



Come Worship with Us

September 22 at 9:30AM ♦ In-Person Worship

18th Sunday after Pentecost

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 11:18-20

PSALM 54

2ND READING: James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a

GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

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Whoever
welcomes
one such child
in my name
welcomes me

MARK 9:37



Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly. ~

PRAYER of the DAY

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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In the neighborhood...
For good.



CLC Clothing the Community Day is Oct. 5

We are accepting NEW/Gently used coats and fall clothing for the CLC Clothing the Community Day on October 5, 2024 at 10am to 2pm.

We are also in need of volunteers.

Please arrive at 8am on October 5th to help! 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!



Donations are requested for:

- ◆ SPAGHETTIOS
- ◆ CANNED FRUIT
- ◆ STUFFING
- ◆ INSTANT POTATOES
- ◆ CANNED SOUP
- ◆ PASTA SAUCE

The Food Pantry is Open

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

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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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 3

Joseph Imhoff

The continuation of Martin Luther's instructions to his barber, Peter.

6. Now when the heart is aroused and has come to itself through such admonitions, kneel or stand with folded hands, look toward heaven, and think or say as briefly as you can: O heavenly Father, blessed God, I am a poor, forlorn sinner. I am not worthy to lift up my hands and eyes to you in prayer. But you have commanded us all to pray and have promised to hear us. You have taught us the words and the way to pray. Therefore, obedient to your command, and relying on your gracious promise, I come in the name Lord Jesus Christ and pray with all your holy Christians on earth, as he has taught us to pray: (Here is recited the Lord's Prayer).

After this, repeat a part or as much as you desire, beginning with the First Petition:

What follows at this point is each separate petition after the introductory, "Our Father who art in heaven.", then from one to three prayers based on that particular petition.

But Luther is by no means finished with his instruction: If I have the time and strength before the Lord's Prayer, I meditate on the Ten Commandments in a similar manner. Thus I take one after another, so that as far as possible

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I may be altogether free to pray each one. "I ask for help and strength to become devout and to keep your commandments. Amen."

And for good measure: He who still has time and inclination may do likewise with the Creed (Apostles'), making a four-strand wreath of it.

As you can see, Martin Luther was very serious in his teaching about prayer and its aspects remarking concerning the Lord's Prayer: It is a great pity that such a prayer of such a master should be chattered and babbled in all the world without devotion. Many perhaps pray a thousand Pater Nosters a year....they would still not have tasted or prayed one jot or tittle of it. For everybody grieves and abuses it, and few cheer and gladden it by rightly using it. ~

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!

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Last-place Finish

Top-ten lists, sports rankings, grade point averages: it is human nature to want to measure ourselves against others. People love competition. At its best, it can motivate us to reach new heights. However, it can also bring out our worst instincts.

Jesus understood this when he caught his disciples debating their own standing. By placing a child in their midst, he overturned their expectations. In Jesus' time, children were very low in the social order. His act was meant as a shocking reminder that in the kingdom of God, to be the greatest means to take last place behind the forgotten, the outcast, and people the world rejects.

Who are such people in our world today? How might we reach out to them and invite them into the center of our own circle? This can sometimes be difficult or unpleasant because it means putting ourselves in the background and forces us to confront difficult truths about our world and our own hearts.

Of course, in the grand scheme of things, none of us is worthy to be in the middle of the circle. We are all flawed and broken. But Jesus welcomes us anyway. He takes all of us into his arms and declares us worthy. We do not need to measure up to receive God's love. Because of this, we are set free to love and serve others, especially the marginalized and the vulnerable, humbly putting others first and seeking to meet their needs.

Whenever we gather for worship, it is a sign that God's love is not a competition. We are all bathed in the waters of baptism. We all gather in a place of honor to be fed at God's table. Returning again and again to God's promises, we find our place at the center, with and among all God's beloved children. ~

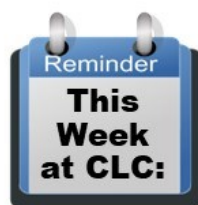
This Week at CLC:

Sunday, September 22

1st Day of Fall

Sunday School 8:30am

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



Monday

September 23 - 9:30-11:30am Food Pantry

5-6pm-TOPS, 6pm Yoga, 7-9pm Pain Support,
Violin

Tuesday

September 24 - 9:30-11:30am ESL in Library,
Violin

Wednesday

September 25 - 5-7pm FOOD PANTRY

6pm Choir Practice

Thursday

September 26 - ESL Event in Library

Friday

September 27 - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD

PANTRY, 7pm NA meets in Library

Saturday

September 28 - 9am AA meets in the Library

7pm NA meets in the Library

Sunday, September 29

Sunday School 8:30am

Sunday In-Person Worship Service at 9:30am

September						
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Upcoming Commemorations



Michael and All Angels

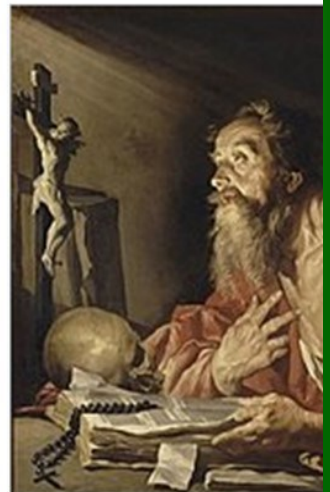
Sunday, September 29, 2024

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 Monday, September 30, 2024

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 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.

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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, and commit to a consistent amount.

With our online giving platform, Vanco, it's super easy! Go to: <https://www.clcmillvale.com/donate/>
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