

# March 31 at 9:30AM - In-Person Worship WORSHIP WITH US

## **Resurrection of Our Lord**

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43 PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24 SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8

**Pastor Erin Evans Preaching** 

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Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia! ~\_\_\_\_\_

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PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE PASTOR ERIN AND WISH HER WELL!

# Farewell Gathering for Pastor Erin Evans

Sunday, April 21 | 4pm GRIST HOUSE BREWERY 10 E Sherman St, Millvale, PA 15209



ALL ARE WELCOME! NO RSVP NEEDED!

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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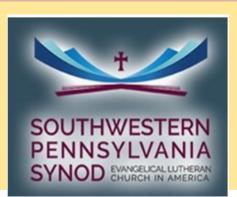
Welcome PASTOR TRICIA SCHNECK

CLC has called a new pastor to serve our church!

The Rev. Tricia Schneck will begin her call here on May 1st.

Look for more information soon about this important news for our congregation.





## SWPA Synod Assembly 2024

Friday, June 14 @ 9:30 AM - Saturday, June 15 @ 12:30 PM PennWest California (Formerly Cal-U)

swpasynod.org/assembly2024

Registration opens April 1. Voting members from your congregation have an important responsibility on behalf of all the members of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. This assembly is the highest legislative authority of our synod; they will be making decisions that impact 143 congregations covering 10 counties in southwest PA. Please speak with Pastor Erin or Lennie Jansen if you'd like to attend. ~

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## CAMP LUTHERLYN

For seventy-five 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.

CLC has had a long relationship with Lutheran Outdoor Ministries at Lutherlyn and has scholarship funding available for YOUR child to attend a week at camp this summer! Check out <u>https://www.lutherlyn.com/</u> <u>summercamp</u> for all the details.

Camp Lutherlyn is located in Prospect, PA. Go visit for FREE on May 11th for their Annual CAMP BLAST showcase to learn about all camp has to offer!

> Donations are requested for PEANUT BUTTER and JELLY

The Food Pantry is Open Mondays and Fridays from 9:30am to 11:30am, and on Wednesdays from 5pm to 7pm.

## Gracing the Altar today:

Easter Flower memorials and honors...

In Memory of: Lynn Campbell Ray and Ethel Davis Frank Galioto Gary Gosnell John and AnnaMae Gosnell Mr. and Mrs. Alvin MItesser Jr. Bill and Elsie Senk William Webb In Honor of: Herbert Weinbrenner



## On the First Day of the Week

Joseph Imhoff

The first day of the week was a workday, the city of Jerusalem was waking up after the Sabbath, a day of rest as commanded by God in the Law handed down to Moses, God had rested on the seventh day after Creation. For some this may have been the beginning of an ordinary weekday, for others it was a time of uncertainty considering the traumatic events which had occurred on the sixth day. a trial, a crucifixion!

"After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb." (Matt 28: 1) This morning's Gospel. Each Gospel is in agreement that this was the first day of the week, Luke adding, "On the sabbath day they rested according to the commandment." (23: 56)

Though our calendar shows Sunday as being the first day of the week Christians have shifted the emphasis of the day of rest to it but just think:

The Crucifixion took place on Shishi, the sixth day, our Friday, counted as day one. The next day beginning at sundown, was Shabbat, a day of rest, our Saturday, counted as day two. The third day, beginning at sundown of our Saturday, was the first day of the week, Rishon, a work day. God went to work on the first day of the week by raising Christ from the dead, Easter.

What does this mean for Christians. Sunday is our workday, and not just for pastors, but for all, not only that church thing in the morning for an hour or so but the entire day.

God may have rested after his labors but it is now our responsibility to make certain things remain 'Good' as He intended! Christ Lutheran Church has formidable task ahead of it, internally and out in the community. **CLC intends to remain In the Neighborhood for Good, if we work together it WILL!** 

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### RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, EASTER DAY It's Not Over Yet

Today

When you think back over your favorite books, do you remember the endings? If the story leads to a satisfying conclusion, even if the plot twists and turns, the writer keeps our attention. When we commit to a book, we put a lot of faith in the author to tell a good story and to wrap up their tale in a way that makes sense. When the ending is unclear or unbelievable, we wish we hadn't invested so much time in their book.

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When Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome brought spices to Jesus' tomb, they thought they knew the ending of his story. Jesus' death on the cross brought his ministry to an abrupt conclusion. There was nothing left to do but show their devotion by anointing him with spices. How surprised the women must have been to hear that Jesus' story hadn't ended after all! He had been raised. He was going ahead of his followers to Galilee. They would see him again!

To us, this story of Jesus' resurrection is familiar, so we hear it as good news. For the women, though, it was terrifying. This wasn't how they expected Jesus' story to turn out. They had seen him die on the cross, and now they were being told he was alive? They didn't know what to make of this twist in Jesus' story. They were so afraid that they fled.

The women ran away because they were shocked when the story didn't turn out the way they expected. But soon they would learn that this was a happy ending: Where they had seen death, God made a way for new life! What seemed like the conclusion was actually a beginning. It was the dawn of a new day, a resurrection day. As followers of Jesus, we don't know what our future holds or how our stories will end, but we can trust that Jesus is alive. He goes ahead of us, leading us into a future full of God's love and grace. ~

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#### **Upcoming Commemorations**

### John Donne, poet, died 1631 Sunay, March 31, 2024

After finishing his education at Oxford University, Donne seemed headed for a career in the English public service. But a series of circumstances led him into the ordained ministry. He is well known as a writer of both secular and sacred poetry.





#### Benedict the African, confessor, died 1589

#### Thursday, April 4, 2023

Born into slavery on the island of Sicily, Benedict lived as a hermit until the pope ordered all hermits to attach themselves to a monastery, at which time Benedict joined the Franciscans. Though illiterate, he was highly respected as a confessor

and later superior of his community.

### Albrecht Dürer, died 1528; Matthias Grünewald, died 1529; Lucas Cranach, died 1553; artists Saturday, April 6, 2024

These great artists revealed through their work the mystery of salvation and the wonder of creation. Dürer's work reflected the apocalyptic spirit of his time. Though he remained a Roman Catholic, he was sympathetic to Martin Luther's reforming work. Grünewald's paintings are known



for their dramatic forms, vivid colors, and depiction of light. Cranach's work includes many fine religious examples and several portraits of Martin Luther. Cranach was also widely known for his woodcuts.

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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 this Lent, and commit to a consistent amount.

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#### https://www.clcmillvale.com/donate/

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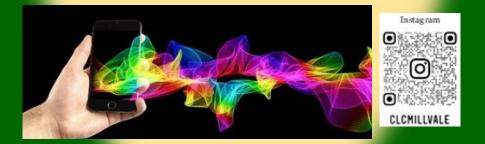
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