



March 17 at 9:30AM

# WORSHIP WITH US

## Fifth Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 51:1-12

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10

Gospel: John 12:20-33

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*In the neighborhood...  
For good.*

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Unless a  
grain of wheat  
falls into the  
earth and dies,  
it remains  
just a single grain

JOHN 12:24

God promises Jeremiah that a “new covenant” will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God’s heart through Christ and draws God’s love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God’s love with all the world. ~

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# HOLY WEEK

## *Schedule*



March 24

**PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:30AM**

March 28

**MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP 7:00PM**

March 29

**GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP 7:00PM**

March 31

**EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:30AM**

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# *congregational* **MEETING**

## **Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, March 17th**

A candidate has been put forth by the Call Committee, and has been interviewed and approved by the Council. They will preach and lead worship on Sunday March 17th, and following worship we will have a Congregational Meeting. The agenda for this meeting is a call vote. **All active members should plan to attend this exciting morning! ~**



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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## SWPA Synod Assembly 2024

Friday, June 14 @ 9:30 AM - Saturday, June 15 @ 12:30 PM

PennWest California (Formerly Cal-U)

[swpasynod.org/assembly2024](https://swpasynod.org/assembly2024)

Registration opens April 1. Voting members from your congregation have an important responsibility on behalf of all the members of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. This assembly is the highest legislative authority of our synod; they will be making decisions that impact 143 congregations covering 10 counties in southwest PA. Please speak with Pastor Erin or Lennie Jansen if you'd like to attend. ~



### CAMP LUTHERLYN

For seventy-five years Lutherlyn has been combining the love of God, fun, friends, swimming, playing in the woods, adventure challenges, Bible study, worship, cookouts, campfires, discoveries in nature, games, and a few surprises into an unforgettable experience!

Lutherlyn offers a variety of week-long, half-week, and day programs for children entering 1st grade through those who have finished their senior year of high school.

CLC has had a long relationship with Lutheran Outdoor Ministries at Lutherlyn and has scholarship funding available for YOUR child to attend a week at camp this summer! Check out <https://www.lutherlyn.com/summercamp> for all the details.

Camp Lutherlyn is located in Prospect, PA. Go visit for FREE on May 11th for their Annual CAMP BLAST showcase to learn about all camp has to offer!

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## *Lenten Wednesdays: Spiritual Drumming*

### **SPIRITUAL DRUMMING**

After the popularity of our Lenten Wednesday Evenings last year, we've decided to do it again! Pastor Erin and Pat Bauer will again lead **Spiritual Drumming on Wednesdays in Lent at 7pm**. This 45 minute experience will combine open-ended questions and prayers, with short readings and blessings, as we drum together.

Drumming has been used in nearly every faith for the purpose of experiencing the sacredness of God. The earliest music one experiences is the heartbeat of their mother. The simple heartbeat is the sound of the universe – the sound of life. Drumming is a time-honored method of uniting people, and the power of drumming multiplies on many levels in a group of drummers. Share in the prayers and rhythmic energy of the drum as we lift our prayers up to God. No previous music experience is necessary, and drums will be provided.

***March 20***

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.

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🌸 SPRING SOCIAL EVENT

# Sip And Snip!

Learn the art of flower arranging  
and take home a beautiful bouquet!  
\$20 covers all flowers, supplies,  
beverages, light appetizers, and a  
donation to CLC.

SATURDAY APRIL 6  
4:00PM - 6:00PM

Please register by March 17th - call  
the church office at 412.821.4300  
or sign up the in narthex



## WILLIAM J. WOLF MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

was created by a bequest from  
William J. Wolf, founder and presi  
dent of General Cleaning Company.  
Although Mr. Wolf completed high  
school, he did not have the means  
to attend college, which he regretted. Through the estab-  
lishment of this fund, he is able to give back in perpetuity  
to the Pittsburgh community that he and his wife, Eliza-  
beth, loved, and to the Lutheran faith which they supported  
during their lifetimes. This scholarship is to assist with the  
college or graduate level education of students of Lutheran  
denominations who have a residence in Allegheny County  
and maintain good grades. To apply for the Scholarship go  
to <https://pittsburghfoundation.org/scholarship/1631>.  
Completed applications are due April 1, 2024.



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# EASTER FLOWERS

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**5 BLOOM LILY                      \$11.00**

**6 INCH TULIP                      \$7.00**  
(PURPLE, YELLOW, OR PINK)

**6 INCH HYACINTH                \$8.00**  
(BLUE, PINK, OR WHITE)



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## This Week's Observances

Joseph Imhoff

It's difficult not to be aware that a certain celebration will be taking place this weekend. The newspapers and other media have been announcing it for weeks, Pittsburgh will host one of the biggest parades in the nation on Saturday, articles have been crammed with tips on authentic Irish food to prepare, advertisements for the purchase of proper libations abound and many establishments offer deals for celebrating the day. This takes place in the secular world and can be a lot of fun.

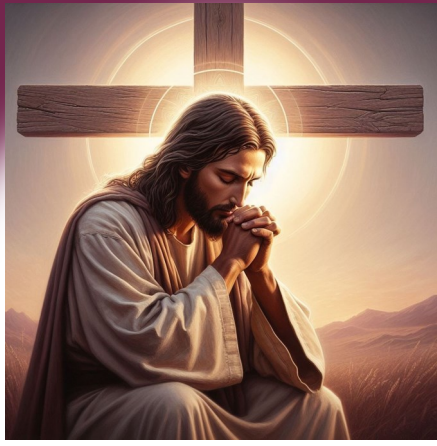
Christians have two observances to commemorate, **two Saints are remembered, St. Patrick and St. Joseph**, the dates being the 17th and 19th respectively. One has become more known for the commercial exploitation that is associated with it rather than its significance to the Church.

