



July 14 at 9:30AM ♦ In-Person Worship

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

FIRST READING: 7:7-15

PSALM 85:8-13

2ND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

GOSPEL: Mark 6:14-29

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For good.

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**John
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MARK 6:20

When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God's saving love. ~

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In-the-Spirit!



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Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, July 16th at 6:30pm.

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!



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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.

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

CLC FOOD PANTRY

Donations are requested for
Shampoo & Conditioner,
Canned Fruit,
SpaghettiOs,
and Toilet Paper



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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.

Camp Lutherlyn is located in Prospect, PA.

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! See Pastor Tricia or Ray Lardin for details.

Check out [www.https://
www.lutherlyn.com/summercamp](https://www.lutherlyn.com/summercamp)

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Changes

Joseph Imhoff

As many who were in church last Sunday or tuned in to the broadcast on Facebook there was a noticeable change in the service music. The liturgy moved from Setting 8 to Setting 3, the words are mostly the same only the tune is different. It's unique in that it binds us to the Church of every time and every place. It evolved from the old Hebrew synagogue traditions that early Christians knew and the teachings of Christ. Becoming the Mass as an amalgamation of practices from churches and councils all around the Roman Empire then, within the Church itself and even today subtle changes continue to be made.

At the time of the Reformation Martin Luther decided not to break with the tradition that the people were comfortable with; he understood the people had to be involved. As Pastor Paul Himmelman, son of the President of The Pittsburgh Synod in the 1950s, explained (*paraphrased*); In church the congregation isn't the audience with the pastor asking God to perform but rather **God is the audience**, the pastor the director, and the congregation the actors!

From the very opening the congregation is put to work by asking God's indulgence either in the short Greek version, Kyrie - Lord have mercy, or the Hymn of Praise either from the Angel announcing to the shepherds, or festive Resurrection and victory. At each step we respond to the hearing of God's word with thanks or ask for it as in, "Lord to whom shall we go, You have the words of eternal life."

Arriving at the Communion we first extend a greeting to what we are about to come to us, at Communion we ask to be worthy recipients through grace, and afterward we depart joyfully knowing God goes with us!

The service is the work of the people. **I invite all to participate as we are all the actors with God as our audience.** ~

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Risk-taking Witness

What makes a good leader? Confidence, compassion, or courage? Popularity and prestige? A quick Google search offers no shortage of books, articles, and classes on leadership. And it's no wonder: organizations, communities, and entire governments depend on the abilities of those who step into decision-making roles. A good leader can inspire the masses and impact the world in profoundly positive ways, while a corrupt leader can cause entire systems to crumble, resulting in devastation for individuals and communities alike.

It turns out these concepts are not new. Scripture has much to say about the qualities of leaders and the consequences of their decisions. The Bible offers several stories of faithful leaders: those who think about what is best for the whole community, particularly the people who are most vulnerable. These kinds of leaders follow God's call at great personal risk. John the Baptist is just one example.

Meanwhile, corrupt leaders are most concerned with self-preservation. They are governed by fear and greed, easily threatened by those on the margins. Herod finds himself in this position. While he may have been intrigued by John, saving his own reputation mattered more to him than John's life. The result is nothing short of horrific, culminating with an innocent man's head on a platter.

Our world is full of leaders who wield their power for their own benefit. But the good news is, God continues to call faithful leaders who pave the way with risk-taking, truth-telling witness. This type of leadership is not easy, and the personal risk is great. John's story illustrates this in alarming ways. And yet, John's story is not defined by his death—in Christ, his prophetic words and deeds echo through the ages. His impact lives on, calling us to the humble, compassionate way of Jesus.

So, what kind of leader will you be? And whom will you choose to follow? ~

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This Week at CLC:

Sunday, July 14

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



Monday

July 15 - 9:30-11:30am FOOD PANTRY

5-6pm TOPS CLUB, 6pm Tai Chi, 6:30-8pm ESL
6pm Council Meeting, Violin

Tuesday

**July 16 - 9:30-11:30am ESL in Library, Violin
Fellowship Committee Meeting 6:30pm**

Wednesday

July 17 - 5-7pm FOOD PANTRY

Thursday

July 18

Friday

July 19 - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY

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

Saturday

July 20 - 9am AA meets in the Library

7pm NA meets in the Library

Sunday

**July 21 - Sunday In-Person Worship Service
at 9:30am**

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Upcoming Commemorations

**Bartolomé de Las Casas, missionary to the Indies, died 1566
Wednesday, July 17, 2024**



A native of Spain, Las Casas first came to the Western hemisphere while serving in the military. Upon arriving in the West, Las Casas was granted a large estate with Indigenous enslaved people whom he freed after he was ordained a priest. He worked in the Caribbean and Central America to improve the lives of the native peoples.



**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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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 Easter, and commit to a consistent amount.

With our online giving platform, Vanco, it's super easy! Go to: <https://www.clcmillvale.com/donate/>
See the **Online Giving Code** above, and **Thank You!**

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