



July 28 at 9:30AM ♦ In-Person Worship
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4:42-44

PSALM 145:10-18

2ND READING: Ephesians 3:14-21

GOSPEL: John 6:1-21

Pastor Morgan Preaching

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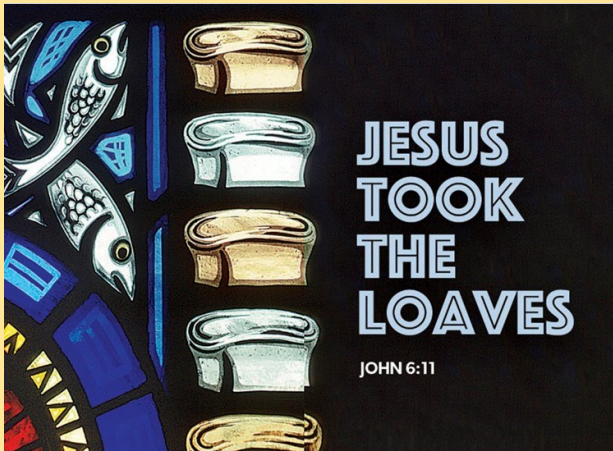


In the neighborhood...
For good.

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Pastor Tricia will be on vacation from July 27th to Aug 4th. Pastor Morgan will be here for Sunday July 28th and Sunday Aug. 4th. If you have an emergency, call the office and leave a message, the Pastor on call will get back to you.



Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.. ~

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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!



CLC FOOD PANTRY

Donations are requested for
Shampoo & Conditioner,
Spaghetti Sauce,
Canned Fruit,
Laundry Pods
and Toilet Paper



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

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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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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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Listen Up

Joseph Imhoff

We have now reached the second division of the service. **WORD:** Words are the essential communication among human beings and with their God. But here various voices are heard, often in dialogue, in instruction, in story, in praise.

Three types of lessons are the rule, the first is usually from the Old Testament, stories of events happening to the people chosen by God, the prophets with words of judgement and hope, literature of praise, instruction, visions of the future. The exception is the Easter Season when selections from Acts of the Apostles are read. This first and later second readings are usually assigned to the assisting minister. To which we reply, "Thanks be to God!"

The Psalm is next and a chance to join voices in some of the oldest songs of faith we know. Most are from the Book Of Psalms but others appear throughout scripture, Mary's is the most famous but others come from Moses, Miriam, Hannah, Isaiah, to name a few. This is led by a cantor and choir with all joining in as indicated.

The next selection will be from one of the letters in the **New Testament or The Book of Revelation** which can be instructional, complimentary, or scolding. We again thank God for his words.

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In joy we cry out with “Alleluias” or “You have the words of eternal life” anticipating the announcement of the Gospel for the day and giving glory to God for hearing his word. The presiding minister or the preacher for the day gives us the words of Jesus. The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke are read in a three year cycle while John is read throughout each cycle. To this we respond, “Praise to you, oh Christ.”

A thread of continuity ties the readings and Psalm together as a theme for the day, though sometimes it’s not very obvious at first hearing if at all.

A new voice brings us the sermon to elucidate what we have already heard, instruct the congregation, give perspective to present day happenings in light of Christian teachings, an unenviable task. The congregation can now rise up and sing the **hymn of the day** often echoing the thoughts presented in the sermon. Martin Luther and several others wrote lengthy hymns condensing their sermons into song!

The time has come for us to publicly state our beliefs before God and in the presence of others using one of the three accepted creeds of the Christian Church: **The Apostles Creed, The Nicene Creed, and on rare occasions, The Athanasian Creed.**

With the whole people of God we then offer **our prayers**, for the Church, for those in need, for God’s creation, concerns that we feel deeply about. All these things are placed in God’s hands as we pray them in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

The peace of Christ is now shared among the congregation, what once were only words spoken and responded to became an active participation for all present until health concerns needed to be taken into consideration.

We are now ready to participate in what is the ultimate expression of Christian fellowship! ~

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Will There Be Enough?

“Will there be enough?” This is perhaps a question as old as humanity itself. Will there be enough money? Enough food? Enough time? It’s a question that threatens to consume our faith communities. Will there be enough volunteers? Enough preachers? Enough money in the offering plate? Enough people in the pews? Will there be enough donations or energy or creativity to carry us through?

We aren’t alone in these fears. The disciples asked the same of Jesus. “Will there be enough to eat?” Surely, a few loaves of bread and a couple of fish could never feed this crowd. Better to send the people away to fend for themselves.

Perhaps like the disciples, we tend to panic and turn inward when resources start to dwindle. And yet, again and again, God calls us together, taking our fears and transforming them into gifts of abundance. A few crumbs become a feast. A hungry crowd becomes a community bearing witness to God’s grace.

This story is an antidote to our anxious times, when we are tempted to cling, to hoard, to squander away resources for an uncertain future. Miraculous things happen when we open our fists and trust that with God, all things are possible.

This is not an easy mindset to hold, so together, we practice! We practice a theology of “enoughness” each week when we share communion with one another. We witness the tremendous power of a little bread and a little wine to sustain us on our journey. We practice generosity when we pass the offering plate, turning our meager offerings into a gift for the greater good. We witness how the gifts and talents of a community come together to create something that on our own would never have been possible. **Because, in Christ, there is always more than enough.** ~

This Week at CLC:

Sunday, July 28

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



Monday

July 29 - 9:30-11:30am FOOD PANTRY
5-6pm TOPS CLUB, 6pm Tai Chi,
Violin

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

July 31 - 5-7pm FOOD PANTRY

Thursday

August 1

Friday

August 2 - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY
7pm NA meets-Library

Saturday

August 3 - 9am AA meets in the Library
7pm NA meets in the Library

Sunday

August 4

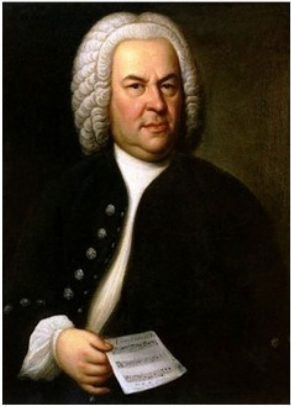
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Upcoming Commemorations



**Johann Sebastian Bach, died 1750; Heinrich Schütz, died 1672; George Frederick Handel, died 1759; musicians
Sunday, July 28, 2024**

These three German-born musicians have done much to enrich the life of the church. Schütz was an early master who focused on settings of biblical texts. Bach wrote over 300 cantatas along with works for organ and instrumental pieces, and has been called the "fifth evangelist" for the way he proclaimed the gospel in music. Handel's great work, *Messiah*, is a setting of scriptural texts.



**Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany
Monday, July 29, 2024**

Friends of Jesus, Mary and Martha are remembered for the hospitality of their home that they offered him—Martha focused on serving their guest, and Mary on listening to him. Their brother Lazarus was raised from the dead as a sign of the greater resurrection to come.



**Olaf, King of Norway, martyr, died 1030
Monday, July 29, 2024**

Considered the patron saint of Norway, Olaf went from a life of piracy to becoming Christian and declaring himself king of Norway. He revised the laws and tried to administer them fairly. Driven from Norway in a rebellion, he was killed in battle trying to regain his kingdom.



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See the **Online Giving Code** above, and **Thank You!**

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