



# Christ Lutheran Church

Thursday, March 7, 2024

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We welcome **Pastor Cassandra Chavez** who will be covering for Pastor Christophor on Sunday, March 10.

Pastor Cassandra grew up between small town Rhode Island and the big city of Santa Cruz de la Sierra in Bolivia.

Pastor Cassandra has worked as an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer, a mortgage loan officer, and a housing counselor after completing her B.A. in international affairs. She recently graduated with an M.Div. from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary. Pastor Cassandra lives in Lawrence and in her free time enjoys dancing of all kinds, reading, rock climbing, traveling to visit her friends and family all over the world and playing the piano.



## HOLY WEEK

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JAZZ PALM SUNDAY  
10 AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY  
7:30 PM

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GOOD FRIDAY  
7:30 PM

VIGIL OF EASTER  
8 PM

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EASTER SUNDAY  
10 AM

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[WWW.CHRISTNATICK.ORG](http://WWW.CHRISTNATICK.ORG)

**Pastor Christophor** is away until Monday, March 11.

If you have a business need with the church, please contact our Congregation Vice President, David Ripp: [eckripp@gmail.com](mailto:eckripp@gmail.com).

If you have a pastoral care emergency, please contact Ellen Zagajeski: [ezagajeski@comcast.net](mailto:ezagajeski@comcast.net) or 508-932-5568. She will connect you with the pastor covering while he is away.



The original round of 32 saints has been reduced to the Saintly Sixteen in this third week of Lent Madness:

Thursday, February 29 – Henry Whipple, 71% of the votes  
Friday, March 1 – Cornelius the Centurion, 53% of the votes  
Monday, March 4 – Gertrude the Great, 63% of the votes  
Tuesday, March 5 – Julian of Norwich, 62% of the votes  
Wednesday, March 6 – Clare of Assisi, 58% of the votes

It's not too late! Join the fun at [www.lentmadness.org](http://www.lentmadness.org)

[Click this link to view the 2025 Lent Guide](#)

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**Church Directory** | We are in the process of updating the church directory. For more information, visit our [Church News landing page](#).



**Last Sunday's Service Recording** | [Click this link to view last Sunday's service \(3/3\)](#)

**Music Notes** | The CLC Choir sings American composer, Emma Lou Diemer's (b. 1927) setting of "Jesus, lover of my soul" for the Offertory Music on Sunday, March 10. John Wesley (1703-91), the founder of Methodism, wrote the lyrics.

*Jesus, lover of my soul,  
Let me to thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll.  
While the tempest still is high.  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,  
Till the storm of life is past;  
Safe into the haven guide,  
O receive my soul at last.*

For the Communion Music, Mezzo-soprano, Gail Weston-Roberts will sing Moses Hogan's (1957-2003) setting of the spiritual, "He never said a mumbalin' word."

The Organ Prelude and Postlude are excerpted from *Prelude, Fugue and Variation* (1862) by César Franck. For an interesting arrangement for 11 string guitar of this work go to [this url](#).

Tom Berryman, Music Director

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*Song transcends the centuries and continents, uniting us, right here, right now, in our shared humanity.*

Many choral singers have gotten to know Alice Parker through her compositions, arrangements, workshops and community sings.

Join us in the Parish Hall to honor and remember Alice Parker by singing together some of her well-known music in an open choral sing. We'll provide the music and a post-sing social hour. Open to choral singers at no charge.

Let us know you are coming! rsvp to [musicdirector@christnatick.org](mailto:musicdirector@christnatick.org)

**Book Group** | will meet in April to discuss the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel *Tinkers* by Paul Harding. [Visit our Church News](#) Landing page for more information.

**Natick Town Election** | The town election is on Tuesday, March 26. The only contested race is for School Committee seats. [Visit our Community Page for more information.](#)

For more information about ELCA Advocacy and the Natick Immigrant Welcoming Policy visit our [Community News landing page.](#)

**Housing Justice Rally** | On Sunday afternoon, March 3, fifteen people rode the bus from CLC to the Islamic Society of Boston building in Roxbury to join more than 1600 people supporting Housing Justice. Included in this group were Beth Castro, Juliet Seaberg, Lisa Chan, and David Ripp.

The gathering organized by GBIO (Greater Boston Interfaith Organization) included folks from Protestant, Catholic, Jewish and Muslim backgrounds.

The purpose of the rally was to show the broad spread support for affordable housing to Massachusetts legislators, 4 of whom attended (2 senators and 2 representatives). Three initiatives which are already in the governor's proposed budget were put forward.

1. Adequately fund the maintenance of the 1,131 units of public housing, many of which sit empty due to gross underfunding.
2. Guarantee IDs to people coming out of prison, and increase rental certificates for these citizens.
3. Give our communities the choice to locally pass real estate transfer fees to raise funding for affordable housing.

We came, we learned, we rejoiced!

[Read this letter](#) from Clergy to the MA legislature as part of the campaign to advocate for additional housing that included the rally on Sunday.

**Sunday, March 17 @ 5:00 pm:** Remembering Alice Parker

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