

# COME WORSHIP WITH US

October 27 at 9:30

In person worship

Jeremiah 31:31-34

FIRST READING

Roamans 3:19-28

SECOND READING

John 8:31-36

GOSPEL

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## **CHURCH**

#### WEEKLY BULLETIN

OCTOBER 27, 2024

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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# REFORMATION SUNDAY



Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

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# SOMNG EVENS

#### All Saints Sunday

On Nov. 3rd, we will be remembering loved ones that have passed. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex and names will be read aloud that morning.



# FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS



#### November 10th:

First Holy Communion, Receiving new members and Bishop Kusserow presiding and preaching. Cake and refreshments following the worship service.

#### Infant Room/Children

All children are welcome in worship and can play quietly at our pray ground in the side aisle. If you need a quiet space, please use the room at the top of the stairs.

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# DONATION ITEMS NEEDED FOR THANKSGIVING...

- Stuffing
- Potatoes
- Canned Yams
- Cranberry Sauce
- Green Beans
- Corn
- Gravy

Donation box will be in the Narthex





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## FOOD PANTRY AT CLC

The food pantry is open Mon. & Fri. 9:30-11:30am, and on Wed. from 5-7pm





Whatever help you can offer, we will gladly accept.

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



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#### CLC IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD FOR GOOD

From the Desk of Pastor Tricia

Our Clothing the Community Day was a huge success! We had 30 volunteers coming and going throughout the day. Thank you to everyone who sorted clothes leading up to the event, set up, helped people in the community and cleaned up. All of those hands made the work much lighter. Members of the community were so appreciative to get clothes, shoes, coats and gloves. I was thanked numerous times and had a few folks say they couldn't believe it was all free. It was also nice to have volunteers from my husband Tony's church, Trinity Lutheran Church in Gibsonia. We hope to collaborate with them for other events. It was a wonderful day of caring for others, fellowship and showing the community we are "In the Neighborhood for Good".

On Sunday, there were 20 pets and 30 humans that came for our blessing of the pets. We were outside on a particularly sunny October day with dogs, cats and a bearded dragon. It was a nice event, and each animal received a treat bag as they left.

I look for forward to more community events in the future as we let the community know we are welcoming, alive and doing God's work.

Blessings to you all, Pastor Tricia



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### THIS WEEK AT CLC



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#### Sunday, October 27

8:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am In-person worship service

#### Monday, October 28

9:30–11:30 am Food Pantry 5–6 pm Tops Club, Tai Chi, Violin

#### Tuesday, October 29

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

#### Wednesday, October 30

5-7 pm Food Pantry 6pm Choir

#### Thursday, October 31

6:30-7 pm Scouts

#### Friday, November 1

9:30-11:30 am Food Pantry 7 pm NA meets in Library 6-8 Girl Scouts

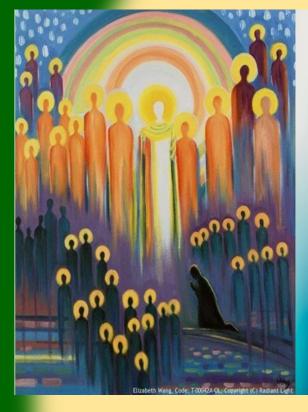
#### Saturday, November 2

9 am AA meets in Library 7 pm NA meets in Library



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### ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

On November 3rd we will remember Loved Ones who have passed.

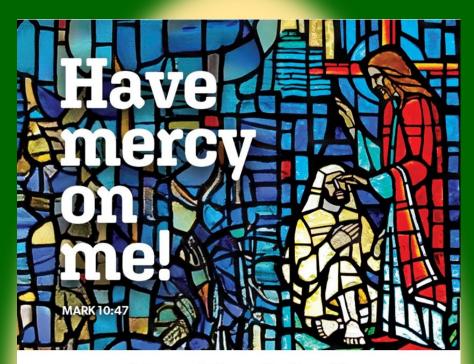
There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex and names will be read aloud that morning.

### **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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#### Hear Me, O God!

This week we get a beautiful little glimpse of scripture that mirrors real life. Here is Bartimaeus, shouting to be heard. The crowd tries to shush him, but it just emboldens him to be louder. Perhaps you can relate: Have you ever seen a child trying to get their parent's attention, tugging on their pant leg and getting louder by the minute?

In worship it might feel like we are stuck in a "groundhog's day" kind of repetition, trying to get God's attention: "O Lord, have mercy on us! Bring your justice. Bring your peace. Forgive us." Week after week, most of the liturgy we hear, speak, and sing together is the same. The needs in the world around us seem constant, and sometimes it feels like God is ignoring our requests. And yet, this gospel story is a good reminder that repetition is not a bad thing.

Jesus stands still, calls Bartimaeus over, and asks him what he needs. In the end, not only can Bartimaeus see again, but he begins to follow Jesus.

essential to who we are as Christian community. Within our worship each week, we give voice to what is in our hearts and minds, entrusting it all to God's care. The repetition might feel tedious, and it is hard to trust the slow work of God. But perhaps hearing these words over and over again shapes us into seeing God more clearly in our everyday life. As we continue to show up and ask for Christ's mercy, perhaps our ears and hearts become more open to listening to our neighbors' voices as well—especially those who are marginalized and sidelined in our midst: people of color, women, those who are differently abled, and even our little ones. How can we have empathy for those who have to speak louder and more often just to be seen and heard? ~

#### **Upcoming Commemorations**



# Simon and Jude, Apostles Monday, October 28, 2024 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.



#### **Reformation Day**

Thursday, October 31, 2024
By the end of the seventeenth century, many Lutheran churches celebrated a festival commemorating Martin Luther's posting of the Ninety-five Theses, a summary of abuses in the church of

his time. At the heart of the reform movement was the gospel, the good news that it is by grace through faith that we are justified and set free.



#### All Saints Day Friday, November 1, 2024

The custom of commemorating all of the saints of the church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. All Saints Day celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. On this day

or the following Sunday, many congregations will remember the faithful who have died during the past year.



#### 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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