

# Christ Lutheran Church Community News

March 16, 2022

---

## CLC Transition

---

**Wait for it! Coming soon to a computer near you!** Now that you have received a letter via the United States Postal Service describing the next step in CLC's transition process, you can watch for an online survey in your email inbox. This coming week you will receive a web link to ***CAT, the Congregational Assessment Tool***.

It is important for each member of a household *including all confirmed young adults living at home* to take the survey so that the Transition Team can assess the full range of this congregation's views and beliefs. This information, plus two additional in-person events, will inform the Congregation Profile that the Transition Team will write for the next step in the search process for a new pastor.

---

---

## Music Notes Tom Berryman, Music Director

---

Hymns for Sunday, March 20 Lent 3  
Gathering Hymn: *O Blessed Spring* ELW 447  
Hymn of the Day: *As the Deer Runs to the River* ELW 331 vv1 and 4  
Offertory Hymn: *Create in Me a Clean Heart* ELW 186  
Sending Hymn: *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* ELW 618

Anna Carlson will serve as Cantor this Sunday and will sing Tom Trenney's setting of *Be Thou My Vision* during the Distribution.

The CLC Choir will lead the hymns, Setting 12 of the liturgy and sing Karen Marrolli's *Thy Kingdom Come* for the Offertory Music.

### **Musical Settings of the Passion**

Emmanuel Music at Emmanuel Church on Newberry Street in Boston will present J.S. Bach's *St. John Passion* on **Saturday, March 26 at 8pm**

<https://www.emmanuelmusic.org/performance-info/j-s-bach-st-john-passion>

Numbers of players and singers from Emmanuel Music (including my wife, violist Joan Ellersick) have contributed to our music program at Christ Lutheran.

Music at Trinity at Trinity Lutheran Church in Worcester will present William Cooper's *St. Luke Passion* on **Sunday, March 27 at 4 pm**

<http://trinityworc.org/music-at-trinity/>

Will Cooper is a colleague, teaches composition at Walnut Hill School in Natick and serves as Music Director for St. James Episcopal Church in New London CT. His *St. Luke Passion* was commissioned by St. Peter's Lutheran Church NYC and first performed by a fully professional ensemble of singers and players in the Spring, 2021.

---

## Worship Notes

---

**Transition Covid Guidelines** as of March 13:

- Masks required at worship to enable singing.
- Resume passing collection plates.
- Resume communion at the altar rail.
- Resume coffee hour; masks removed for eating and drinking.

**Link to Sunday Zoom service has been suspended because people are returning to in-person worship and able to visit during coffee hour.** You are still able to view worship via YouTube. Each Sunday the You Tube link is posted at christnatick.org. Click on the link posted there and view the service.

---

## Adult Formation

---

**CLC Book Group, Monday, April 25, 7:30 pm**

“This magisterial account of the 2015 hate crime at Mother Emanuel Church and its aftermath, by a Pulitzer-winning local reporter, delivers a heart-rending portrait of life for the survivors and a powerful meditation on the meaning of mercy.” – *The New York Times* Editor's Choice

---

Lenten Reflections, daily Monday through Friday. Access via website christnatick.org.

---

## Looking Ahead

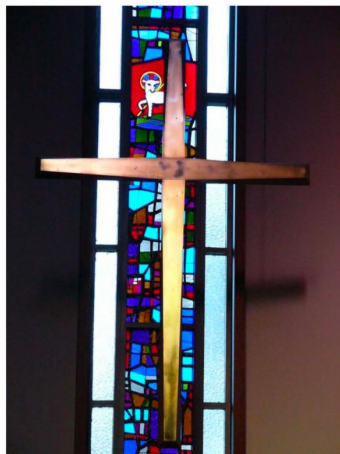
---

Worship, Music, and the Visual Arts Committee is planning the services for **Holy Week** with Pastor Hulse and Music Director Tom Berryman, anticipating a return to our annual in-person gatherings on Palm Sunday and for the three services of Triduum: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil, followed by one service of celebration on **Easter Sunday, April 17**.

After two years of Holy Week and Easter Zoom services WMVA anticipates parading outdoors while waving palms on Sunday, stripping the altar on Maundy Thursday, and venerating the cross on Good Friday. A tent in the parish hall and a blazing fire outdoors, the reading of twelve lessons from the Bible, and a renewal of baptism around the font, followed by Holy Communion mark the significant actions of the Vigil on Saturday. Glorious music and the celebration of the good news of the Resurrection with communion complete the week on Easter Sunday. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for this week of worship.

---

# 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.

---

## Call to Action

---

Family Promise's Walk to End Homelessness will be held virtually again this year, with walkers completing the walk the weekend of May 13-15th. Like last year, Amy Lousararian will be organizing an approximately 3 mile walk on Saturday, May 14th from CLC (weather permitting) for those that would like to participate in-person. The Sunday celebration at TJX has been cancelled.

**The Walk's total goal this year is \$160,000, and we would love to beat last year's CLC total of \$13,500. The CLC Walkers team has been created, so please affiliate with the team when you register, or donate to a member of the team! Link to the website is available below.**

[\*Walk to End Homelessness Registration\*](#)

---

### READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

March 20, 2022

First Reading  
*Isaiah 55:1-9*

For the Psalm  
*Psalm 63:1-8*

Second Reading  
*1 Corinthians 10:1-13*

Gospel  
*Luke 13:1-9*



*The Rev David Hulse, Interim Pastor*

---

Christ Lutheran Church  
113 Union Street  
Natick, MA 01760

Follow Us

