

# Christ Lutheran Church Community News

February 23, 2022

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## CLC Transition

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During worship this past Sunday the following prayer was offered by the Transition Team for our congregation:

*Caring and loving God, we give you thanks for the many good pastors who have served our congregation through good and bad times. As we transition into an uncertain future, help us discern where the Holy Spirit is leading us now. We pray for a new pastor who will proclaim your Word for us, love us and lead us in the mission of your calling. Bless the work of our Transition Team, Call Committee, our Council, and Pastor Dave. Grant us your peace during this transition. God of grace, **Hear our prayer***

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**Special meeting, Sunday, February 27, following worship**, at approximately 11 am. Join in-person in the parish hall or online via Zoom link which will be sent you by Saturday. Bishop James Hazelwood and Pastor Hulse will be with us to discuss the New England Synod's *Safe Church* policy.

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## Music Notes

### Tom Berryman, Music Director

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The music for **Sunday, February 27** is by the Boston based composer, Daniel Pinkham (1923-2006) and excerpted from his suite for organ *REVELATIONS* (1989). Pastorale on "The Morning Star" serves as the Prelude. Toccata will be the Postlude.

Hymns for Sunday, February 27 Transfiguration  
Canticle of Praise: "Arise, Your Light Has Come" ELW 314  
Hymn of the Day: "Shine, Jesus, Shine" ELW 671  
Offertory Hymn: "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" ELW 182  
Sending Hymn: "We Are Marching in the Light of God" ELW 866

*"Return to the Lord, your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love." Joel 2:13*

Lent Begins on **Ash Wednesday**, March 2 with a 7:30 pm communion at Christ Lutheran Church, Natick. The in-person service will be broadcast via ZOOM and YouTube live.

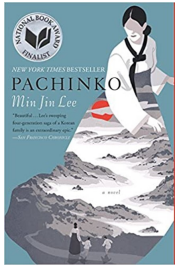
We resume our video series of **Reflections** on weekdays during Lent with biblical readings, meditations, prayers provided and recorded by Russell Pollard, Rev. John Stendahl and Rev. Richard Hurst. “Locally sourced” music recorded by members and friends concludes each meditation. Rolf Larson provides appropriate images for our Reflections. You will receive the day’s Reflection by e-mail each morning.

On **Sunday, March 6**, jazz pianist and CLC member Ross Petot will be leading the music for the service with Cantor, Kim Petot.

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## Adult Formation

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### CLC Book Group, Monday, March 7, 2022, 7:30 pm

Follow the story of Sunja, the hardworking daughter of a Korean fisherman, and her family as they struggle to survive as refugees in early twentieth century Japan. If you would like to join us in the book discussion, contact Marianne Swenson, [mswenson10@comcast.net](mailto:mswenson10@comcast.net) for the Zoom link.

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## Looking Ahead

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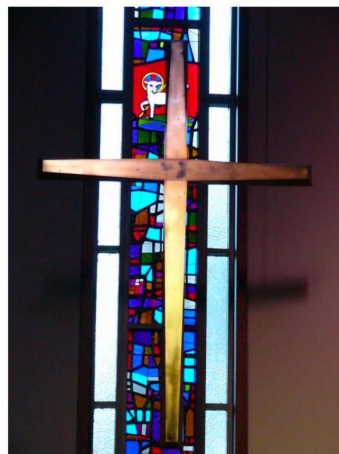
**Ash Wednesday service, March 2, 7:30 pm.** Confession, Imposition of ashes, and communion. A Zoom link will be sent to viewers at home.

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Join Russell Pollard and Joyce Simon as they participate in *Lent Madness*, a forty-day “holy smackdown” that pits 32 saints against one another to determine who will earn the coveted Golden Halo. Each week you can help decide the winner with your vote. The starting round the first week in Lent pits St. Stephen against King Wenceslaus! Print out the bracket, choose your favorites and vote each Monday for your favorite. <https://www.lentmadness.org>

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## Lenten Devotions



Beginning Ash Wednesday, March 2, Russell Pollard, Rev. John Stendahl and Rev. Richard Hurst will offer readings, reflections and prayers each weekday. Each Lenten Devotion concludes with a musical offering recorded by a CLC member or friend. The Devotions will be available through our website [christnatick.org](http://christnatick.org) and through a link sent each day by e-mail. Consider making the CLC Lenten Devotions part of your forty day pilgrimage through Lent.

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## Call to Action

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Last week the Family Mobility Act which permits migrants without documents to apply for a driver's license passed the Massachusetts State House. Now it moves to the Senate. Call or email your state senator and ask them to support this bill, S. 2289, which will enable our family to achieve independence.

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Our safe church policy requires two people in the nursery at all times. We have hired a babysitter who is in charge each week, but a second person is needed to ensure safety. Please consider taking a turn. If we have many people, the volunteers won't need to do this too often! We need someone beginning this week. Contact Celeste Larson if you are willing to take a turn.

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### READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

February 27, 2022

First Reading

***Exodus 34:29-35***

For the Psalm

***Psalm 99***

Second Reading

***2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2***

Gospel

***Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]***

***The Rev David Hulse, Interim Pastor***

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