



The Sundays of
PENTECOST

*Come
Worship
with Us*

July 7 at 9:30AM ♦ In-Person Worship
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 2:1-5

PSALM 123

2ND READING: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

GOSPEL: Mark 6:1-13

Pastor Tricia Schneck Preaching

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In the neighborhood...
For good.

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Jesus began to
send them out
two by
two

MARK 6:7

Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the “between”: between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent. ~

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In the Spirit!



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Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee will be meeting on Monday, July 8th at 6:30pm.

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,
SpaghettiOs, Syrup
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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A Day of Celebration

Joseph Imhoff

This past week on Thursday, July 4, 2024, our country celebrated the 248th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. There were parades, picnics, all manner of public presentations and, of course, fireworks. It is one of the few federal holidays exempt from the Uniform Monday Holiday Act of 1968 which took effect in 1971.

It is significant that the members of the Continental Congress did not credit their own wisdom or ideas for such a document but in something greater than themselves!

“We hold these Truths to be self evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among them are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.”

The Independence of colonies from Great Britain which would later be known as the United States of America. After the Declaration was approved and sent to the printers, John Adams wrote to his wife of July 2, “... Independence Day will be celebrated by succeeding generations ... as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty.

Jesus only references government with, “Render unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar’s, and unto God the things that are God’s.” St. Paul in Romans elaborates about being subject to governing authorities and encourages good citizenship while holding the Kingdom of God as the first priority.

To this point Evangelical Lutheran Worship, the new red book, has lessons and a prayer for a national holiday, one very appropriate that we should ponder this weekend.

Lord of all the worlds, guide this nation by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give to all our people the blessings of well-being and harmony, but above all these things give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** ~

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Sent Out

In today's gospel reading, Jesus sends the disciples out on their own (in pairs, but without him) to spread his message, and he gives them a packing list: no food, no bag, no money, no extra clothes—only the love and power of Christ, and the good will of the people they would encounter to support them. The disciples must have felt woefully unprepared. And yet Jesus sent them anyway.

As Christians, we may feel unprepared for our journeys. We know that the Lord has sent us out into a broken world to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, but . . . How do we do that? What do we say? What if people don't want to hear the message? Isn't it impolite to discuss religion? Surely the disciples shared those concerns. But they went anyway, trusting Jesus. **And in trusting Jesus, they found that his message of repentance and salvation was well received.** "They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them."

Perhaps this story can serve as inspiration in our own vocations. Although we may not know how to tell others about the love we've found in Jesus, we know that Jesus is supporting us in our meager efforts. We may fear rejection, but Jesus tells us to shake the dust from our feet and carry on. **If we worry that we won't get it right, we can remember that the word of God does not return empty.** In your baptism, Jesus has called you into his family. In holy communion, he nourishes you for the journey. Throughout your life, he gives you a story to tell others, and the power to share his good news. **Take courage, Christian, and go forth in his name. He's got your back! ~**

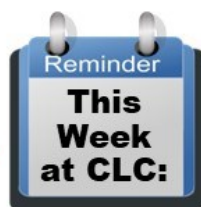
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This Week at CLC:

Sunday, July 7

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



Monday

July 8 - 9:30-11:30am FOOD PANTRY

5-6pm TOPS CLUB, 6pm Yoga, 6:30-8pm ESL

7-9pm Pain Support, Violin

Outreach Committee 6:30pm

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

July 10 - 5-7pm FOOD PANTRY

Thursday

July 11

Friday

July 12 - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY

7pm NA meets-Library

Saturday

July 13 - 9am AA meets in the Library

7pm NA meets in the Library

Gathering Place Booked

Sunday

**July 14 - Sunday In-Person Worship Service
at 9:30am**

July						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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Upcoming Commemorations



Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, died around 540

Thursday, July 11, 2024

Benedict is known as the father of the Western monastic movement. Educated in Rome, he went to live as a hermit, and eventually gathered a community of monks around him. He wrote a rule for living in monasteries that is used by Benedictines and adapted by others.



Nathan Söderblom, Bishop of Uppsala, died 1931
Friday, July 12, 2024

A winner of the Nobel Prize for peace for his efforts to unite peoples after the First World War, Söderblom also called attention to the revival of early church worship principles, and helped to lay the groundwork for the World Council of Churches.



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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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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