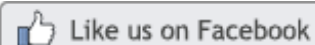


Greetings!

Welcome to Christ Lutheran e-news, a weekly electronic newsletter which highlights programs and activities of our congregation. Feel free to [share with family and friends](#).



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Thanks to all who participated in the survey regarding the Daily Reflections produced by Tom Berryman (music and slides), Pr. Bourret (questions for reflection, prayers, and image selection), Rolf Larson (image enhancement), and Gretchen Rowley (posting). The readings are from the Revised Common Lectionary daily readings shared by Lutherans and many other Christians.

There were two principal learnings from the survey: folks who make use of the reflections appreciate them; and more people *would* make use of them if they were delivered directly to your email boxes, rather than only through the CLC website.

While we were assessing the value of the reflections, they went on a hiatus. *Now they're back*, and we plan to begin, with Gretchen's help, to send them straight to your inboxes. If you receive CLC E-news, you'll also receive the reflections.. If you've tried them and determined they're not for you, you may, of course, unsubscribe; but we hope that you'll give them a try before you do!

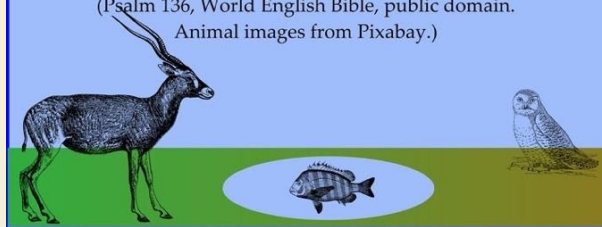


1 Give thanks to Yahweh, for he is good;
for his loving kindness endures forever.

25 who gives food to every creature;
for his loving kindness endures forever.

26 Oh give thanks to the God of heaven;
for his loving kindness endures forever.

(Psalm 136, World English Bible, public domain.
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This Sunday, October 18th, is Pledge Sunday at CLC. Watch for a pledge card and Time and Talents form in your inbox. The Stewardship Committee is seeking to be responsible stewards of the congregation's resources, so hopes that most will respond to these electronic forms. If you prefer a paper card or form, please contact Jeff Kinney, and you will receive them by US Mail.

Please know how grateful we are for your generosity, always, but especially during this pandemic!

Music Notes

Tom Berryman, Music Director

The first reading on Sunday, October 18, Isaiah 45:1-7 comes historically during the final stage of the Babylonian Captivity. The prophet Isaiah offers hope to the people of Israel after their 70 years in exile following the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem. The Prelude on Sunday is a setting of Psalm 137 from earlier in the same 70 year period of exile, "By the rivers of Babylon" by Phillip Hayes, published in 1786. This musical setting is round, popularized in 1971 by Don McLean on his American Pie album. Our CLC singers join guitarist, Jim Nail in performing "By the Rivers of Babylon."

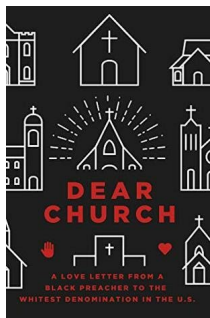
Youth

This Wednesday! October 17th - webinar on parenting adolescents during this turbulent time...

Natick SPARK Kindness hosts psychologist Dr. Lisa Damour next Wednesday, October 14, from 7:00-8:00 p.m., for a webinar promising "an emotional toolkit for parents and educators to support the young people in our lives during these turbulent times." Dr. Damour is the New York Times Adolescent Health columnist. She is a regular contributor to CBS This Morning as well. She is also the best-selling author of two books about adolescent development, *Untangled* and *Under Pressure*.

Register here: [Managing Stress, Anxiety, & Parenting Under Covid 19 with Lisa Damour, PhD.](#)

Adult Formation



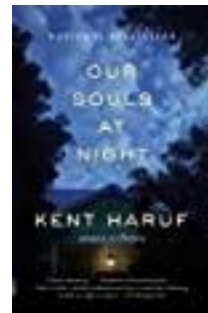
This Wednesday at 6:00 we begin discussion of Lenny Duncan's *Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the US*. We'll be discussing chapters 1-5. Pastor Bourret will facilitate this week's conversation.

