

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEK OF SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC NOTES

Our Sending Hymn for today, *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* (*Lord, revive Us*) recalls last Sunday's Sending Hymn *God, who Made the Spangled Heavens* (*Holy Manna*). Both are *pentatonic* tunes: five note scales that avoid half-steps and both have a very similar melodic shape. *Lord, Revive Us* first appeared in *The Revivalist*, a Methodist hymn collection published in Troy NY, 1868. The hymn text, by Joseph Faber, was included in *Oratory Hymns* (1848).

There's Wideness in God's Mercy fits especially well with the traditional 19th-Century American folk tunes employed in the *Of the Land and Seasons* liturgy we are using today.

DIAPER DRIVE TODAY

Most members of CLC haven't needed to buy diapers in a long time! So, you may not realize how expensive they have become. Diapers (and lots of them!) are an urgent need for many families who access our local food pantries. Donations can be placed in the port-a-crib in the narthex. You can also donate cash to Dorothy Nail or Celeste Larson.

SEPTEMBERFEST

After today's Service, we will have a picnic: hamburgers, hot dogs, and a vegetarian option. Drinks and dessert provided.

AN EVENING OF AMERICAN MUSIC

Join us on Sunday, **October 1** at 7 pm for a concert featuring recently composed music by John Weaver and William David Cooper based on 19th Century American hymns. *I hear the music ringing* is open to the public at no charge. Donations will be welcomed to support the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.

BOOK GROUP

Everyone is invited to join us **Monday, October 2** at 7:30 pm to discuss Marie Benedict's *The Only Woman in the Room*. A word of caution: there is another (excellent) non-fiction book also called *The Only Woman in the Room*. Make sure you get the one by Benedict.

SAVE THE DATE: PR. GILBERT'S INSTALLATION

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.**

ADULT EDUCATION AT CLC

With our return to Fall offerings, we'll also be bringing back adult educational opportunities. As a way to start, we will offer both an in-person and Zoom option for each study unit. The only materials you may want to have at the ready will be a bible and your curiosity - everything else will be provided for you. While connections will be made between sessions, each is stand alone: you are encouraged to come to drop in as your schedule allows. For help in planning (especially for the Zoom offering), if you know you are going to attend please let Pr. Christophor know: pastor@christnatick.org. **In person sessions will be held immediately following worship on Sundays, from 11:30 - 12:30. Zoom session will be held on Tuesday evenings, from 5:30 - 6:30.**

Practicing our Faith

This education offering will bring us into conversation about spirituality and spiritual practice, and how our texts and traditions offer us a way to bring the Good News into our whole lives.

Sunday 9/24 & Tuesday 9/26 - What is Spirituality?

Sunday 10/1 & Tuesday 10/3 - Discernment & Saying Yes and Saying No

Week of 10/8 - No adult ed

Sunday 10/15 & Tuesday 10/17 - Testimony

Sunday 10/22 & Tuesday 10/24 - Practicing a Way of Life

No adult ed the week of Reformation or All Saints (10/29 & 11/5)

Preparing for the New Year - Looking at Mark

With the change in liturgical year that begins with Advent, we will shift from the gospel of Matthew as our orienting perspective to hearing excerpts from Mark on Sundays. We'll learn a little bit about the author of Mark's point of view as a way to listen with our whole selves to the stories offered.

Sunday 11/12 & Tuesday 11/14 - Who is "Mark"?

Sunday 11/19 & Tuesday 11/21 - How do we listen to Mark?

Sunday 11/26 & Tuesday 11/28 - Living a life of urgency

COMMEMORATIONS

Sunday, September 17

Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, died 1179

A mystic who was widely influential within the church, Hildegard advised and reproved kings and popes, wrote poems and hymns, and produced treatises in medicine, theology, and natural history. She was also a musician and artist.

Monday, September 18

Dag Hammarskjöld, renewer of society, died 1961

A Swedish diplomat, Hammarskjöld served as the second Secretary General of the United Nations until his death in a plane crash while trying to negotiate peace in present-day Zambia. His journal, published as *Markings*, revealed the depth of his Christian faith.

Wednesday, September 20

Nelson Wesley Trout, bishop, died 1996 (TFF)

A native of Ohio, Trout served parishes in several parts of the United States before being elected bishop of the South Pacific District of the American Lutheran Church, the first African American Lutheran to serve in such a capacity.

Thursday, September 21

Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Matthew (or Levi) was a tax collector in Capernaum for the Roman government. Tax collectors were frequently despised for dishonesty and for assisting the occupiers. Jesus nevertheless showed love for them, and chose Matthew to be a disciple.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

SUNDAY	Sep 17	10:00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Sacrament (Pentecost XVI/SeptemberFest)
		11:15 am	Fellowship Hour
MONDAY	Sep 18	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Office Hours
TUESDAY	Sep 19	8:00 am – 1:00 pm	Office Hours
		7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	SLAA 12-Step Group: Pentecost Rm.
WEDNESDAY	Sep 20		
THURSDAY	Sep 21	8:00 am – 1:00 pm	Office Hours
		11:30 am – 1:30 pm	Bell Rehearsal
		7:30 pm – 8:45 pm	Clean and Serene: Memorial Rm.
		7:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
FRIDAY	Sep 22	8:00 am – 1:00 pm	Office Hours
		8:00 pm – 9:30 pm	SLAA Augustinian Fellowship: Pentecost Rm.
SATURDAY	Sep 23	4:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Bell Rehearsal
SUNDAY	Sep 24	10:00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Sacrament (Pentecost XVII)
		11:15 am	Fellowship Hour

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, September 17: SeptemberFest

Sunday, October 1 @ 7:00 pm: I hear the music ringing Concert

Monday, October 2 @ 7:30 pm: Book Group

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