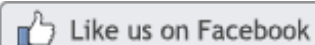


Greetings!

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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We'll begin our observance of **Holy Week** beginning this Sunday, March 28th, Palm/Passion Sunday, when our Zoom worship will center on the Passion reading from St. Mark, offered in readers' theater-style, and, in lieu of the psalm, *Erbarme Dich Mein Gott* (Have mercy on me) - from Bach's St. Matthew Passion. Worshipers are invited to wave colorful strips of fabric or cuttings from their yards as we join the crowds welcoming King Jesus to Jerusalem, singing, "All Glory, Laud, and Honor."



Our Maundy Thursday, April 1, worship will include videos of "domestic footwashing," and invite us to imitate Jesus' humble service, even to those who betrayed him.

The Good Friday liturgy, April 2, focuses on the cross-the place where humanity did its worst, and yet where Christ triumphed over sin and death in loving sacrifice.

The Easter Vigil, April 3, celebrates the Light of Christ, recognizing the darkness of the tomb as the place where new life gestates for all of us. We'll hear and see several of the stories from the Hebrew Scriptures where God is at work, wresting life from death. Remembering our baptisms, we'll rejoice that our lives and our deaths have been joined to Christ Jesus'.

Watch for invitations and links to Zoom worship in your inbox, and be sure to share with friends and family who may not be worshipping elsewhere! Local

CLC folk: watch for the delivery of some Holy Week and Easter items on **Saturday, March 27.**

Music Notes

Tom Berryman, Music Director



The CLC Bells will be offering music for several of our Holy Week and Easter services. Elinor Holm, Ryan Schnepfer, Peter Miller, Frank Miller, and Anne Holm, directed by Kim Petot, have recorded Jason W. Krug's *Laudate* for the Prelude on **Palm Sunday, March 28**.

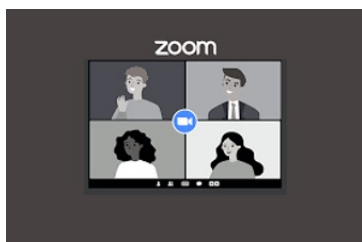
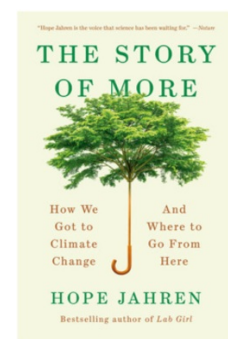
J.S. Bach's *Erbarme Dich Mein Gott* (Have mercy on me) from the St. Matthew Passion parallels the text of Psalm 31, appointed for Palm Sunday. Vocalist, Christine Jay and violinist, Heidi Braun-Hill join me in a recording we recently made at CLC of this supremely beautiful aria. For an historic recording of Marian Anderson's performance with Arturo Toscanini and the NBC Radio Symphony Orchestra check out this [video](#).

Please note that this video remembers Ms. Anderson's famous appearance at the Lincoln Memorial on Easter Sunday, 1939 and uses the later *Erbarme Dich* recording as a soundtrack.

Adult Formation

CLC Book Group, April 19, 7:30 pm.

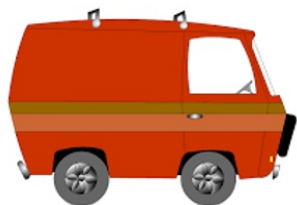
The book group's April selection *The Story of More* is a "pocket primer on climate change that will leave an indelible impact on everyone who reads it" according Penguin Random, the book's publisher. Currently a geochemist and a geobiologist at the University of Norway in Oslo, Jahren has gathered a series of her lectures to create this book to explain "How We Got to Climate Change and Where To Go From Here." Be prepared for an engaging read.



Adult Forum

Discussion of characteristics of white supremacy culture, where they may be manifest at CLC, and how we might remedy them, continues Sunday mornings at 9:00 in the adult forum. Use the Zoom link for worship, and join the conversation at 9:00.

Call to Action



We're just one or two drivers short for delivery of Holy Week packets on **Saturday, March 27th**. Packets will be ready on Friday for Saturday delivery. If you have an hour or so to spare on **Saturday, March 27th** please contact Pr. Bourret or Phil Roberts. Thanks!



Momentum is building for CLC to accompany an asylee family, in partnership with other area congregations. Should we go forward, we expect this to be a long-term commitment, supporting the family in acclimating to the North American and local culture, connecting asylees with medical, legal, educational, and other services, and providing for the family's needs until such time that they are able to take on responsibility for rent, food, clothing, internet, medical, and other expenses. Has God given you gifts and resources that you might offer?



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

[Registration is now open](#) for the **CLC's Walkers** team for Family Promise Metrowest's annual Walk for Change! The event will be held virtually this year with participants completing their walk over the weekend of **May 1st - 2nd**. Stay tuned for details on an outdoor, masked walk option for the CLC team!

Walkers who register before March 28 will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win one of five \$50 shop cards to Athleta at the Natick Mall.

Not interested in walking? Please support our team by using the link below and [donate to your favorite CLC Walker](#), and help us meet our goal. Last year's walk was cancelled, so let's show some extra support!



READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

March 28, 2021

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm

Erbarme Dich, Mein Gott

Second Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel

The Passion

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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