

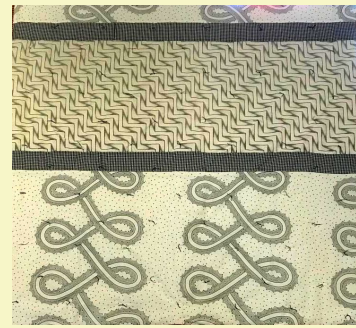


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Thursday, August 24, 2023

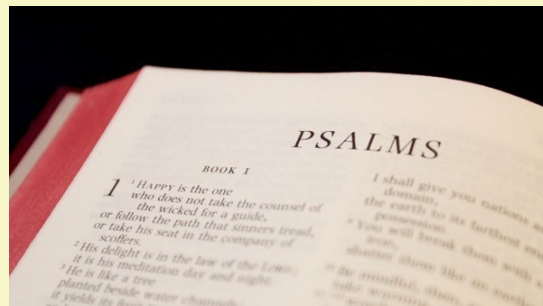
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Your Attention, Please

Sermon Series on the Psalms: Singing Our Lives

Singing is central to Christian worship. In the letter to the Colossians, the author encourages the use of song as response to God for a life centered in Jesus: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God" (Col. 3:16). It's not surprising that each week we not only lift our voices in praise and promise to God through hymns but also dwell with those ancient songs we know as the psalms.



For the next three weeks in worship, we will ponder the psalms for each Sunday in a sermon series. We'll consider them as part and parcel of the proclamation of the good news and keys that help unlock our relationship to one another, to our neighbor, and to God.

Fall Ministry Survey 2023

Thanks to all who participated in the Fall Ministry Survey! We received 39 surveys (30 online and 9 mailed in). Your responses will help us plan worship and educational ministry in the upcoming seasons. The hope is to have offerings that will fit in everyone's busy schedules, with other ministries at CLC and life outside the congregation.

Boom Chicka Boom Christ Natick Walkers!



With all of our members reporting, I am proud to say that we collectively as a team earned 1,000 miles walking, running, biked, swam, and so forth and it sounds like the team walked some interesting places:

- The Chan Family walked through trails, parks and beaches
- Gyongyi completed a 21 mile walk on August 13th!
- Nadia, Zoey, and James clocked many miles on the Boardwalk in Atlantic City on a family vacation
- Carol walked all over Boston, Walden Pond and Georges Island

In total the entire team of walkers for the first two weeks walked 24135.78 miles. It is amazing work by all and I believe that we can all use the motivation from each other to go even further for our next reporting period. Please encourage other friends or congregation members to join us over the next month to help go even further! It's not too late to [sign up](#).

Peace,
James and Nadia Salerno

Save the Date: Installation of Pastor Gilbert

Please mark your calendars for the official installation of Pr. Christophor as Christ Lutheran Church's called pastor. The event will be held on **Sunday, October 8, 2023** at 2:00 pm. Please note: this will be the only service that day. **We will not have 10:00 am worship on October 8th.**



This will be a time to celebrate this new chapter in the life of the congregation and be in community with other folks from churches in the Natick area and in greater New England. You are more than welcome to invite relatives, friends, and community members to the event (an electronic flier will be forthcoming for email). The Rev. Elizabeth Nees will co-preside at the service, and the Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson of St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church in Yarmouth, Maine will preach.

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Church Notes

Readings for Sunday, August 27, 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

Psalm: 138

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20



Worship Assistants for Sunday, August 27, 2023

Greeters	Robin Hurst and Martha Cronin
Assisting Minister	George Hall
Reader	Gail Weston-Roberts

