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CLC Weekly Update - April 24, 2022
The Second Sunday of Easter
IN-PERSON WORSHIP
this Sunday, April 24 at 9:30AM
Pastor Erin Evans preaching

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WORSHIP WITH US
The Second Sunday of Easter

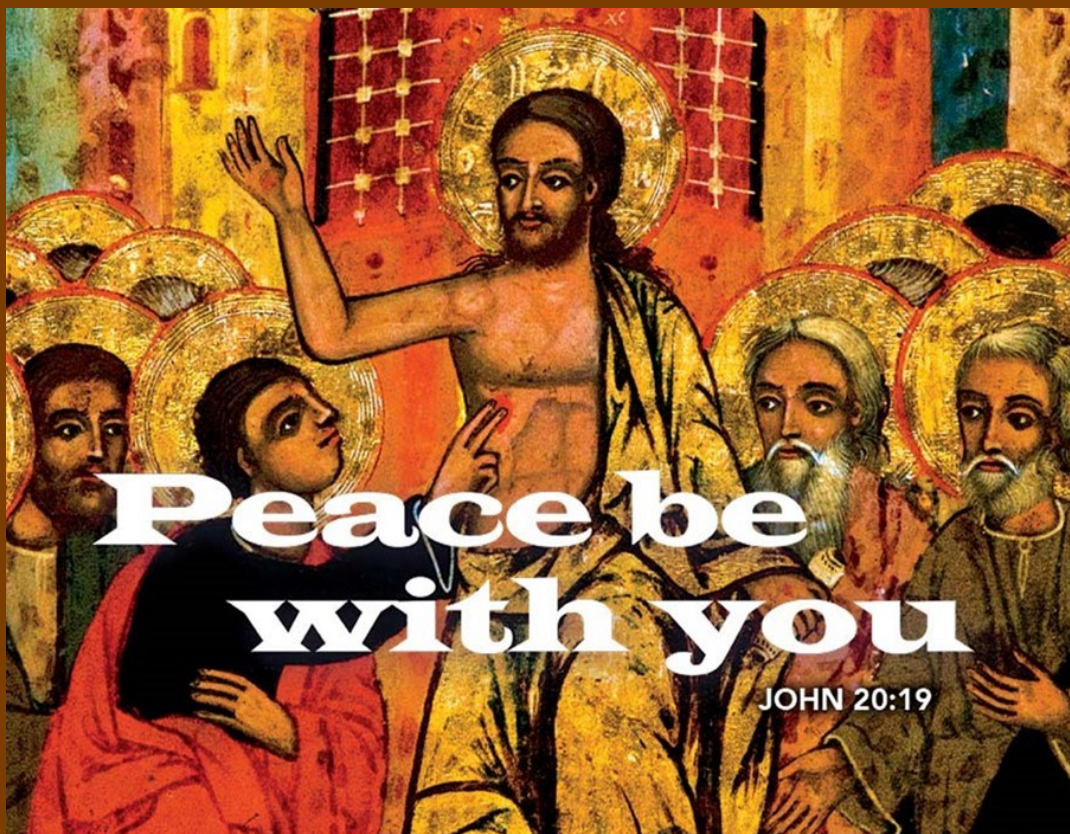
First Lesson: Acts 5:27-32

Psalm 118:14-29

Second Lesson: Revelation 1:4-8

Gospel: John 20:19-31

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In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

Baptism on April 24th

Join us in welcoming Eltion "Tony" Kosova with the sacrament of Holy Baptism this Sunday!

Tony has been worshipping with us for several years now, with his wife Emily Kosova.

We'll have coffee and light refreshments afterward, so plan to attend this special morning.



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CLC Food Pantry gave away
54 complete ham dinners for Easter!
A whole ham and all the sides!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED
AND VOLUNTEERED!



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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

CHURCH PICNIC POTLUCK

Bring a side or dessert to share, and don't
forget your play clothes! Lunch and
fellowship followed by fun and games!

JUNE 5th after worship - Rain or shine!

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food pantry hours



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
MONDAY AND FRIDAY
MORNINGS 9:30-11:30

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS
5:00PM-7:00PM

IMMEDIATE NEEDS:
COFFEE AND JELLY



On Easter Sunday CLC volunteers delivered Easter Flowers to our members in nursing homes and those who are homebound.

In the coming months, we want to rebuild our Home Communion Team, so let Pastor Erin know if you'd be willing to be a trained Lay Communion Visitor!

UKRAINE - LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

Thanks to your generosity we were able to send \$3279 to Lutheran Disaster Response for help with refugees fleeing the war in Ukraine. Read more here about what LDR does. LDR is currently on the ground working with other partners and local churches to serve refugees from Ukraine in several Eastern European countries.

<https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/Our-Impact/Eastern-Europe-Crisis-Response>

pray & crochet

No matter your skill level, we'll pray together and make blankets for those who might need an extra layer of compassion. Join us!

