



## *Come Worship with Us*

**September 15 at 9:30AM ♦ In-Person Worship**

**17th Sunday after Pentecost**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a**

**PSALM 116:1-9**

**2ND READING: James 3:1-12**

**GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38**

***Pastor Tricia Schneck Preaching***

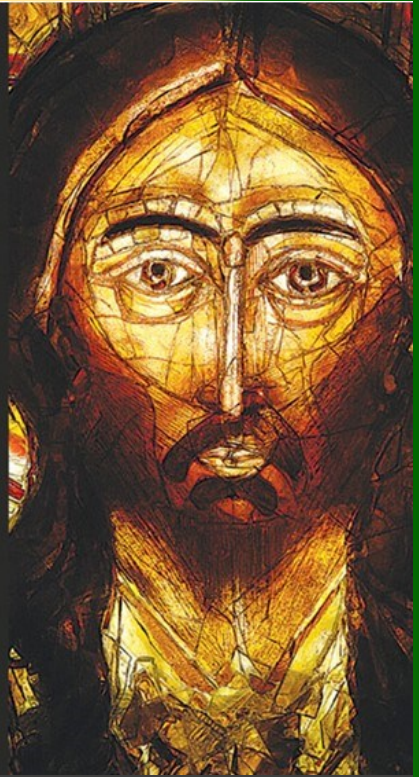
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# WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?

MARK 8:29



Three weeks ago we heard Peter's confession of faith as told in John's gospel. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of messiah) in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross. ~



**Baptized Today is**  
**Kaiden Matthew Seefeld**  
**Parents:**  
**Sarah and Matt Seefeld**



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In the neighborhood...  
For good.



## CLC Clothing the Community Day is Oct. 5

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 6th at 3pm

## **Blessing of the Pets**

Bring all your pets, big or small for a Blessing!  
Invite your friends and neighbors!



Sunday,  
October 13th

## **Fall Festival Luncheon**

after worship.

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

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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, and  
Pasta Sauce



The Food Pantry is Open Mondays and  
Fridays 9:30am to 11:30am, and 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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## Learning to Pray 2

Joseph Imhoff

In his Preface to Luther's Prayers by Herbert F. Brokering, Published by Augsburg Publishing House in 1967, he states, "More often this man breaks into prayer as abruptly as someone addressing a friend. He is as one in continual conversation with God." "It is clear that his faith and confession became devotion and prayer."

That small book contains only 232 of Luther's prayers of which I only scratched the surface matching them to the subject before the adult discussion group. It was Pastor Tom who remarked the prayers were always pertinent and often worthy of discussion by themselves.

Martin Luther wrote prayers about preparation for prayer, prayers on the petitions of The Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, the Apostles Creed and other subjects in The Small Catechism. The 44 prayers of one of the sections to The Lord's Prayer is titled, "A talk of the soul with God (1519)."

When his barber inquired how an ordinary working

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# Learning to Pray 2

man could pray without being disturbed by worldly thoughts and occupations he wrote the instructions (in brief synopsis):

## SIMPLE INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRAYER

Dear Peter, I want to tell you as well as I can, how I myself view and practice prayer. May our Lord God grant that you and others shall profit by it.

1. When I feel cold and indifferent to prayer (as the Devil hinders prayer) I take my Psalter to my room and repeat things children would recite like the Ten Commandments and the Creed, sayings of Christ or Paul or the Psalms.

2. Prayer should be made first thing in the morning and the last thing at night guarding against thoughts to do it at some later time lest it be omitted altogether.

3. Some duties may as good as or better than prayer, according to Jerome, "All works of the faithful are prayer; He who works faithfully prays doubly." The faithful person fears and honors God in his work.

4. Christ plainly speaks of unceasing prayer in Luke 11: Men ought always to pray. For we ought to guard continually against sin and wrong, which cannot be done where God is not feared and his commandments are not kept in mind.

5. We must guard ourselves against getting away from the right kind of prayer by deeming our own works necessary for the Devil is not idle nor inactive around us and our flesh is active and eager to sin.

