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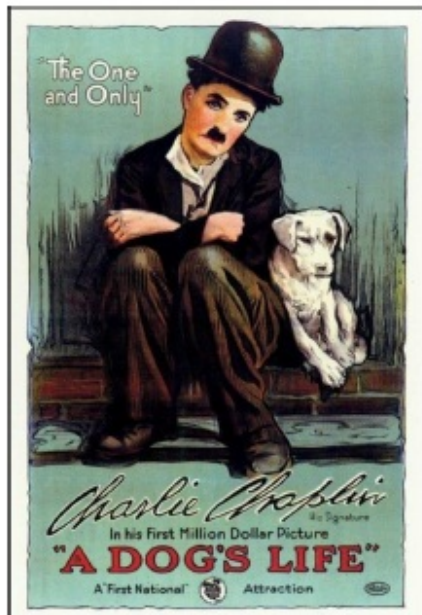
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**Thursday, November 16, 2023**

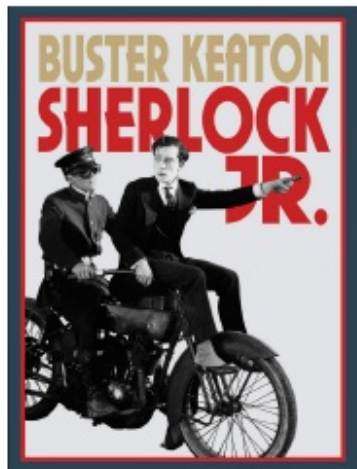
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**Church News**  
**This Saturday!**



**silent  
movie  
night**  
two short films  
in a  
double feature!



**Saturday  
November 18  
7pm**

**christ lutheran church**

113 union Street natick, ma  
[christnatick.org](http://christnatick.org)

Donations benefit  
the Metro-West  
Asylee Program

**pianist, Rob Humphreville**  
*improvises the score before your very ears!*

### Gratitude From Your Stewardship Team

Thank you to everyone who completed a pledge card and a Time and Talent form on Sunday. Having as many pledge cards as possible in hand within the next two weeks will make the job of preparing a budget for our semi-annual meeting in January much easier! The links to these forms on our website are now working correctly. Paper forms are available in the narthex.



**November is Native American Heritage Month**



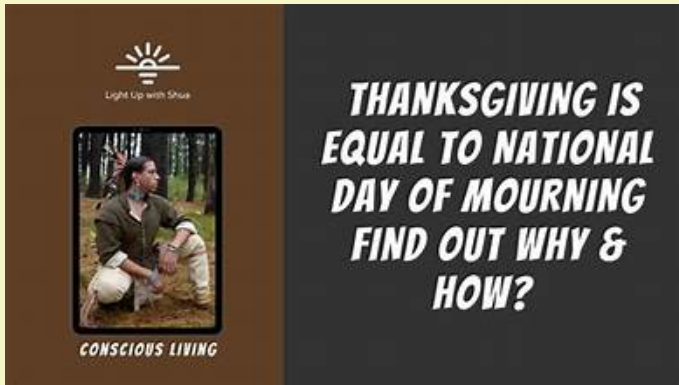
The ELCA continues to offer opportunities for us to explore our relationships with Indigenous Peoples. Find the links to join zoom presentations [here](#)

**Tuesday November 28** at 8:00 pm: Presentation: Settler Narrative

**Thursday November 30** at 8:00 pm: Indigenous Thought and Theology

There are also many interesting and informative programs on the [PBS website](#)

The Social Justice Team encourages you to learn about our complicity as white Christians in the harms inflicted on Native Peoples and to consider how we might participate in repair and reconciliation.



### **Day of Mourning**

Many of us will enjoy Thanksgiving Day by eating dinner with family or friends and giving thanks for the many blessings in our lives. However, for our Indigenous siblings, the day the we observe as Thanksgiving is for them a Day of Mourning. It is a solemn

occasion to honor Native ancestors and Wampanoag stories while fostering greater awareness and understanding among the American public about the destructive presence of pilgrims and settlers in and around Patuxet, currently also known as Plymouth. This information taken from the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian explains more:

Mainstream narratives about Thanksgiving are told almost exclusively from the perspective of the Pilgrims. As a result, this Eurocentric telling—which often portrays the Wampanoag people who first encountered English settlers at Plymouth, Massachusetts, as nameless, faceless, “Indians”—has become widely accepted as fact. In reality, the Wampanoag, whose name means “People of the First Light,” had occupied the region for centuries before the arrival of Europeans. A complex and sophisticated civilization, the Wampanoag had tribal coalitions in place long before the English colonies were established and were far from “wild savages.” In fact, it was their daily tradition of giving thanks for nature’s gifts that inspired the Thanksgiving myth.

