

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEK OF SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC NOTES

Excerpts from Gerald Finzi's *Five Bagatelles for Clarinet and Piano* (1945) serve as the Prelude and Postlude music today, with Andrew Avalos as the clarinet soloist. Andrew will also play with the CLC Choir for the Offertory Music: Emma Lou Diemer's setting of the text *Jesus, lover of my soul*.

Vocalist, Anders Carlson will be graduating this spring from University of Massachusetts Lowell with a degree in Music Technology. Anders will be singing a solo concert at Christ Lutheran on **Saturday, March 25** at 7 pm. Please come to hear a varied program of art songs, musical show selections and jazz and pop songs.

Congratulations to Anna Carlson on playing with the Massachusetts All-State Jazz Band in their All State Concert performance on Saturday, March 25 in Symphony Hall, Boston at 1:30 pm.

PRAYER LIST

CLC is currently in the process of refreshing the Prayer list read aloud at Sunday worship. Please notify Richard in the office by next **Thursday March 23** if there are people currently named who should remain on the list going forward. When sending a prayer request to the office, please send your contact information and your relationship to the person for whom prayers are being requested. Many thanks.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

Christ Lutheran again offers Lenten Devotions with reflections and prayers each weekday for the season of Lent prepared by Rev. Richard Hurst, Russell Pollard, and Rev. John Stendahl.

Each Devotion begins with a hymn-based musical offering recorded by CLC members and guest musicians. The Devotions are available through our website (christnatick.org) and through a link sent each day by e-mail.

EASTER FLOWERS

To honor or memorialize your loved ones with Easter flowers, please fill out the Flower Envelope and place it in the offering plate during service **by Sunday, April 2**. Envelopes will be in the bulletins today and **Sundays, March 26, and April 2**. You can also place an order with the office.

COUNCIL UPDATE ON CALL PROCESS

CLC's Council has received and accepted a recommendation from the Call Committee to call our next Pastor. In the days ahead, Council will develop a detailed job description and compensation package in consultation with Pastor Sara Anderson, associate to the Bishop of the New England Synod.

Once the contract between CLC and the candidate is successfully negotiated, a whole congregation meeting date will be established in accordance with our by-laws. Until that time, we are unable to disclose any specific details about the candidate.

Thanks so much to the Call Committee – Cathy, Phil, Celeste, Lisa C, Marianne, Eric K., and Peter (as well as community member Paula Brown of Family Promise) – for the hard work, dedication and faithfulness which have brought us to this point. Council is truly grateful for the patience and continued prayers of the congregation as we move forward together through this process.

COMMEMORATIONS

Sunday, March 19

Joseph, Guardian of Jesus

Though the Bible tells us little about the husband of Jesus' mother Mary, we know that he was a carpenter or builder by trade. He is also shown as being devoted both to God and to Mary and Jesus. It is assumed that he died before Jesus became an adult.

Tuesday, March 21

Thomas Cranmer, Bishop of Canterbury, martyr, died 1556

Cranmer's lasting achievement is contributing to and overseeing the creation of the Book of Common Prayer, which remains (in revised form) the worship book of the Anglican Communion. He was burned at the stake under Queen Mary for his support of the Protestant Reformation.

Wednesday, March 22

Jonathan Edwards, teacher, missionary to American Indians, died 1758

A Puritan minister in Connecticut, Edwards is remembered as being a great preacher. Though his most famous sermon talks at length about hell, he was more concerned with God's love. He served both as missionary to the Housatonic people in Massachusetts, and as president of the future Princeton University.

Friday, March 24

Oscar Arnulfo Romero, Bishop of El Salvador, martyr, died 1980

Romero was deeply concerned with injustices evident toward the poor and powerless in El Salvador, and worked forthrightly against political repression. He was assassinated while presiding at the eucharist in a chapel near the cathedral in San Salvador.

Saturday, March 25

Annunciation of Our Lord

Nine months before Christmas we celebrate the annunciation, in which the angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would give birth to the Son of God. The ancient church believed that this was also the date of the world's creation and of Jesus' death on the cross.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 19, 2023

SUNDAY	Mar 19	10:00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Sacrament (Lent IV)
		11:15 am	Coffee Hour
MONDAY	Mar 20	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Office Hours
TUESDAY	Mar 21	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Office Hours
		7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	SLAA 12-Step Group: Pentecost Rm.
WEDNESDAY	Mar 22	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY	Mar 23	8:00 am – 1:00 pm	Office Hours
		7:30 pm – 8:45 pm	Clean and Serene: Memorial Rm.
		7:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
FRIDAY	Mar 24	8:00 am – 1:00 pm	Office Hours
		8:00 pm – 9:30 pm	SLAA Augustinian Fellowship: Memorial Rm.
SATURDAY	Mar 25	4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
SUNDAY	Mar 26	9:15 am	Choir warm-up
		10:00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Sacrament (Lent V)
		11:15 am	Coffee Hour

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday, March 25 at 7:00 pm: Anders Carlson's Recital

Sunday, April 2 at 10:00 am: Palm Sunday Service

Thursday, April 6 at 7:30 pm: Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 7 at 7:30 pm: Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 8 at 8:00 pm: The Great Vigil of Easter

Sunday, April 9 at 10:00 am: Easter Sunday Service