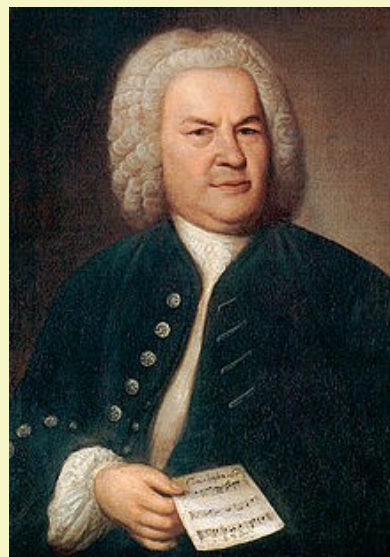
Tellers	Marianne Swenson and Phil Roberts
Altar Guild	Edie Lohr and Dorothy Nail
Fellowship Host	George Hall & Martha Cronin and Margit Smith

Music Notes

J.S. Bach's (1685-1750) chorale prelude, *Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele* (Soul adorn yourself with gladness) (ELW) is based on the Lutheran chorale by Johann Crüger (1598-1662), one of the early Reformation hymn tune writers. Bach composed an entire cantata on *Schmücke dich* in 1724 and likely intended for this organ chorale prelude to be played during service at communion. In this setting, Bach provides a elaborated tune in the right hand on a solo stop above accompanying chords played by the left hand and pedal.

Noted twelve tone composer, Arnold Schönberg (1874-1951) arranged the Bach chorale prelude for full orchestra in 1922. Go to this [url](#) to hear Schoenberg's brilliant setting

Visit our [YouTube page](#) in case you missed last Sunday's service.



Tom Berryman
Director of music

Hymns for Sunday, August 27, 2023

Hymn of the Day: Lift Every Voice and Sing (ELW 841)
Offertory Hymn: We Come Now to Your Table (ACS 970)
Communion Hymn: Blessed Assurance (ELW 638)
Sending Hymn: Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus (ELW 501)

Listening to the Postlude

Many people like to remain in their seats and listen to the postlude at the end of the service, appreciating the music and enjoying a few more minutes of quiet reflection. Others may want to leave and move on with their day, or engage in conversation with others.

Feel free to do what meets your needs and please keep conversations in the narthex or the fellowship hall so that the music in the sanctuary can be enjoyed by those who stay.

Of Interest

Anniversary of 1963 March on Washington and Multicultural Day

You won't want to miss this double event on **Saturday, August 26th**, in Natick Center. Beginning at 10:00 at Natick Common, community leaders



will offer remarks on the sixtieth anniversary of the [1963 March on Washington](#) - an event that drew 260,000 folks to the National Mall and serves as a center point of the Civil Rights movement. It was on this auspicious day that the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech.

After the event at Natick Common, there will be additional programming (including clips from the march) at the

Morse Institute Library.

Concurrent with this event is [Natick's Multicultural Day](#) from 11 AM to 2PM at Natick Common. The cultural diversity of Natick is highlighted, with food, music, and dance.






The Natick Center Cultural District is pleased to announce Multicultural Day on August 26th from 11-2:00 pm on the Natick Common. This event highlights the diversity and cultures in our community featuring cultural performances and food!




Join Deborah Mitchell & Natick for Black Lives Matter at our tent this Saturday.

Do You Know Students Heading Off to College?

Hey parents and friends:

We, your friendly, local, Lutheran campus ministers, would love to welcome them to campus, but we need your help to connect with them!

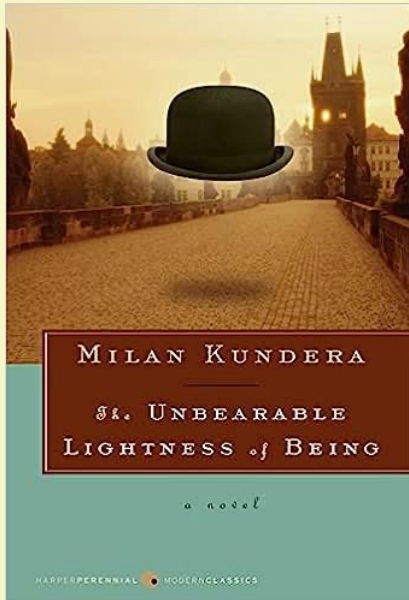


You can find out which schools across the country have Lutheran campus ministries by visiting <https://www.luminelca.org/ministries/>.

