



Come Worship with Us

September 1 at 9:30AM ♦ In-Person Worship

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

PSALM 15

2ND READING: James 1:17-27

GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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For good.

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Be doers of
the word

JAMES 1:22



Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life" (John 6:63). Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We who were washed in the word when we were born in the font return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts. ~

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RALLY DAY

Sunday, September 8th at 8:30am

**Fellowship will be outside after Worship,
and Ice Cream will be served.**



Sunday, October 6th at 3pm

Blessing of the Pets

Bring all your pets, big or small for a Blessing!

Invite your friends and neighbors!



**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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CLC Clothing the Community Day

We will be partnering with Trinity Lutheran Church in Gibsonia, PA, to distribute coats and clothing in our community. We will be accepting **NEW/ Gently used coats and fall clothing** for the CLC Clothing the Community Day on **October 5, 2024**. For this event we are inviting the community to come and select clothing. ***There is a box in the narthex for donations.***



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Sunday,
October 20th

Fall Festival Luncheon

after worship.

Please stay after worship for lunch and fellowship. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex.



Needed for
Sunday School:

- Big Legos,
- Dolls,
- White Boards,
- Chalk,
- Glue Sticks



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CLC is "in the neighborhood, for good!"

Your regular support and presence at church is vital to the ministry of our congregation. We are known in the community for the work we do and the relationships we build, and for the ways we offer our time, talents, and treasures to serve our neighbor. As a committed member of the church, please remember to send your offerings regularly, check your Weekly Update, and find ways to participate in this community of faith.

If you're new here, or just visiting, please take some time to get to know us!



CLC FOOD PANTRY

Donations are requested for
Instant Potatoes,
Canned Soup,
Pasta Sauce



The Food Pantry will be **CLOSED** on Labor Day, Sept. 2nd. It is Open Mondays & Fridays 9:30am to 11:30am, & on Wednesdays 5pm to 7pm.

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Food Pantry Volunteers:

If anyone is interested in volunteering at our Food Pantry, please talk with Pastor Tricia. The pantry serves the community every Monday and Friday from 9:30am to 11:30am and Wednesday from 5 pm-7pm. Everyone is welcome to help even if you cannot come every week but can only volunteer occasionally. Whatever help you can offer we will gladly accept.

We also receive a food truck once a month on the second Monday of the month from 412 Food Rescue and can always use help unloading.



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A Final Thought

Joseph Imhoff

Language has always fascinated me, the sounds, the rhythms, even foreign languages that I never studied but have an affinity for because I like opera where you hear French, Italian, German, occasionally Spanish or Czech and even English! From writing these columns, once monthly but now weekly I often use the German from college for original Luther writings, the year of high school Latin with Mrs. Haas for church references plus throwing in a little Greek and Hebrew.

Which brings me to an oft repeated phrase, “They changed the words!” Be it a hymn, a prayer, or a scripture reading, words of one particular version that have been ingrained over years of usage. Words and usage in a language change, usually over time as a natural evolution of pronunciation and meaning, unlike today where words have acquired unintentional connotations and suddenly become unspeakable. This is most noticeable in the various editions of the hymnal used over the years in the Lutheran Church.

The Authorized Edition of the Bible in English known as the King James version is a landmark of literature stemming from the time and writings of the style of Shakespeare, but people no longer use many of the words in the same way, some not at all, and scholarship has revised how some words are translated from the original sources. If one memorized Bible quotes years ago they sound foreign to modern ears. **Two items remain inviolate from 1611, The Lord’s Prayer and Psalm Twenty-Three!**

The liturgy and hymns are a different story, we now use the fourth book of worship and hymns since 1917, a little over 100 years. Over the years the ‘thee’s’, ‘thy’s’,

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'thine's', have been replaced by 'you's'. Words and phrases have been modernized with the common usage of today not 1917! In one way our congregation has an advantage, instead of looking down at the page of a book we look up to the screens on the walls of the nave, it is good to read the words we say rather than reciting them by rote. I find it helpful to read the liturgy lest I slip into the words from the SBH of 1958 or LBW of 1978 (still, it happens every once in a while!).

