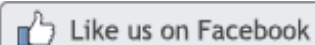


## Greetings!

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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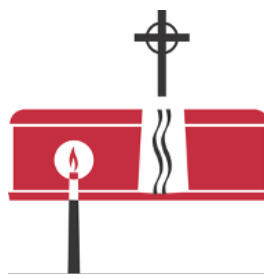


Christ Lutheran Church returned to in-person worship on Sunday, a joyful celebration of Holy Communion following the *Of the Land and Seasons* setting. The service was also livestreamed on YouTube. To view the service, go to CLC's YouTube Channel, "Christ Lutheran Church Natick." We plan to continue to worship primarily in person as long as COVID-19 conditions remain favorable, with the service livestreamed for those who can't or are not yet comfortable attending in person. If you are unable to attend in person, and would like to receive Communion at home, please contact Pr. Bourret.

*Please note: on August 1, we will worship via Zoom only.*

Fully vaccinated people are not required to wear masks. We urge anyone who is not fully vaccinated to either view the service on YouTube, or plan to be masked and remain at a distance from others. For Holy Communion, Pastor Bourret distributes pita (or gluten-free wafers) with clean hands, and the communion assistant distributes wine or grape juice from well-spaced, individual glasses.

The nursery will be staffed beginning July 18. Nursery attendants will remain masked, and children over three years of age are expected to wear masks as well; for younger children, it is up to the parents' discretion.



Funeral services for The Rev. Dr. Harold R. Lohr, who died Sunday, July 4, will be held at Christ Lutheran Church on **Saturday, July 24 at noon**. A reception will follow in the parish hall. Calling hours will be held on Friday July 23rd from 4pm to 7pm at Slattery Funeral Home, 40 Pleasant Street, Marlborough, MA 01752.

## Music Notes

Tom Berryman, Music Director

Come early on **Sunday, July 18** to hear an engaging setting by James Sclater of the traditional American folk hymn, *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* played by Andrew Avalos, clarinet and Tom Berryman, organ.

One of two CLC Bell groups, led by Kim Petot, will be playing *Pastorale* for the Offertory Music and *Laudate* for the Postlude, both pieces by Jason W. Krug. Thank you to Kim and to Anne Holm, Elinor Holm, Frank Miller, Peter Miller and Ryan Schnepper.

We will be using Liturgy Setting IV this Sunday. Hymns planned for the service include *My shepherd, you supply my need*, (ELW 782), *I heard the voice of Jesus say*, (ELW 611), *I am the bread of life*, (ELW 485) and *Sent forth by God's blessing*, (ELW 547).

**What a thrill to participate in live congregational singing again!**

## Youth Formation

Gail Weston-Roberts

**Attention all confirmands: Pastor Bourret, Phil and Gail Weston-Roberts are working on a "make-up" retreat this summer** for youth who missed out on confirmation last year due to the pandemic. We are planning a retreat on Martha's Vineyard, and are looking to reschedule in August. While we'll (obviously) be concentrating on covering material that was missed, we'll also be sure to include some time to explore the island.

The cost is \$65 per confirmand, for ferry tickets and food; if cost is prohibitive, we won't let it be a barrier to participation; please speak with Pr. Bourret.



## Adult Formation

On Monday, July 26, attendees will each report on a book they have selected from their own bookshelves. The book may be fiction or non-fiction as you choose. Contact [Marianne Swenson](#) for the link to the online session. Meeting begins at 7:30 pm.

You can also get a head start on the August book selection, *The Overstory*, by Richard Powers.



## Call to Action

Thanks to Jeff Kinney and Dave Ripp, who have kept the church yard looking respectable while the Finance and Property Committee reviews bids. Do you have a mower and a couple of hours to spare? They'd welcome your addition to the team. Bonus: it's about a four-mile walk, which can count toward your miles "walking the walk" for Calumet. If you can take a turn, please contact Pr. Bourret.



Bicycles for both Agbodjinou parents have been donated, and helmets are on the way. All that's needed to get the family on the bike path are a trailer for the boys and a couple of bicycle locks. We're looking for a Thrivent member to apply for a **Thrivent Action Team Grant** to purchase these last items. Speak with Pr. Bourret if you're willing to apply. (It takes ten minutes.)



On Monday, July 19th, from 10:00am-2:00pm, the Lutheran World Relief truck will be parked in our lot to receive boxes and boxes of quilts and kits for distribution around the world as tangible tokens of God's love. (If you were at coffee hour on Sunday you saw a sizable collection already stacked in the parish hall.) If you can spare an hour or two to help load them onto the truck--most are not very heavy--please contact [Gretchen](#).

## Looking Ahead



We're homing in on a date to celebrate the 50th Anniversary celebrated in our 51st year of our house of worship, and to fete Pr. Phillip Kylander on his 60th anniversary of ordination. Pr. Kylander was Pastor of CLC at the time of the building's construction.

**Pencil in August 29th on your calendars!**



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## READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

July 18, 2021

**First Reading**  
Jeremiah 23:1-6

**Psalm 23**

**Second Reading**  
Ephesians 2:11-22

**Gospel**  
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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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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