This Thanksgiving we invite you to consider how your family might incorporate an acknowledgement of the harms caused by European settlers to Native Peoples and an acknowledgement of the ongoing contributions of these peoples to our culture. How can we stand with Native Peoples and begin the work of reconciliation and repair? We have much to learn from the wisdom of Indigenous Peoples.

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## **Adult Education at CLC**

Our return to Adult Education opportunities at CLC continues in December with a three-week focus on the gospel of Mark! With the change in liturgical year that begins with Advent, we will

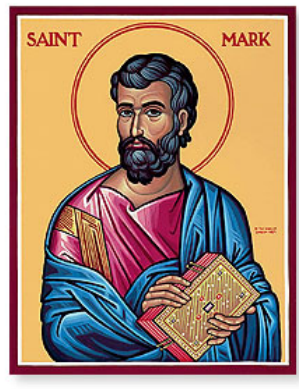
shift from the gospel of Matthew as our orienting perspective to hearing excerpts from Mark on Sundays. We'll learn a little bit about the author of Mark's point of view as a way to listen with our whole selves to the stories offered.

**Sunday, December 3** - Who is "Mark"?

**Sunday, December 10** - How do we listen to Mark?

**Sunday, December 17** - Living a life of Holy urgency

The sessions will be after worship on Sunday, beginning at 11:30 am. We are going to try and offer this session in hybrid format so everyone can be together for learning.



Folks joining online can click [here](#) to join the sessions.

## Readings for Sunday, November 19, 2023

Click on the link for the text:

**First Reading:** [Zephaniah 1:7,12-18](#)

**Second Reading:** [1 Thessalonians. 5:1-11](#)

**Gospel:** [Matthew 25:14-30](#)

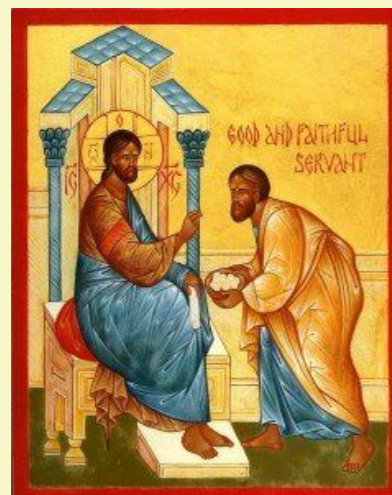


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## Worship Assistants for Sunday, November 19, 2023

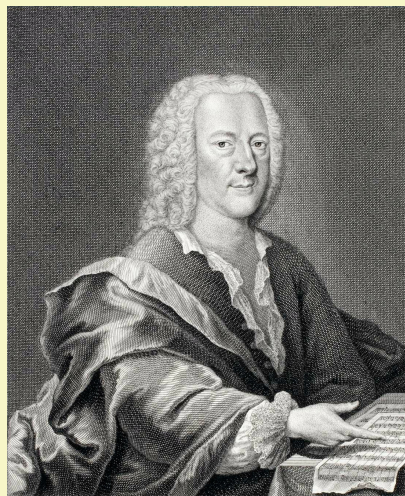
<b>Greeters</b>	Pamela Bathen and Nadia Salerno
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Marianne Swenson
<b>Reader</b>	Cathy Gallagher
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	George Hall
<b>Tellers</b>	Juliet Seaberg and Marianne Swenson
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Phil Roberts and Hannele Saramo-Raja
<b>Fellowship Hosts</b>	Audrey & Ruth Colson and Edie Lohr
<b>Broadcast Team</b>	Comlanvi Agbodjinou and Alan Avalos
<b>Cantor</b>	Scott Carlson

## Music Notes

The Prelude, Communion Music, and Postlude on Sunday, November 19 will be excerpts from Sonata in F Major by 18th Century German composer (and contemporary of J.S. Bach) G. P. Telemann.