CLC Book Group

Next month's selection, *Our Souls at Night* by Kent Haruf is described as an "elegant, bittersweet, yet hopeful novel" of two longtime neighbors who have known each other for decades. Addie Moore's husband died years ago, as did Louis Walter's wife. They are both lonely with no one to talk to. Might they change that?

This tale of loneliness, isolation, and finding connection seems well suited to our current pandemic circumstances. How and where do we find solace?

If you are interested in joining us, contact Marianne Swenson Mswenson10@comcast.net, Monday, November 2, 2020, 7:30 pm.



Call to Action

----> 25 down, only 475 to go!

Thrivent has offered a **\$500 grant to the first 100 congregations that collect 500 items for their local food pantry. We can do this Christ Lutheran!** Here are 3 ways to participate:

- Put a bag of items outside your residence this Saturday, Oct. 17. Send an email this week (prior to October 17) to racslarson@verizon.net for contactless pick-up.
- Send a check made out to CLC with "food drive" in the memo. Send an email to racslarson@verizon.net with the amount and we'll do the shopping!
- Leave a bag of items at the back door of the church near the office before October 17th.

Items will be donated to Daniel's Table in Framingham and A Place to Turn in Natick. Some suggestions for items: rice, beans, pasta, canned vegetables and fruits, school snacks and diapers. If we receive the grant, the money will be donated to another organization that distributes food to the many people in need in these challenging times.



Mary Rife, a relatively new member of our community (and Cathy Gallagher's mom) celebrates a milestone birthday this week. COVID-19 prevents the kind of celebration nine decades might warrant, but we can at least fill her mailbox with congratulatory cards.

The address is: 64 W. Central Street, Natick, MA 01760

Chaplain Tiffany Spigarolo from Metrowest Medical Center has requested comfort shawls for patients at both campuses of the hospital. They should be 30" x 40", and can be knit, crocheted, quilted, sewn from fleece...whatever might make your crafty hands happy. Questions? Ask Pr. Bourret



Looking Ahead

Next Sunday is Reformation Sunday. It's traditional to **wear something RED** in recognition of the Holy Spirit's continual re-formation of Christ's Church. We'll be doing something new in worship, too: In lieu of a traditional sermon, a shorter homily will be followed by small-group discussion (in chat rooms, a la virtual coffee hour) around questions that will be provided.



The following Sunday, November 1, is All Saints Day, when we give thanks for all of those siblings in Christ who have died and joined the chorus around Jesus' throne. Please send to Pastor Bourret names of any saints you would like to be included in prayer. You are also welcome to send to her photos of the saints triumphant for a virtual gallery that we'll incorporate into worship.



[New website](#)

Check out new features at our updated website: christnatick.org. Unsure about the date of a coming event? Go to "Coming Up" at the top of the home page, click on "calendar", and scroll through to find the date and time.

If the Covid lockdown means you are mailing your weekly contribution to the church, you can instead click on "Give Now" and donate online via Vanco, the service that currently processes the automatic withdrawals of some of our members. It is a secure site that takes out the worry out of fulfilling your pledge.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK 20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2020

Readings and Psalm
[Isaiah 45:1-7](#)

An earthly ruler as the instrument of God's will

[Psalm 96:1-9 \[10-13\]](#)

Ascribe to the Lord honor and power. (Ps. 96:7)

[1 Thessalonians 1:1-10](#)

Matthew 22:15-22

A teaching on giving to the emperor and to God

Sing For Joy

Enhance your understanding of the weekly scripture readings by listening to [Sing For Joy](#) from St. Olaf College. The Sing For Joy radio program, produced by St. Olaf College, has a simple mission: to explore the weekly themes of Christian worship by providing the best in sacred choral music and thoughtful commentary. The musical performances eloquently "do the talking," while the concise remarks from host Pastor Bruce Benson illuminate the meaning of the texts.

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