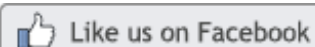


## Greetings!

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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Christ Lutheran Church's COVID-19 task force met a week ago to consider a couple of requests from outside groups to use the building, and to consider whether we may soon be ready to resume in-person worship.

Also last week, Gov. Baker lifted some of the COVID restrictions for restaurants and other indoor gathering spaces, while Dr. Anthony Fauci and Dr. Rochelle Walensky, Director of the CDC, both urged Americans to continue to limit face to face contacts and observe mask wearing, hand washing, and other precautionary measures. The COVID group, chaired by John Whitlock, weighed the somewhat inconsistent counsel, the gradually increasing vaccination rate, as well as the emerging science suggesting that transmission of the virus occurs primarily through airborne droplets rather than contact with contaminated surfaces.

All things considered, the group felt that it would be premature to reopen either to community use of the building or our own; yet, given the fairly rapid change of developments, and the - we hope! - onset of warmer weather, decided to meet again shortly after Easter to revisit the matter.

## Music Notes

Tom Berryman, Music Director

Our CLC singers will be offering David Cherwien's "There are children at the door" as the Postlude music this Sunday, March 14, Lent IV. Cherwien is a composer, organist and the Cantor for Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. He also serves as Music Director for the National Lutheran Choir <https://nlca.com/> With "There are children at the door" Cherwien sets a text by hymnwriter Herbert F. Brokering (1926-2009), a poet perhaps best known for his hymn "Earth and all stars" ELW 731.

There are children at the door, thousands, millions, many more, and my Jesus makes me think, "Take them eat and take them drink..."

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## Adult Formation

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**Lenten mid-week services continue each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** We're exploring the "Service of Word and Prayer" from *All Creation Sings*. We sing hymns, hear Scripture, reflect through image (*visio divina*) or word (*lectio divina*), and pray for ourselves and the world. It lasts about half an hour. Join us on the Lenten way!



In the Sunday forum, **March 14th**, we continue our discussion of "**White Supremacy Culture**," considering characteristics of white-dominant organizations and structures. Do we recognize these as "white"? Where and how are they operative at CLC? Are there steps we can consider to mitigate them? Join the conversation by logging onto worship Sundays at 9:00, one hour before worship.

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### CLC Book Group, March 15, 7:30 pm

*The Sport of Kings*, by C.E. Morgan is described as a "gothic tale of Southern decadence". Set in the horse country of Kentucky, it follows the generational stories of two families: one, white, the Forges, proud settlers who had moved out from Virginia to claim territory in the region; the other, a black family, Allmon Shaugnessy, his mother Marie, and her father, the Reverend, living near the polluted river's edge of Cincinnati. The intersected lives of these two families exposes the lust, violence, and ambition that undergird racism. (545 pages)

For the Zoom link to Monday's discussion contact Marianne Swenson: [mswenson10@comcast.net](mailto:mswenson10@comcast.net)

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### Covid Anniversary

We have passed so many sober milestones in the last year: the first case of COVID-19, the first death, the 100<sup>th</sup>, the 1000<sup>th</sup>, and now the 500,000<sup>th</sup>. Soon, we hope, we can celebrate the arrival of herd immunity through vaccinations, if not the end of this scourge.

Illustrated Ministry has provided [prayers and coloring pages](#) to mark the first anniversary of COVID-19.

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## Call to Action

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**Zoom, zoom!**

We're making progress! Gretchen, our terrific administrative assistant, has offered space in her Pond St. basement to store furnishings for our hoped-for asylee family. Now we just need at least one truck or good-sized van, and a few well-muscled people able to move donated or inexpensively procured items. Could it be you? Contact Rolf Larson or Pr. Bourret.

We're already approaching the mid-point of Lent. The Worship, Music and Visual Arts Committee will be assembling packets for Holy Week, to be **delivered the weekend of March 20**. With a healthy number of drivers, the number of stops is quite manageable! Please contact Phil Roberts or Pr. Bourret if you can help out.

## Looking Ahead



### TIME CHANGE THIS SATURDAY!

Set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.



JOIN US THIS SPRING FOR OUR  
**WALK FOR CHANGE (May 1/2)**  
**& RAFFLE FOR CHANGE**  
[www.familypromisemetrowest.org](http://www.familypromisemetrowest.org)

Please consider supporting Family Promise Metrowest by buying a **Raffle Ticket for Change!**

This raffle, is part of the spring Campaign for Change, and is raising funds for families facing homelessness in our Shelter, Transitional Living, and LIFE homelessness prevention programs.

For more information on ticket prices and to learn more about the fabulous First, Second, and Third place raffles prizes, [click here](#).

Tickets must be purchased by **midnight on Saturday, May 1**. Prize winners will be announced on **Sunday, May 2 at 1:00pm**.

Click this link to buy tickets: <https://www.trellis.org/raffle-for-change>

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## READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

March 14, 2021

### Readings and Psalm

**First Reading**

Numbers 21:4-9

**Psalm**

Psalm 107

**Second Reading**

Ephesians 2:1-10

**Gospel**

John 3:14-21

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### 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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