

Community News

Pastor Sara Anderson, Associate to Bishop James Hazelwood, had some good news for Christ Lutheran Church. A pastor has been identified to provide worship leadership and be on call for emergencies, beginning in January. A second pastor has been contacted to serve as “Transition Coach,” assisting a Transition Team (to be appointed following Pr. Bourret’s retirement) in leading Christ Lutheran Church through the process of assessing our history, our gifts and challenges, and discerning God’s call to the congregation at this juncture. Thanks be to God!

CLC Transition

Farewell event planning to mark Pastor Bourret’s retirement is well under way. On **Sunday, November 21**, Pastor’s final day presiding, 10:00 am services will include the *Rite of Farewell and Godspeed for a Pastor*, and special musical offerings. As always, all are welcome and encouraged to attend as we mark this milestone together as a congregation.

A reception/luncheon following service will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 12 noon. Invitations should arrive via email within the next day or two. Please be sure to RSVP promptly, as seating is limited. If for any reason you don’t receive the invitation, please call or email the office to let us know.

Please know the service and reception are two separate events, and attending one does not obligate, or ensure, attendance at the other.

Music Notes

Tom Berryman, Music Director



I will be attending my class reunion at Susquehanna University this weekend. Kim Petot and the CLC Bell Choir will be leading the music for our service on **Sunday, October 24**. Celeste Larson will serve as Cantor.

The the Bell Choir’s Prelude and Postlude feature composed “peals” or “rings” by Richard Proulx and Jason W. Krug. A peal or ring traditionally refers to a series of



sequences or changes for a given set of bells. For a demonstration and explanation of tower bell peals or change rings, [have a look at this video](#) from the Washington Cathedral's *Gloria in Excelsis Tower* 10 bell ring.

The hymns planned for this **Sunday, Pentecost 22**:

Canticle of Praise: Glory to God in the highest

Hymn of the Day: Rise, shine, you people ELW 665

Offertory Hymn: Let the vineyards be fruitful ELW 182

Communion Hymn: Healer of our every ill ELW 612

Sending Hymn: The Spirit sends us forth to serve ELW 551

Youth Formation

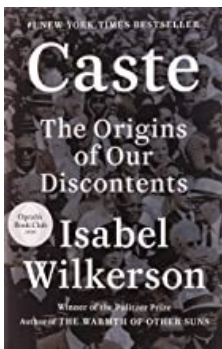


Two tables full of folk from tots to grandparents gathered for Wonder and Wisdom on Sunday. We worshiped, we learned a bit about Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation, we sang new songs from *All Creation Sings*, we ate and painted pumpkins.

Join us next time, Sunday, November 14 at 5:00, and bring a niece, a neighbor, a grandparent, a grandchild—or just come. We'll do what the apostles did in Acts 2:42—*“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers”*—we'll have fun, and be on our way home by 7:00.

Adult Formation

This **Sunday October 24**, we welcome to the adult forum special guests Claire and Roger Dewey, who will discuss their book, *We're Lost. This Must be the Way: An Exploration of Resilience and Hope*, a spiritual memoir of a journey of listening and discovery through Mexico, Panama, and Cuba. The book is available in paperback or on Kindle for about \$10 on Amazon. The Deweys are longtime friends of Russell and Mary Pollard.



CLC Book Group

Monday, Nov. 8, 7:30 pm

In *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* Isabel Wilkerson examines the unspoken caste system that has shaped America and shows how our lives today are still defined by a hierarchy of human divisions. Looking at the caste systems of India, Nazi Germany, and America she identifies the common characteristics found in each and points to the ways we can move beyond these divisions. A provocative, challenging read.

To join the Zoom discussion on November 8, contact [Marianne Swenson](#).

Call to Action

We've had two wonderful Temple Talks, one from Lisa Eck offering her experience of the joy of generosity and living abundantly, and a second from Marianne Swenson, Mary and Russell Pollard, humorously explaining how proportionate giving, no matter the size of our pies, generates abundance at CLC and beyond. **This Sunday, October 24**, we'll hear from Celeste Larson, who will share how generosity of time, talent, and wealth supports God's work of hope among us. Pledge cards and time and talent forms will be distributed at worship on October 31st, and available soon on our website, www.christnatick.org.

Please do take time now to prayerfully consider, and, if you have a partner, to discuss together what portion of your wealth God calls you to share toward God's work through Christ Lutheran Church, and how you can offer your gifts of time and ability. Can you stretch a little? [Fill out a Time and Talents and/or Pledge Card easily online.](#)



Now that we have resumed in-person worship, the flower chart is once again up on the kiosk in the narthex. Is there a birthday or anniversary or anniversary of death or of baptism you'd like to commemorate? Another celebration you'd like to share? Sign up in the narthex, and contribute any amount toward "flowers," and the bulletin will reflect your gift and the occasion.

Looking Ahead

SAVE THE DATE

On **Sunday November 7**, **Christ Lutheran Church will resume the offering of a Service of Evening Prayer**, with beautiful music, a guest preacher, followed by a simple meal and conversation with our preacher.

Music by composers Heinrich Schütz and Michael Praetorius will be featured, and The Rev. Dr. Karen-Louise Walker, Vice President for Development at Ascentria Care Alliance, will preach about God's work, through Ascentria and similar organizations, resettling Afghan evacuees. **The event begins at 5:00 p.m.** There is no charge; a freewill offering will be received. Whom will you invite?



evening prayer
service
sunday
nov 7 2021 5pm

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Pray for the Afghan Sojourner

A traditional service of Evening Prayer
Homilist: the Rev. Dr. Karen-Louise Walker
Vice President of Development, Ascendia Care Alliance
addresses resettlement of Afghan evacuees in New England
dinner and discussion follows the service

-Music by Heinrich Schütz and Michael Praetorius

On **Sunday, October 31**, we celebrate **Reformation Sunday**, giving thanks for the Holy Spirit's continual work to enliven and correct Christ's Church. Anna Carlson and Kirsten Kirleis will be confirmed—Henrik Stjernfeldt will follow two weeks hence—and we'll celebrate with cake at the coffee hour. **Wear something RED**, if you like!



READINGS FOR THIS WEEK October 24, 2021

First Reading
Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalm
Psalms 126

Second Reading
Hebrews 7:23-28

Gospel
Mark 10:46-52

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