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**Drive-in Church | Sunday, October 4, 2020**

**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**

**Turn your car radio to 91.5 FM to hear the service.**

### **The Welcome and Announcements**

### **The Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever. Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**All: Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought,  
word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left  
undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.  
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made  
us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. Through Jesus  
Christ our sins are forgiven. May almighty God strengthen us with power through  
the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.

**All: Amen.**



## ELW 638 - "Blessed Assurance"



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

### *Refrain*



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



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Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

## The Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## Scripture

John 1:35-42

<sup>35</sup>The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup>He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup>He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## A Word of Reflection

Pastor Vanderslice

Philippians 3:7-14

<sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## The Message

“Pressing On”

Elise Seyfried

“The Power of One”

Pastor Vanderslice

# ELW 396 - Spirit of Gentleness

*Refrain*



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;  
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;  
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;  
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:  
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,  
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,  
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



*Refrain*

“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”  
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.  
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.  
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

## Affirmation of Baptism | Rite of Confirmation

Assistant: The following persons have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism. As their names are read, the Confirmands and their parents are invited to come forward.

Fallon Marie George  
Jason Perry Morrissy  
William Scott Shapley  
Trinity Nesbeth Simpson

Pastor: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world.

Assistant: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church.

In the community of God's people, you have learned from his Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation.

You have been nourished at his holy table and called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

***Each Confirmand replies:  
I do.***



*The Pastor addresses the Confirmands and Assembly.*

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**All: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Pastor: You have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant  
God made with you in Holy Baptism:  
to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear his Word and share in his supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ  
through word and deed,  
to serve all people,  
following the example of our Lord Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?  
If so, please answer: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

***The Confirmands reply:***

**I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

## The Prayer and Blessing

Elise: Let us pray. Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made these men and women your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

*Parents place their hands on their child's head.*

Pastor: Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in

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Trinity Nesbeth Simpson

the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his / her faith,  
guide his / her life,  
empower him / her in his / her serving,  
give him / her patience in suffering,  
and bring him / her to everlasting life.

**All: Amen.**

*The Confirmands and parents may return to their cars.*



## Prayers of Intercession

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Holy God, you call us to work for peace and justice in your vineyard. Refresh the church with your life, that we may bear fruit through work and service. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Thank you for the abundant harvest of the earth. Bless and care for those whose hands bring the fruits of the earth to the tables of all who hunger. May we be inspired by your servants who cared deeply for your creation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Curb the impulses of greed and pride that lead us to take advantage of others. Grant that world leaders seek the fruits of the kingdom for the good and welfare of all people. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sustain all who suffer with the promise of new life. Assured of your presence, heal our pain and suffering, and equip us to embrace all bodies aching for wholeness of mind, body, and soul. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all managers in our community and for all who seek employment. Give hope and a future to those who lack meaningful work, those who have been marginalized or abused in the workplace, and those who desire new opportunities. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Thank you for the saints who teach us to live faithfully in your vineyard. May our chorus join theirs until our labor is complete. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## The Lord's Prayer

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## Sharing of Communion

The body and blood of Christ given and shed for you.

At this time you may open the lid for the bread and then the wine. Begin by pulling the tap down and then back up again.

## Musical Interlude

## The Post Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **All: Amen.**

## Cares Chorus



I cast all my cares up - on you; I lay all of my  
bur - dens down at your feet. And an - y - time that I don't know  
what to do, I will cast all my cares up - on you.

## The Benediction

*From Romans 15:13*

May the God of hope fill you with joy and peace in believing so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

**All: Amen.**

Go in peace.

**All: God is with us.**

**BE STRONG** *and*  
**COURAGEOUS!**

DO NOT *be* AFRAID  
OR DISCOURAGED.

FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD  
IS WITH YOU  
WHEREVER YOU GO.

 *Joshua 1:9*

## ELW 545 - Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.  
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess - ing, tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace.  
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.  
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.  
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.  
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt.  
Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.

## AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM | CONFIRMATION

This morning the following individuals are affirming the promises of baptism.

Fallon Marie George  
Jason Perry Morrissy  
William Scott Shapley  
Trinity Nesbeth Simpson



## CONFIRMATION 2020 | BIBLE VERSES, CREEDS, and MITZVAH PROJECTS

### Fallon Marie George

**Bible verse: Hebrews 6:19**

We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters the inner shrine behind the curtain...

**Creed:** I believe that God is with you through all of the waves of ups and downs in life. He is there on your best and worst days and is like an anchor. If we put our faith and trust in Him, we will always have hope and reassurance.

**Mitzvah:** The COVID-19 shutdown in the Montgomery County and surrounding areas changed our lives abruptly and chaotically. One of the things I missed most was connecting with my friends. I had a new appreciation for those in our CLC community who don't have easy access to socialize with other members. I asked Elise for a list of folks who might like a warm, Easter reminder that they are in our thoughts and prayers, even though we aren't able to see them very often. I wrote them notecards and included tea bags as a small treat. I didn't expect to get letters in return, but I heard back from two "pen pals." It turned out we shared a few things in common, including missing trips to the diner after church services! I hope these short notes were a bright spot during the dull days of the shutdown.

### Jason Perry Morrissy

**Bible verse: John 15:13**

No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

**Creed:** God gives us strength and guides us along paths that are good but we decide which one we will walk down. We are free to believe in what we want to believe. God gives us opportunities to make friends that help us develop and grow both as a person and as a friend.

