



Christ Lutheran Church E-News

May 11, 2023

Church Notes

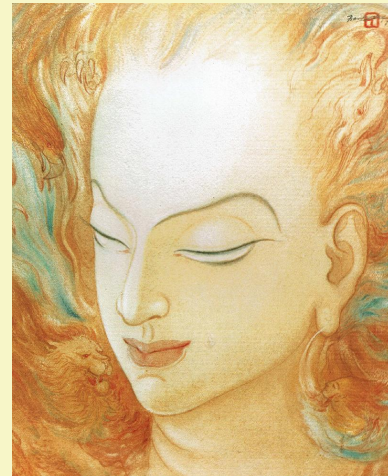
Readings for Sunday, May 14, 2023

First Reading: Acts 17:22-31

Psalm: 66:8-20

Second Reading: I Peter 3:13-22

Gospel: John 14:15-21



Worship Assistants for Sunday, May 14, 2023

Greeters	Mary Avalos and Edie Lohr
Assisting Minister	Russell Pollard
Reader	David Ripp
Tellers	John Whitlock and Audrey Colson
Altar Guild	Carol Virshbo and Edie Lohr
Fellowship Hosts	Mary Avalos and Margit Smith

CLC Calls a New Pastor!

It was with great joy and anticipation that CLC welcomed the Rev. Christophor Gilbert last weekend in a whirlwind of festivities leading up to Sunday's worship service, and the Call Vote



that immediately followed.

In a congregational meeting led by Pr. Sara Anderson, Associate to the Bishop of the NE Synod, CLC members unanimously voted to extend a call to Pr. Gilbert and approve a compensation package previously agreed upon by Council and “the candidate”. He accepted our proposal!

Pastor Gilbert and his husband Donald Belleville, currently of Portland, ME, arrive in Natick **July 1st**, with an official start date set for **Monday, July 10**.

Music Notes

Sunday, May 14, The CLC Bell Choir will be offering Communion Music, *The Gift of Finest Wheat* and Postlude Music, *God Be With You Till We Meet Again*, and joining the CLC Choir for the Offertory Music on Alice Parker’s *Seasons and Times* from *An Easter Rejoicing*.

*Seasons and times obey his voice, the ev’ning and the morn rejoice
To see the earth made soft with show’rs laden with fruit and dress’d in flow’rs.*

*He sends the sun his circuit round, to cheer the fruits, to warm the ground;
He bids the clouds with plenteous rain refresh the thirsty earth again.*

*Thy works pronounce thy pow’r divine; o’er ev’ry field thy glories shine;
Through ev’ry month thy gifts appear; great God, thy goodness crowns the year.*

-Isaac Watts

May Music

Members and friends of CLC are busy singing and playing this month:

- **Boston Cecilia** (John Whitlock, bass) <http://www.bostoncecilia.org/may-concert-2023> **Saturday, May 13**, 4 pm MIT Media Lab *Loaded Dice*
- **Wellesley Choral Society** (Gyongyi Molnar, soprano, Bob Weaver, tenor) <https://www.wellesleychoralsociety.org/> **Sunday, May 14**, 3 pm Wellesley Hills Congregational Church *Masters of the Mass*

Tom Berryman
Director musices

Hymns for Sunday, May 14, 2023

Canticle of Praise: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (ELW 392)

Hymn of the Day: I Come With Joy (ELW 482)

Offertory Hymn: The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing (ELW 531)

Communion Hymn: Thy Holy Wings (ELW 613)

Sending Hymn: Crown Him With Many Crowns (ELW 855)

Guest Pastor Rev. Elyse Nelson-Winger



This week CLC welcomes the Rev. Elyse Nelson Winger to the pulpit. A University Chaplain at Tufts University, she leads the Chaplaincy Team in supporting all religious, spiritual, and philosophical life at Tufts; educates about spiritual and ethical issues in society and the world; and coordinates pastoral care, multifaith initiatives, and strategic partnerships around the university and beyond.

An ordained minister in the ELCA, Pastor Nelson Winger has served congregations in Cairo, Egypt, Dearborn, Michigan and Bloomington, Illinois. She has served as a committee or board member for

numerous faith-based and non-profit organizations, including nine years of service on the Board of Directors for Lutheran Social Services of Illinois.

Pastor Nelson Winger will preach and preside at Sunday worship **May 14**, as well as **June 4, 11, and 18**.

Book Group

The CLC Book Group will meet on **Tuesday, May 23** at 7:30 on Zoom to discuss *The Sacrament* by Icelandic writer Olaf Olafsson.

In *The Sacrament*, critically acclaimed novelist Olaf Olafsson looks deeply at the complexity of our past lives and selves; the faulty nature of memory; and the indelible mark left by the joys and traumas of youth. Affecting and beautifully observed, *The Sacrament* is both propulsively told and poignantly written—tinged with the tragedy of life's regrets but also moved by the possibilities of redemption, a new work from a novelist who consistently surprises and challenges.



Doors and Security



If you are a Fellowship Host, please make sure the doors are locked when you leave the church. The doors have recently been left unlocked leaving the church open.

Office Hours - Week of May 14, 2023

Monday: 8-1
Tuesday: 8-1
Wednesday: Closed
Thursday: 8-1
Friday: 8-1



CLC on Social Media



If you have any events with church members you would like to share on our Facebook and Instagram pages, please send a 3-4 sentence paragraph and a picture to [the office](#) so we can post it.

Please be sure to like the [Christ Lutheran Church](#) page on Facebook to get all of our updates.

You can also follow us, [ChristNatick](#), on [Instagram](#).

Please invite your family friends to join us on social media.

Of Interest

New Life 5K Trail Run



New Life Furniture Bank is excited to host its 6th annual 5k Trail Run and Kids Fun Run, on **Saturday, May 13th** on the Medfield State Hospital grounds (at Hospital Rd. & Service Dr., Medfield, MA).

The Trail Run benefits New Life Furniture Bank of MA and its mission to provide gently used household furnishings to individuals and families transitioning out of homelessness. Those interested in being a sponsor, volunteering, donating home furnishings, or making a financial contribution are encouraged to visit www.newlifefb.org.

Trail Run registration is open at newlifefb.org/5ktrailrun. An "early bird" discount of \$25 is available until April 29; after that registration will be \$30 until May 11; and \$35 on race day. On-site Kids Fun Run registration will be \$5. There is a \$5 group discount for teams of four or more when the registrations are made at the same time. On-site registration opens at 9:00 am on race day. Children ages 4-10 are invited to join us for the Kids Fun Run at 10:00 am, and the Trail Run starts at 10:30 am, with live music to follow. The first 250 people to register will receive a t-shirt on race day.

Looking Ahead

Wednesday, May 24: Annual Meeting Reports Due

Sunday, June 11: Semi-Annual Meeting II after Worship

Monday, July 10: Pastor Gilbert's First Day

Sunday, July 16: Pastor Gilbert's First Sunday

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