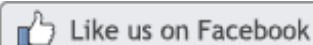


Greetings!

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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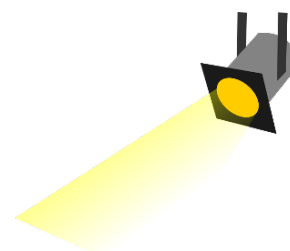
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Here's something to brighten our January cold, COVID-constrained days:

Teen Performance Filmed at CLC

The student-led, original musical production, *Twelve Years and What Worth*, which (due to the pandemic) was rehearsed and filmed on the grounds of CLC, is now available to view of YouTube! See it [here](#).



Music Notes

Tom Berryman, Music Director

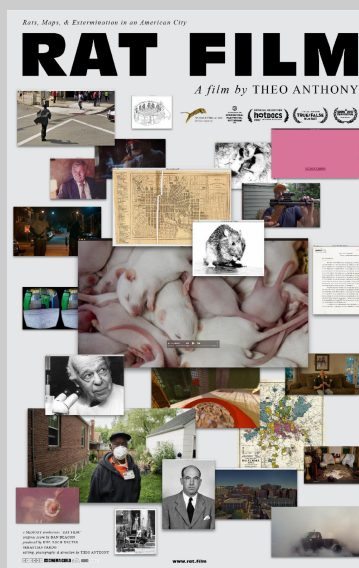


The "Queen of Chorales," "Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern" (ELW 308 "O morning star, how fair and bright") features prominently this **Sunday, January 31**, Epiphany V. Theologian and pastor, Philipp Nicolai (1596-1608) composed the tune and the seven stanza text, perhaps in response to a Black Death outbreak in 1597.

The Prelude this Sunday is Dietrich Buxtehude's (1637-1707) chorale-prelude on "Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern," for organ.

For the the Postlude this Sunday, Hugo Distler's (1908-42) setting of Nicolai's hymn ("How lovely shines the morning star") features CLC voices with Anne Weaver, flute, Andrew Avalos, clarinet and Joan Ellersick, viola.

Adult Formation



Adult Forum

This week in the adult forum, as part of our ongoing discussion about implicit bias and systemic racism, we'll see a documentary examining the ongoing effects of redlining. *Rats* focuses on areas of Baltimore where redlining deterred investment in Black neighborhoods and depressed property values, the same neighborhoods where poverty, poor health, and yes-rats continue to plague residents. The documentary lasts nearly a full hour, so **participants are asked to join in a little early, at 8:50 rather than 9:00 a.m.**

Watch the [trailer](#).

CLC Book Group Selection for February 15

Readers will have a 6-week head start on next month's selection, *The Sport of Kings*, a novel which weighs in at 560 pages. A finalist for the Pulitzer Prize written by C. E. Moore, *The Sport of Kings* is an American tale centered on a horse and two families: one white, a Southern dynasty whose forefathers were among the founders of Kentucky; the other African-American, the descendants of their slaves. A sweeping narrative of wealth and poverty, racism and rage, *The Sport of Kings* is an unflinching portrait of lives cast in the shadow of slavery and a moral epic for our time.

Available through the Minuteman Library system.

Call to Action



The Worship, Music, and Visual Arts Committee (WMVA) is looking for a few good folk to deliver packets to CLC households in preparation for Lent, which begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 17**. Please contact Pr. Bourret or Phil Roberts if you are willing to take packages to 5-10 households.

Due to the generosity of Kay Bolles and, no doubt a convincing promotion by Harold Lohr, Christ Lutheran Church has the opportunity to purchase a number of copies of *All Creation Sings*, the new hymnal supplement published by Augsburg Fortress, which includes some fine new hymns and orders for worship. With a Thrivent Action Team grant, we could purchase nearly enough copies for an in-person worship service!

All Creation Sings

Is someone willing to step up and apply?

Church Offering Envelopes will arrive soon!

When we were planning for this year, we knew that it was unlikely that we would return to in-person worship until later in the year. As a result, we decided to not purchase offering envelopes. However, we have heard from a number of you that the envelopes are a good reminder for those who give regularly, (and even for those who do not) to send in their contributions. As a result, we have ordered envelopes for the remainder of the year and will be sending them out as soon as they arrive, which should be by the end of the month. Thanks for your support of our ministries!

Looking Ahead



Ash Wednesday, February 17

begins the penitential season of Lent. Ash Wednesday from home will be one of the last "firsts" of the pandemic. Watch for a package of materials to help in your observations of Ash Wednesday and Lent to be delivered to you.



Christ Lutheran Church will meet via Zoom for our first **2021 Semi-Annual Congregational meeting on Sunday, February 7**, following worship. The primary purpose will be to approve a budget for 2021. We'll also hear a bit about some exciting new endeavors for the year ahead. All voting members (those confirmed who have received Communion in the current or previous year and who have made a contribution of record) are urged to participate.

All who participate in the life of the congregation are welcome to attend.

Readings and Psalm

First Reading
Deuteronomy 18:12-20

Psalm
Psalm 111

Second Reading
1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Gospel
Mark 1:21-28

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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