I was reminded how Dancing With The Stars had a Grease night using music from the soundtrack for the dances and atmosphere. The comparison of Rydell High School in 1958 to Shaler Area today would be close to the Service Book and Hymnal of 1958 to the new Evangelical Lutheran Worship we use today. **Even things that are the same have changed in many ways!** ~

With abiding hope in the resurrection to eternal life, we announce the death of Dorothy A. Bedel on Friday, August 23.

Dorothy was the mother of Linda A. Ruffing, grandmother of 3 and great-grandmother of 6. The service was Tuesday at Devlin's Funeral home. *Please keep the family in your prayers.* In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Christ Lutheran Church.





What Would Jesus Do?

At the outset, rules seem simple. They divide the world into good and bad and help us restore a measure of order to a chaotic world. Unfortunately, the same rules that we use to bring order out of chaos are often insufficient to deal with the complexity of our lives, which is one of the reasons there truly is an exception to every rule. This is also the reason we appoint judges: to interpret the law when it fails to adequately address the circumstance to which it is applied.

In Jesus' day the Pharisees and scribes were known for their strict observance of the law. So when they notice the disciples of Jesus eating with defiled hands, the Pharisees and scribes bring this perceived breach of the law to Jesus' attention. The law itself, which requires that people wash their hands before eating, originated from ancient purity laws. Jesus understands this and simultaneously upholds and re-frames the law by drawing his listeners' attention away from the washing of hands to what truly defiles. In doing so, Jesus acts as a judge and offers an interpretation of the law that both upholds its original intent of purity and absolves the disciples of wrongdoing. At the same time, he exposes the prioritization of human precepts over God's command and reminds us of God's sovereignty and compassion.

Rules are simple, but our world is not. **Through the incarnation, the Word made flesh, God meets us at the intersection of law and life.** In Jesus, God the judge enters our world in a new way and interprets the law. And through Jesus, we come to understand God's will in a messy world. Therefore, if we as Christians truly want to live out the will of God, we do well to start with that old and simple question **"What would Jesus do?"** ~

This Week at CLC:

Sunday, September 1

Sunday In-Person

Worship Service at 9:30am



Monday,

September 2 - LABOR DAY

The FOOD PANTRY will be closed.

Tuesday

**September 3 - 9:30-11:30am ESL in Library,
Violin**

Wednesday

**September 4 - 5-7pm FOOD PANTRY
6pm Choir Practice**

Thursday

September 5 - 6:30-7:30pm Boy Scouts

Friday

**September 6 - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY
7pm NA meets-Library**

Saturday

**September 7 - 9am AA meets in the Library
7pm NA meets in the Library**

Sunday, September 8

Sunday In-Person Worship Service at 9:30am

**RALLY DAY begins at 8:30am with Fellowship
outside after Worship. Ice Cream Social to fol-
low worship.**

September						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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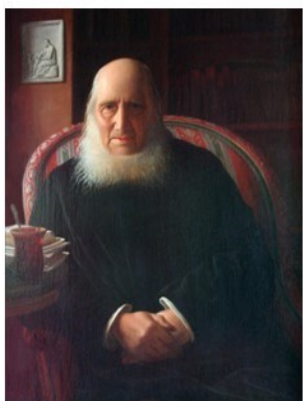
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Upcoming Commemorations



**Nikolai Frederik Severin Grundtvig, bishop, renewer of the church, died 1872
Monday, September 2, 2024**

Grundtvig was, with Søren Kierkegaard, one of the two great Danish theologians of the nineteenth century. As a pastor, he battled the prevalent idea that Christianity was more a philosophy than divine revelation. He wrote over a thousand hymns.



The Infant Room is temporarily closed.
If you need a Quiet Space, please use the room at the top of the stairs.

Otherwise, all children are welcome in worship, and able to play quietly and interact at our Pray Ground in the side aisle.

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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