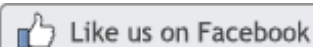


## Greetings!

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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Tomorrow, January 6, is the Feast of the Epiphany, one of the oldest Christian celebrations (older than Christmas!), and still given more prominence than Christmas among Orthodox and some other Christians. Epiphany celebrates Jesus' manifestation by the star to the Gentiles, represented by the magi, his manifestation as divine in his baptism, and his first miracle in changing water to wine at the wedding in Cana.

CLC folk will be receiving packets to celebrate this season at home: an order for a traditional and simple house blessing (and a small piece of chalk needed), a coloring page to record your hopes and dreams and intentions for 2021, and a "star word," a word to contemplate throughout the season-or the year.



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## Music Notes

Tom Berryman, Music Director

**Sunday, January 10** is both the First Sunday of Epiphany and the Baptism of Our Lord. We will observe both musically. The organ Prelude is Bach's setting of Martin Luther's "Christ Unser Herr zum Jordan kam" (1541) on Johann Walther's (d. 1570) tune. The organ chorale-prelude features a constantly running bass line, perhaps suggesting the flowing Jordan River with Walther's tune played in long notes in the pedal. Check out here [for a recording](#).

In place of the Postlude on Sunday, you are invited to join in singing "We three kings" in a brilliant setting by Tom Trenney and Jeremy Bankson. [Here is a 2019 performance](#) with chorus, orchestra and handbells and the composer, Tom Trenney at the organ.

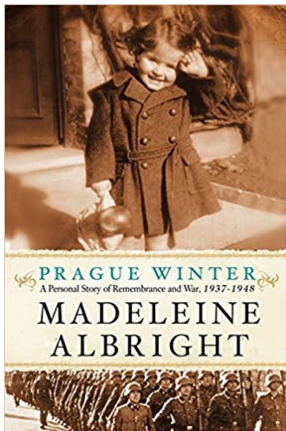
## Adult Formation



### The Adult Forum is back!

We'll meet again (via Zoom, of course) this **Sunday, January 10th at 9:00am**, and begin a series on healing the hurts of racism. This week we'll look at a very brief video on implicit bias, then have some time for discussion. That format will continue for several weeks, at least.

Watch for an invitation and link to join the conversation. (Come to the forum to understand why this picture appears here!)



**It's almost time for the book group to meet again.** The current selection is Madeleine Albright's Prague Winter. From *Goodreads*: "Before Madeleine Albright turned twelve, her life was shaken by the Nazi invasion of Czechoslovakia-the country where she was born-the Battle of Britain, the near total destruction of European Jewry, the Allied victory in World War II, the rise of communism, and the onset of the Cold War.

Albright's experiences, and those of her family, provide a lens through which to view the most tumultuous dozen years in modern history." We'll gather via Zoom to discuss it on **Monday, January 25th at 7:30pm**. Contact the church office or Marianne Swenson to receive an invitation. New participants enrich the conversation!

Click here for an interview Secretary Albright gave about the book at her alma mater, Wellesley College: [Prague Winter: A Conversation with Secretary Albright - Bing video](#).

## Call to Action



The pandemic has both revealed and exacerbated the gulf between those with means and those without. A *Washington Post* piece named the COVID recession "the most unequal in modern US history." While the long-term solutions must be structural, folks who are hurting badly could use help from those of us whose livelihoods have been largely unaffected (or have even grown).

Consider donations to any of our partners: Ascentria Care Alliance, ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran World Relief, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, or Camp Calumet, or to another relief agency whose work you support. Remember, too, small, local businesses and restaurants that have also been hard hit.

### Reminder: The Worship Assisting Schedule is online on the CLC website!

For those who like to have their scheduling commitments in advance, please note that the [worship assisting schedule](#) is found online on the CLC website under the Worship Leaders menu and updated regularly.

**Worship Leaders** are members of the congregation who assist the pastor throughout the worship service. The choir and musicians lead the congregation in chants, psalms, anthems, and songs of praise.

- **Greeters** welcome people, distribute worship bulletins, pass collection plates, and direct people to communion.
- An **Acolyte** leads the procession of pastor and assisting minister into church and receives the bread and wine from the greeter at the beginning of the Eucharist.
- A **Reader** proclaims two of the Bible texts appointed for the day.
- A **Cantor** leads the congregation in the chanting of the psalm.
- An **Assisting Minister** leads the congregation in the Prayers of Intercession and serves wine from the chalice during Holy Communion.
- A **Communion Assistant** distributes the individual glasses of wine or grape juice.

WORSHIP ASSISTING SCHEDULE

## Looking Ahead



Thanks to the hard work of the Finance and Property Committee and Congregation Council on preparing a 2021 budget to present to the congregation at our first semi-annual meeting of the year. Thanks to all of you, who made generous pledges of support for the church's ministries for this year. Watch your e-news for information about our meeting date and time, and your inbox for the Zoom link.



## READINGS FOR THIS WEEK January 10, 2021

**First Reading**  
Genesis 1:1-5

**Psalm**  
Psalm 29

**Second Reading**  
Acts 19:1-7

**Gospel**  
Mark 1:4-11

## 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.

**Do you have information for our weekly e-news?**  
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