

Christ Lutheran Church Community News



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Who remembers what is symbolized in Luther's seal?

This **Sunday, October 31, the Festival of Reformation**, two young people from our community will make public affirmation of their faith. Be present to support Anna Carlson and Kirsten Kirleis as they offer their personal faith statements and lay claim to the Church's faith as confessed in the Apostles' Creed. We'll celebrate with them and their families at coffee hour. Two weeks hence, Henrik Stjernfeldt will follow suit.

In two Sundays, on November 7, we will observe All Saints' Sunday in the morning. There will be a large pad in the parish hall this week, where you may write the names of any of your loved ones who have died, and, if you wish, you may add a brief note about them, or their lifespans. These names will be included in the prayers on November 7. If you would like to have a loved one remembered, but can't be in church this week, please send the names to Gretchen in the church office.

At 5:00 p.m. that day, we will offer a service of Evening Prayer. Tom and the choir will feature music of Heinrich Schütz and Michael Praetorius, The Rev. Dr. Karen-Louise Walker, Vice President for Development at Ascentria Care Alliance will preach on the work of resettling Afghan evacuees, and a simple supper and conversation with the preacher will follow. Do invite friends, co-workers, family and neighbors to this beautiful liturgy and timely conversation.



evening prayer
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sunday
nov 7 2021 5pm

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Pray for the Afghan Sojourner

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

-Music by Heinrich Schütz and Michael Praetorius

CLC Transition

From the New England Synod, office of the Bishop James Hazelwood, below is a link to a PDF version of a brief overview outlining the Transition process ahead:

Steps within the Transition Process

Please visit the synod website nelutherans.org, to see the complete *Healthy Transitions* document.

Music Notes

Tom Berryman, Music Director

Reformation Sunday will be filled with music celebrating the 504th anniversary of Luther's nailing 95 theses on the door of All Saints' Church in Wittenberg AND celebrating the confirmation of three members of Christ Lutheran. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621) was an early Reformation composer, often arranging new Lutheran hymns for choirs. The CLC Choir will be singing his setting of "Lord, keep us steadfast in your word" as the Prelude music. We will also be singing Bob Weaver and William Pasch's setting of the Creed, "We all believe in one true God" as the Offertory Hymn.

Preston Burt will be playing the organ for the closing hymn, *The church's one foundation* and the Postlude, Eugene Gigout's *Toccata in B Minor*. [Here is a performance of the Toccata by a young man in a teaching session with Daniel Roth at St. Sulpice in Paris](#). The sound quality is "informal," but you'll get a sense of the sound of this mighty instrument in a truly magnificent acoustical setting.

The hymns planned for this **Reformation Sunday**:

Canticle of Praise: *Listen, God is calling* ELW 513

Gospel Acclamation Hymn: *Lord, keep us steadfast in your word* ELW 513

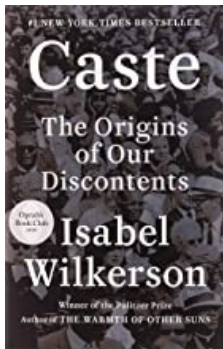
Hymn of the Day: *A mighty fortress is our God* ELW 504



Youth Formation

Mark your calendars for another edition of Wonder and Wisdom on **Sunday, November 14, at 5:00 p.m.**

Adult Formation



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

Help is needed setting up, serving food, and cleaning up for the meal following **Evening Prayer on November 7**. The meal will be simple, but several sets of hands to prepare the tables and get the food out while it's hot will be most helpful! Please contact Celeste Larson or Pr. Bourret if you can assist.



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Looking Ahead

Second Annual Virtual Event
December 4, 2021
7:00pm



Join Us

for the 2nd Annual
Keeping the Promise Virtual Event

For more information:

*Upcoming Events @ Family
Promise*



- No New Dress
- No New Shoes
- No Tie
- No Babysitter
- No Driving... **Required**

 December 4, 2021

 7:00 PM

There will be a **very brief** congregational meeting following morning worship on **Sunday, November 7**, to approve expenditure of funds to replace the boiler in the church.



READINGS FOR THIS WEEK October 31, 2021

First Reading
Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm
Psalm 46

Second Reading
Romans 3:19-28

Gospel
John 8:31-36

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