



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Church News

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.

I hear the music ringing...

An Evening of American Music Sunday, October 1, 2023 at 7 pm

Featuring recently composed music by John Weaver and William David Cooper based on 19th Century American hymns:

- "Three American Folk-Hymn Settings" (2009) for viola (Joan Ellersick) and organ (Tom Berryman) by John Weaver
- "Two Chorale Preludes" (2022) for violin (Jiyu Oh) and piano (Will Cooper) by William David Cooper
- "Rhapsody" for flute (Anne Weaver) and organ (Tom Berryman) by John Weaver
- "Three Chorale Preludes" for viola (Joan Ellersick) and piano (Tom Berryman) by William David Cooper

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.

You can also [watch the concert](#) on our YouTube channel.

Watch the video below for more information:



Adult Education at CLC

Our Adult Education sessions begin this Sunday following worship from 11:30 - 12:30.

Zoom sessions 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 10/1 & Tuesday 10/3 Zoom Meeting - Discernment & Saying Yes and Saying No
Week of 10/8 - No adult ed

Sunday 10/15 & Tuesday 10/17 Zoom Meeting - Testimony

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

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

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

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 this one by Benedict.

In the 1940s, Hedy Lamarr was one of Hollywood's most sought-after leading ladies. But away from the cameras, her passion for innovation spawned the wireless communication technology we take for granted today.



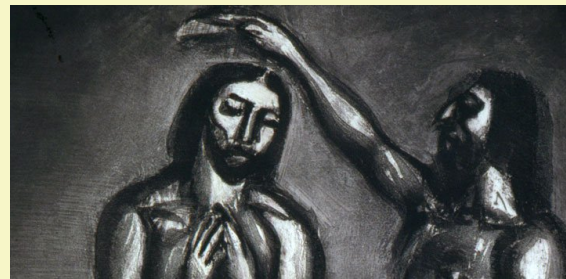
Readings for Sunday, October 1, 2023

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Psalm: 25:1-9

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32



Worship Assistants for Sunday, October 1, 2023

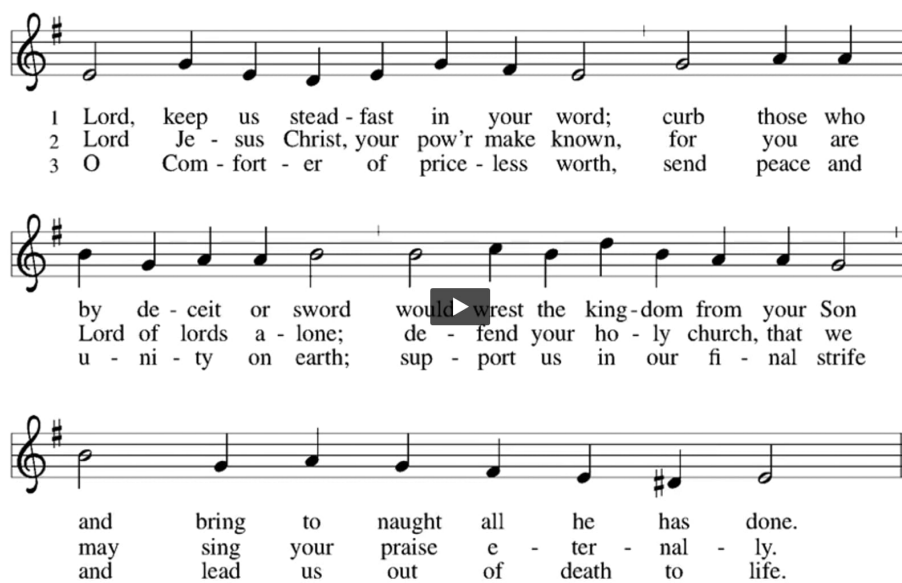
Greeters	Martha Cronin and Lisa Eck
Assisting Minister	Carol Virshbo
Reader	David Ripp
Communion Assistant	Edie Lohr
Tellers	John Whitlock and Phil Roberts
Altar Guild	Ellen Zagajeski and Carol Virshbo
Fellowship Host	Celeste Larson
Broadcast Team	Juliet Seaberg and Alan Avalos

Music Notes

Martin Luther wrote the hymn *Lord, keep us steadfast in your word* (*Erhalt uns, Herr*) ELW 517 as part of a special prayer service in 1541 seeking God's protection from a possible invasion of Germany by the Turks. The threat passed and Luther altered the text for the published version in 1542. We'll be singing *Lord keep us steadfast in your word* as the Sending Hymn on **Sunday, October 1**. The CLC Choir will sing Michael Praetorius' (1571-1621) setting of the hymn for the Offertory Music. The organ Postlude is Jan Bender's (1909-94) chorale prelude on *Lord, keep us steadfast in your word*.