The real Patrick was born into a wealthy Christian family in Roman Britain A.D. 385 and as a teenager was captured and sent as a slave to Ireland. Escaping after six years and going home he studied to be a priest eventually returning to Ireland as a missionary to minister to the Christians already there and converting many more to the faith. He died on March 17, A.D. 461, though never canonized by the Church, which observes the day, he became known as a Saint by popular demand in Ireland and as the Irish spread throughout the world his commemoration followed.

**Joseph, Guardian of our Lord**, like Patrick, was not canonized by the Church for the position he holds in the life of the Church is far above what humans could honor. Little is known of his life and nothing is mentioned of him after Jesus at age 12 was found in the Temple in Jerusalem talking to the teachers and scholars. He is regarded as the patron saint of workers. Pope Pius IX declared him to the patron and protector of the Church. ~

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#### **FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

### **Called Where Jesus Goes**

It isn't only the first disciples who become uncomfortable when Jesus talked about his approaching death. We often do as well. Perhaps focusing on the crucifixion seems gruesome. Perhaps it conjures in us the (false) story of a divine parent who cannot forgive without punishing someone, with Jesus standing in as that one. Maybe it feels like a morbid emphasis on sin.

Jesus did not understand himself as the victim of divine punishment. He entered into suffering as a part of his glorification, working with—not against—his Father. He knows that human life has become twisted under the powers of sin and death so that if we grasp onto our “life in this world,” we will miss God’s gracious intention for us. Christ’s judgment of sin is not for our exclusion. Jesus never seeks to shame us, but condemns sin in order to deliver us from its power.

Perhaps, however, we shy away from talk of Christ’s death because we sense, on some level, that if our Lord must go to the cross, then so too must we. Jesus declares, “Whoever serves me must follow me.” Discipleship is a summons to die to ourselves and lose our life on this world’s terms. Paradoxically, this cruciform journey is the road to true fruitfulness and flourishing. It begins in our baptism and is nourished at the Lord’s table. It is sustained by the fellowship of faith, where together we hear the life-giving word of Jesus. It will find completion on the day of resurrection.

Our souls long for this way of salvation. Deep within us all, a voice whispers, “We wish to see Jesus.” God knows this need, so Jesus is lifted up to drive out the powers of sin and death. God’s unending mercy is displayed. For the same reason, we come together so that in hearing the word and sharing the eucharistic meal, and in our prayers, laments, and praises, Jesus may be lifted up to draw us, and all people, to salvation. ~

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## This Week at CLC:

**Don't Forget!! ...**

**Saturday, March 16 -**

Open House 7-8pm to meet the  
Call Committee Candidate.

**Sunday, March 17 -**

8:30am Sunday School

CLC Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am

**Sunday, March 17 - Special Congregational  
Meeting for a Call Vote; all active members  
please attend!**

**Monday**

**March 18 - 9:30-11:30am Food Pantry**

5-6 TOPS Club, 6-7 6:30-8pm ESL, 7-9pm Pain  
Clinic

**Tuesday**

**March 19 - 9am to 3pm 412 Food Rescue,  
6-8pm Violin**

**Wednesday**

**March 20 - 4-8pm Anchorpoint Community  
Counseling, 5-7pm FOOD PANTRY**

6:30-8pm ESL Tutoring,

**6-7pm Choir Practice**

**7-8pm Spiritual Drumming**

**Thursday**

**March 21 - 6pm ESL Tutoring ,  
6:30-7:30pm Boy Scouts Pack 162**

**Friday**

**March 22 - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY**

7pm NA meets-Library

**Saturday**

**March 23 - 9am AA meets in the Library**

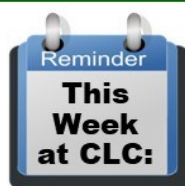
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**Sunday**

**March 24 -**

8:30am Sunday School

CLC Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am



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## Upcoming Commemorations



**Patrick, bishop, missionary to Ireland, died 461**

**Sunday, March 17, 2024**

A native of Britain, Patrick was kidnapped by pirates at age sixteen and sold into slavery in Ireland. After a few years, he escaped, returned home, and entered the ministry. Returning to Ireland, he successfully served as a bishop and missionary there.

**Joseph, Guardian of Jesus**

**Tuesday, March 19, 2024**

Though the Bible tells us little about the husband of Jesus' mother Mary, we know that he was a carpenter or builder by trade. He is also shown as being devoted both to God and to Mary and Jesus. It is assumed that he died before Jesus became an adult.



**Thomas Cranmer, Bishop of Canterbury, martyr, died 1556**

**Thursday, March 21, 2024**

Cranmer's lasting achievement is contributing to and overseeing the creation of the Book of Common Prayer, which remains (in revised form) the worship book of the Anglican Communion. He was burned at the stake under Queen Mary for his support of the Protestant Reformation.

**Jonathan Edwards, teacher, missionary to American Indians, died 1758**

**Friday, March 22, 2024**

A Puritan minister in Connecticut, Edwards is remembered as being a great preacher. Though his most famous sermon talks at length about hell, he was more concerned with God's love. He served both as missionary to the Housatonic people in Massachusetts, and as president of the future Princeton University.



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# Online Giving

No matter the amount, the most helpful way to give to the ministries of the congregation is regularly and consistently. Whether it's weekly or monthly, make a prayerful decision ahead of time this Lent, and commit to a consistent amount.

With our online giving platform, Vanco, it's super easy! Go to:

<https://www.clcmillvale.com/donate/>

See the **Online Giving Code** here, and **Thank You!**



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