Pray&Crochet is cancelled for April.



Feel free to come get more yarn from our donation closet to keep making laprobes!

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REGISTRATION FOR CAMP LUTHERLYN

For more than seventy 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. In addition to summer camp programs for school age children and teens, Lutherlyn offers Family Camp for campers of ANY age to enjoy.

CLC has scholarship money available for all young persons who would like to attend camp! Please speak to Ray Lardin, CLC Treasurer, for info regarding our scholarship, and speak to Pastor Erin with any questions about the outdoor ministry experience! Visit online at: https://www.lutherlyn.com/summercamp/summer_overview.html or call the office at 412-821-4300 for a flier.

I Had a Hunch

Joseph Imhoff

The Second Sunday of Easter, once designated the First Sunday 'After' Easter, was given a Latin name in centuries gone by, Quasi Modo Geniti which was the Introit or opening theme for the service that day. It's taken from the First Letter of St. Peter, 2:2, "Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation." All of the lessons for that day revolved about receiving a blessing from God, Jacob by wrestling with the stranger (God), the infant Church through those who believed in the Word, and disciples from Christ when he met with them after the Resurrection. This tradition disappeared when the Church adopted a three year cycle of lessons in order to include more readings that were never read during services.

The closest most people today come to the term is the main character in Victor Hugo's novel, *The Hunchback*

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of Notre Dame, Quasimodo, who was found by Monsiegnur Frolo inside Notre Dame where orphans and unwanted children were dropped off and had him named after the day. This was also a day when many infants who had been born during Lent when baptisms were not performed were finally baptized.

Though the Introit is directed at adults on seeking the true Word of God, it serves as a reminder that there are children among who need to be cared for, that we should preserve the spirit of the children of God.

Today, if all goes according to plan, Christ Lutheran Church will celebrate a Baptism as an entry into the body of believers of Christ! As a reminder, there is no age requirement for the Sacrament to be performed as all members present are in effect renewing vows made for them or they made themselves at the time of their Baptism. ~



An Interfaith Call to Peace for Ukraine

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Though we have been anxious about the recent growing tensions between Ukraine and Russia and between Russia and the NATO countries in recent weeks, we remain deeply concerned, as we have been since 2014, for the impact of this ongoing conflict on innocent civilians throughout Ukraine.

All our religious traditions call us to pray and work for peace. We join our voices and hands together. We must open our eyes to those who are suffering, and we cannot remain indifferent to the injustice this conflict has brought on the people of Ukraine and may bring on people of neighboring countries.

We call on all those involved—whether governments, movements or individuals—to repent of aggression and violence, and turn instead to the way of peace through dialogue. We also call upon the faithful people of our congregations and communities to pray for wisdom, peace and justice to prevail in Ukraine.

Join us as we pray: Oh Divine, most mighty, most merciful, our sacred stories tell us that you help and save your people. You are the fortress: may there be no more war. You are the harvest: may there be no more hunger. You are the light: may no one die alone or in despair. Oh Divine, most majestic, most motherly, grant us your life. Amen.

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton

Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Wounded Healer



The Sunday after Easter can feel a little bit like a crash, a return to normalcy after a day of unmatched celebration. And yet this is where we live most of our lives: not in celebration, but struggling to make ends meet, doing our best to love our imperfect partners and kids, holding on to our faith in humanity when people do terrible things, and dealing with our own kinds of adversity, hurt, and loss. This is why we need to hear from the one who missed everything, the one who still has a lot of questions, the one who is not afraid to open up about his own doubt and fear.

It's revealing that the one thing Thomas asks to see is Jesus' scars. He is not looking for another miracle or celebration. His connection to Jesus is through his humanity, through his suffering, through the things that Thomas could identify with and understand.

Very often when we are at a crossroads of being trapped in our grief, depression, or anger on the one hand and the possibility of moving through on the other, the only person we can really trust is someone who has been there before, someone who has walked the road we are traveling and lived to tell about it.

That's why Christ stands among us today not as one who has finally escaped our humanity but as one who is still identified by those marks of love and sacrifice. We see in his wounds a reflection of our own pain. When we gather at the table to see and touch for ourselves, we know that the risen life he extends to us is real. No matter how many times we missed it the first time, Jesus reaches out to include us in the promise of Easter: "Here is my body, here is my blood. Do not doubt, but believe."

And we, for the first or the thousandth time, reply, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28). ~

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Upcoming Commemorations

Mark, Evangelist

Monday, April 25, 2022

He was not numbered among the twelve apostles, yet Mark was probably a member of the early church community. The gospel that bears his name is the shortest and most direct, and many scholars think it was the first to be written.

Catherine of Siena, theologian, died 1380

Friday, April 29, 2022

This theologian was the first woman among Roman Catholics to receive the title "Doctor [teacher] of the Church." Catherine was a Dominican sister known for her mystical visions as well as her work on behalf of people who were poor and imprisoned.



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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