Flutist Anne Weaver will be joined by Tom Berryman, playing the harpsichord. Click the video below for a performance of the Vivace movement of the Sonata in F.

Tom Berryman  
Director musices



George Lichtensteger. *George Philip Telemann*. c. 1745.



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## Hymns for Sunday, November 19, 2023

**Gospel Acclamation:** Hallelujah (ELW 173)

**Hymn of the Day:** God Whose Giving Knows No Ending (ELW 678)

**Offertory Hymn:** Now Thank We All Our God (ELW 840)

**Communion Hymn:** As the Grains of Wheat (ELW 465)

**Sending Hymn:** For the Fruit of All Creation (ELW 679)

## Last Sunday's Service Recording

Visit our [YouTube page](#) in case you missed last Sunday's service (11/12).

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## Book Group

The CLC Book Group has announced their next two book reads for the community!

**Monday, December 11** - *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus

Monday, January 15 - *Our Missing Hearts* by Celeste Ng.

If you don't already receive Book Group emails, contact [Marianne Swenson](#) for the zoom link.



## Community News



**NEIGHBORS IN CRISIS**

Your gift to Lutheran World Relief will deliver urgently needed support and care to innocent civilians in Israel and Gaza.

[lwr.org/crisis](http://lwr.org/crisis)

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Thank you for sharing God's love with your neighbors when and where they need it most.

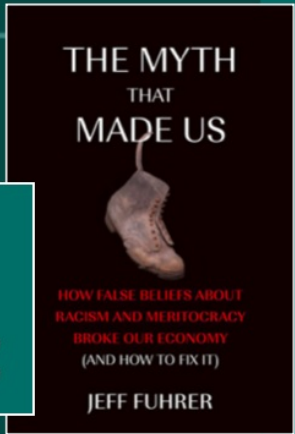
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## Coming Up on Monday & Tuesday!!!

The Synod's Anti-Racism Advisory Board, together in partnership with Calumet Lutheran Ministries is so excited to bring this opportunity forward for the people of the New England Synod and of Calumet Nation. Many thanks to author and economist Jeff Fuhrer for being with us in November on Zoom. [Join the antiracism prayer meeting](#) that we host by Zoom on the **1st Monday and 3rd Thursday** of the month at 7:15 pm. [Click on the picture below for more information.](#)



THE MYTH  
THAT



**“Author Talk”**  
**This November — on Zoom**  
*There is no cost for the book for the first 100 people who sign up for the event by OCT 20*

The synod’s **Anti-Racist Advisory Board & Calumet** invites **People of Faith** to read & then gather for conversation.

**MON, NOV 20, 6:30-7:45 PM**  
**TUES, NOV 21, 9:30-10:45 AM**

HOW FALSE BELIEFS ABOUT

**The New England Synod Reads: *The Myth that Made Us***

I am very excited about the opportunity that the Synod’s Anti-Racism Team and Camp Calumet have provided to discuss this book! I heard the author, who is a member of St. John’s Lutheran Church in Sudbury, speak at Synod Assembly in June.

Mr. Fuhrer explains his research about how systemic racism coupled with our economic system has created and excused gross inequities. Even more importantly, he outlines steps we could take to fix our system and provide reparation for people of color who have been impacted by these unjust systems. I have a copy of the book that I am willing to lend. **Even if you don’t read the book, you will benefit from hearing the discussion** and I encourage you to register for one of the sessions. Please join us. It will be time well spent!

Celeste Larson

**Office News**

**Office Hours - Week of November 19, 2023**

- Monday:** 10-12
- Tuesday:** 10-12
- Wednesday:** Closed
- Thursday:** Closed - Thanksgiving/Day of Mourning
- Friday:** Closed



**Lost and 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.

## 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.



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## Looking Ahead

**Saturday, November 18 @ 7:00 pm:** Silent Movie Night

**Saturday, December 2 @ 3:00 pm :** Bell Choir @ Fran's Flowers

**Sunday, December 3 @ 10:00 am :** Advent Begins!

**Sunday, December 3 @ 2:00 pm :** Bell Choir @ Mary Ann Morse

**Sunday, December 3 @ 3:30 pm :** Tree Lighting at CLC

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