To Be Continued ~

### 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!







## Falling in Line

It is never easy to think about bad things happening to the people we love. When unpleasant topics like illness or death come up, we're likely to say things like, "Oh, let's just not talk about it," or "It would never come to that!" So it is understandable that Peter scoffs when Jesus talks about his own suffering. Peter cannot fathom it. We, too, have a difficult time understanding God's ways, and like Peter, we sometimes resist when confronted with a hard truth.

However, Jesus is unfazed. There are many ways to interpret what he says in reply: Maybe it is a rebuke, calling Peter out when he got it wrong. It could be a protective statement, like a parent calling out to their small child who has run too far ahead on the street; it may sound harsh, but it is love. Or perhaps it could be Jesus calling his followers to fall in line—a call to action. "We have places to go," Jesus may be saying, "and you cannot follow from the front."

Whatever the case, Jesus points to the cross and warns of its costs. For his disciples, it will mean taking a stand against the powers of the world, perhaps even against their own families. In our baptism, we are marked with that same cross, and Jesus calls us to the same mission: to pick up our cross and follow him.

We live in a complicated world, and sometimes the path of discipleship is unclear. Sometimes we get it wrong, or get a little too far ahead, or lose our way entirely. But we trust in Jesus, our wise teacher, to lovingly correct us and set us on our way again. Through the cross, God gives us life and gives us freedom to go out, confront unpleasant truths, and do whatever we need to do for others. Nothing stands in our way. ~

## **This Week at CLC:**

**Sunday, September 15**

**Sunday School 8:30am**

**Sunday In-Person Worship Service  
at 9:30am**

**Baptism of Kaiden Matthew Seefeld**

**Monday**

**September 16 - 9:30-11:30am Food Pantry**

**5-6pm-TOPS, 6pm Council Meeting,**

**6pm Tai Chi, Violin**

**Tuesday**

**September 17 - 9:30-11:30am ESL in Library,  
Violin**

**Wednesday**

**September 18 - 5-7pm FOOD PANTRY**

**6pm Choir Practice**

**Thursday**

**September 19 - 6:30-7:30pm Boy Scouts in  
Library**

**Friday**

**September 20 - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD**

**PANTRY, 6-8pm Girl Scouts, 7pm NA meets-  
Library**

**Saturday**

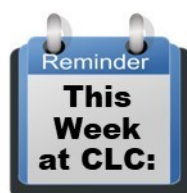
**September 21 - 9am AA meets in the Library**

**7pm NA meets in the Library**

**Sunday, September 22**

**Sunday School 8:30am**

**Sunday In-Person Worship Service at 9:30am**



September						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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## Upcoming Commemorations



**Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, martyr, died around 258**

**Monday, September 16, 2024**

Cyprian served as a bishop during a time of great persecution of Christians. He insisted on receiving back those who had left the faith under duress. He also provided medical care during a severe epidemic.



**Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, died 1179**

**Tuesday, September 17, 2024**

A mystic who was widely influential within the church, Hildegard advised and reproved kings and popes, wrote poems and hymns, and produced treatises in medicine, theology, and natural history. She was also a musician and artist.



**Dag Hammarskjöld, renewer of society, died 1961**

**Wednesday, September 18, 2024**

A Swedish diplomat, Hammarskjöld served as the second Secretary General of the United Nations until his death in a plane crash while trying to negotiate peace in present-day Zambia. His journal, published as *Markings*, revealed the depth of his Christian faith.

**Nelson Wesley Trout, bishop, died 1996 (TFF)**

**Friday, September 20, 2024**

A native of Ohio, Trout served parishes in several parts of the United States before being elected bishop of the South Pacific District of the American Lutheran Church, the first African American Lutheran to serve in such a capacity.



**Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

**Saturday, September 21, 2024**

Matthew (or Levi) was a tax collector in Capernaum for the Roman government. Tax collectors were frequently despised for dishonesty and for assisting the occupiers. Jesus nevertheless showed love for them, and chose Matthew to be a disciple.

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**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.**



**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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## PRAYER of the DAY

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



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