Below is a video of the Praetorius setting played by violist, Joan Ellersick.

Tom Berryman
Director musices



Hymns for Sunday, October 1, 2023

Hymn of the Day: My Song Is Love Unknown (ELW 343)

Offertory Hymn: All Who Are Thirsty (ACS 981)

Communion Hymn: Welcome Table

Sending Hymn: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Last Sunday's Service Recording

Visit our [YouTube page](#) in case you missed last Sunday's service (9/24).

Community News

National Day of Remembrance for Indian Boarding Schools

During the month of September some of us have been learning more about the impact of policies that forcibly separated Indian children from their families and their cultures by sending them to church sponsored boarding schools. This initiative is intended to organize Lutherans for truth-seeking and truth-telling about Lutheran involvement in Indian boarding schools in the United States and their impact on Native peoples.

The goal is for members throughout the ELCA to know and claim our complicity in the history of church-sponsored Indian boarding schools and these schools' deliberate, devastating impacts on Native people and their communities, then and now. **We will mark the National Day of Remembrance on Sunday October 1 with prayer and we invite you to wear something orange.**

You can find more information [here](#).

You can listen to stories of survivors of Indian Boarding Schools [here](#).

A Faith That Does Justice

On **Thursday, October 5**, *A Faith That Does Justice* is holding a Fireside Chat by Zoom and in-person at Emmanuel Church in Boston titled **The Confluence of Poverty, Immigration, and Homelessness**.

Join us for a conversation with **Dr. Geralde Gabeau**, Founder and Executive Director of

Immigrant Family Services Institute (IFSI-USA), **Jeff Thielman**, President and CEO of the International Institute of New England, and **Suzanne Giovanetti**, CEO of the Plymouth Area Coalition for the Homeless.

This discussion will be moderated by **Fr. Peter Gyves**, SJ, MD, Executive Director of A Faith That Does Justice and will inform how poverty, immigration, and homelessness intersect and offer solutions to improve housing and economic security for immigrants.

Register at <https://bit.ly/3Eu5ehd> to join the livestream by Zoom.

Or, register at <https://bit.ly/3P4cBAX> to join in person at Emmanuel Church, 15 Newbury St, Boston, MA.

Support Indigenous Peoples Day in Massachusetts

One of our MA Indigenous Legislative Agenda bills (S.1976/H.2989) calls for Massachusetts to celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day instead of Columbus Day. At least fourteen states currently celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day, including Maine and Vermont – but not Massachusetts.

We can't let this happen again. **Our bill to enact Indigenous People's Day will likely be heard before the Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 (room and time TBD).** In the legislative process, the committee hearing is a critical step. That's why we need you – so that the legislators will understand there is broad support for Indigenous Peoples Day. Here are things you can do to help us show the committee that we will not be turned away from justice:



1. Save the date of October 3, **RSVP to come to the hearing in person** and help us pack the room (we know our opposition will be there). Wear purple to show your support! Share our facebook event to spread the word:

<https://fb.me/e/47AZ5u0rP>

2. Write the committee and submit written testimony in support! There are two options.

1. Take 10 minutes to write a personal email testimony to the committee. **Template here. Fact sheet here.**

2. OR **Take 2 minutes to send email testimony to the committee.** You can use the language that is provided, or modify it if you wish.

Thank you for taking action and for sharing with your friends and community. We appreciate your support of the MA Indigenous Legislative Agenda bills and can't do this without you!

Sincerely,
Mahtowin Munro (United American Indians of New England and
IndigenousPeoplesDayMA.org

and

Jean-Luc Pierite (Board chair, North American Indian Center of Boston)
On behalf of the MA Indigenous Legislative Agenda

Office News

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 October 1, 2023

Monday: 10-3

Tuesday: 8-1

Wednesday: Closed

Thursday: 8-1

Friday: 8-1



Lost and Found

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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.

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

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