School

CLC Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am

Monday

October 23 - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY

3:15-6pm Violin

5-6pm TOPS CLUB, 6-7pm Yoga,

6:30-8pm ESL

Tuesday

October 24 -

9am to 3pm 412 Food Rescue

5:30-8pm Violin

Wednesday

October 25 - 4-8pm Anchorpoint Millvale Community Counseling

5-7pm FOOD PANTRY

7pm Choir Practice

6:30-8pm ESL

Thursday

October 26 - 6:30-7:30pm Boy Scouts Pack 162

Friday

October 27 - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY

7pm NA meets in the Library

Saturday

October 28 - 9am AA meets in the Library

7pm NA meets in the Library

Gathering Place is Booked

Sunday

October 29 - **REFORMATION DAY**

8:30am Sunday School

CLC Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am

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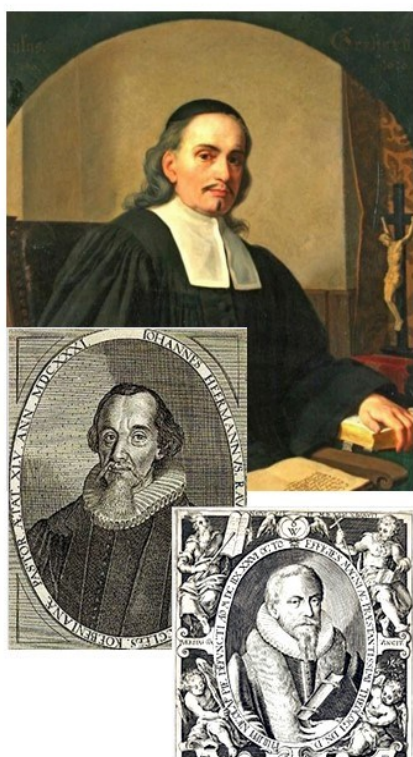
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Upcoming Commemorations



James of Jerusalem, martyr, died around 62 Monday, October 23, 2023

One of three early-church leaders named James, this man is identified in the New Testament and by a historian of the time as a brother of Jesus. Scholars are uncertain whether this means a blood brother. He was a leader of the church in Jerusalem.



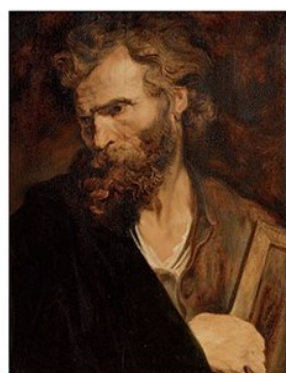
Philipp Nicolai, died 1608; Johann Heermann, died 1647; Paul Gerhardt, died 1676; hymnwriters Thursday, October 26, 2023

These great hymnwriters all worked in seventeenth-century Germany in times of war and plague. Nicolai, a pastor, lost 1,300 parishioners to plague, 170 in one week. He wrote "O Morning Star, how fair and bright" and "Wake, awake, for night is flying." Heermann's hymns, including "Ah, holy Jesus," often express the emotions of faith. Gerhardt, perhaps the greatest Lutheran hymnwriter, was a pastor in Berlin. (portraits in order: Paul Gerhardt, Johann Heermann, Philipp Nicolai)



Simon and Jude, Apostles Saturday, October 28, 2023

We know little about these apostles. Simon is listed as "the zealot" or Cananean in New Testament lists. Jude, also called Thaddeus, asked Jesus at the last supper why he had revealed himself to the disciples but not to the world.



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**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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