On that same page, you can click "Refer a Student" to help us get in touch with them. Or, reach out to us directly. Please, help us make a connection!

Questions, especially about campus ministry in New England, can be directed to Pastor Andrew Heisen at MIT [via email](#). Thank you!

Book Group



The CLC Book Group will discuss *The Unbearable Lightness of Being* by Milan Kundera on **Monday August 28** at 7:30 via Zoom.

The Unbearable Lightness of Being tells the story of two women, two men, a dog, and their lives in the 1968 Prague Spring period of Czechoslovak history. Taking place in the late 1960s and early 1970s, it explores the artistic and intellectual life of Czech society through to 1968 and the invasion of Czechoslovakia by the Soviet Union. The aftermath of this pivotal event is seen through the lives of two couples and those around them. Themes of love and fidelity play out against a background of political unrest.

Read the Truth Discussion Group

The ELCA has designated the summer months for members to read books by and about Indigenous Peoples as part of the Truth and Healing Movement.

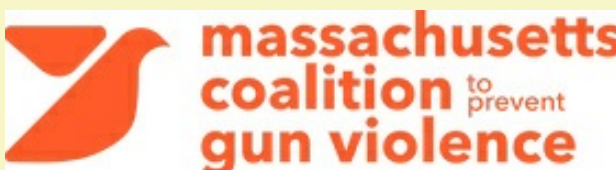
Several books are on the cart in the narthex. Feel free to borrow one to read and then, to join our reflection group on **Sunday, September 3**, at 11:15 in the Memorial Room.

Celeste has created a list of books that she has collected for the study group which you can download [here](#).

ELCA is also [offering workshops via Zoom](#) to help us begin to understand the history of our relationships with Native people.

[Learn about bills](#) before the MA legislature supporting indigenous people.

Gun Violence Prevention Advocacy Day!



The Coalition is teaming up with Stop Handgun Violence, Moms Demand Action, GIFFORDS, and the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence for a gun violence prevention advocacy day

on **Wednesday September 13th at 10:30am**.

Join us as we show the Legislature how important gun violence prevention is to their constituents and help us stand up against the gun lobby.

We will meet at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul at 138 Tremont Street in Boston (across the Common from the State House) to go over logistics for the day and provide you with everything you'll need to be an effective advocate. We will then walk over to the State House together and folks will be split into groups to attend meetings with their legislators.

If you've never been to an advocacy day or the State House before, this is the perfect place to start! We will help you set up meetings with your legislators, walk you through what to expect during those meetings, and ensure that you have everything you need to feel comfortable talking to your legislators.

[Register for the advocacy day here.](#) You might notice that the link to register above has the Moms Demand Action Logo on it - don't worry, that's the right form! We're partnering with Moms Demand Action to help organize larger groups of constituents to meet with their legislators. The link above is unique to the Coalition - please be sure to use this link so that we're able to track who plans to attend with us.

Office Stuff

Contacting Pr. Gilbert and the Office



To reach Pr. Gilbert by phone, call the office (508-315-3170) and press 1 for his extension and voice mail.

You can reach him for pastoral concerns and worship-related business via email at pastor@christnatick.org

Pr. Gilbert's office hours are by appointment.

Please send Prayer Requests to office@christnatick.org

Please send church-business issues to [Celeste Larson](#), Congregation President

Office Hours - Week of August 27, 2023

Monday: 10-3
Tuesday: 8-1
Wednesday: Closed
Thursday: 8-1
Friday: 8-1



Lost and Found

Lost & Found

The Lost and Found Box is in the narthex above the mailboxes. It currently holds two pairs of glasses. Denizens of the box will be disposed of after one month.

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.



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.

Looking Ahead

Monday August 28: Book Group

Sunday, September 17: SeptemberFest

Sunday, October 8 @ 2:00 pm: Pr. Gilbert's Installation

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