### William Scott Shapley

**Bible verse: John 3:16**

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

**Creed:** I believe in the Lord, I believe in the security, strength, and serenity found in faith, for now until forever. Amen.

**Mitzvah (Jason Morrissy and Will Shapley):** We cleaned up the creek behind the church. We were there for about three hours and picked trash up from the bank and out of trees. We came out of the creek with about a whole trash bag full of trash that we had collected.

## Trinity Nesbeth Simpson

### **Bible verse: Jeremiah 29:11**

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

**Creed:** I believe God is always there for me. Family and friends are important to me. I believe God is always there to listen. I believe God loves me for who I am. I believe God is there for my family and friends and he is there to protect and watch over them.

**Mitzvah:** For my mitzvah project I helped a dog rescue called Hemlock Edge. This rescue helps bring dogs from down in the southern states up here so that they can be safe and get adopted by a loving family. Every year the rescue holds an event at Barnes and Nobles, that gift wraps gifts for the holidays for donations to the rescue. I have been doing this for a couple years now and I go and take care of the puppies and I also get donations for the rescue. This is important to me because every dog deserves a loving and safe home.



## PRAYER LIST FOR THE WEEK

*To add a name to the prayer list contact the office or Pastor.  
We've recently updated our prayer lists. Anyone on the prayer list longer than six weeks can be found on the long-term list in e-news or the monthly Link newsletter.  
If you have an update on a loved one, please contact the church office. Thank you!*

Tom Anglim (friend of the Hallmans) – *testing at Fox Chase*  
Norman Aziz (Diane Polis' fiancé) – *medical issues*  
Jerry Beck (friend of Wes Craig) – *reoccurrence of cancer*  
Eleanor Brucker (mom of Janine Asher, Karen Greilich, & Lori Stevens)  
*doing well in her recovery from COVID-19*  
Brian Devaney (husband of Victoria [Frantz] Devaney) *recovering from cardiac stent insertion*  
Evans Family (friends of Wes & Marda Craig) - *Nick diagnosed with MS*  
Marlene Foody – *recovering at home*  
Dave Hallman (Don Hallman's brother) - *recovering after Aug 27 vascular surgery at HUP*  
Donna Jann – *recovering from hip surgery on September 30*  
Edna Keller - (mother of Tim Keller) *hospitalized in ICU after a fall*  
Robbie Manus – (son of Andy and Bob Manus) - *kidney stones*  
Tony Manus – (grandson of Andy and Bob Manus) - *autoimmune vasculitis*  
Melody Maurer – *medical issues*  
Hannah Mudge (Chris Mudge's daughter) – *in Oregon*  
Helen Nelson (friend of Jerry and Sally Beil)  
Glenn Newkirk (Amy Jacoby's former father-in-law) – *hospice care*  
Hilda Newman – *hospitalized with kidney stones*  
Isabelle Schweitzer Pavel (co-worker of R. Griffin) *colon cancer / hospice*  
Alexandra Sheridan (25yo friend of Sue Frantz' co-worker)  
*hospitalized with many health complications from an aneurysm*  
Sam Weiss (friend of Ross & Sue Frantz) *awaiting entrance into another clinical trial for advanced lung cancer*

***We remember in prayer*** the family and friends of Mildred Boyd who entered God's eternal care on May 28, 2020.

***We remember in prayer*** the families and friends of Joan Bickel and Fred Flothmeier (friends of the Hallmans) who entered God's eternal care this past week.



**FAMILY TABLE** – virtual gathering by Zoom each Sunday at 8:30 am.

**CONFIRMATION TABLE** - virtual gathering by Zoom each Sunday at 11 am.

**MONDAY NIGHT YOGA** – Mondays @ 6 pm

Socially Distanced Monday Night Yoga on the back lawn/patio. Join us on Mondays at 6 pm as yoga class returns for the first time since the pandemic began. Please email [community@christso-reland.org](mailto:community@christso-reland.org) to let Amy Jacoby know if you will be joining us and to receive some guidelines. Namaste!

## **TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY** – Tuesdays @ 10 am

Our Tuesday Bible Study returns virtually for the fall season at 10 am on Tuesdays. We will gather using Zoom Video Chat. Contact Elise at [faithformdir@christs-oreland.org](mailto:faithformdir@christs-oreland.org) for information.

## **PB AND ...JESUS!** – Tuesdays from noon – 3 pm

Our friend Lou Farrell from Grace, Hatfield, continues to collect sandwiches on Tuesdays for the homeless community. We invite you to drop off PBJs (uncut, in Ziploc-type bags) between 12 noon-3:00 PM on Tuesdays. Coolers will be outside the chapel. Questions, please contact Elise or the church office.

## **WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY**

Join us for Wonderful Wednesday on October 7 and October 21 @ 7 pm through Zoom Video Chat. Our hosts for October 7 will be Elise and Steve Seyfried.

Contact Elise at [faithformdir@christs-oreland.org](mailto:faithformdir@christs-oreland.org) for the Zoom link.

## **ON-LINE GIVING AT CLC** | Made Easy

It is convenient, simple, and secure at [www.christs-oreland.org](http://www.christs-oreland.org). *You can also use your mobile device to make a contribution.*

- Download the "Give Plus" app to your device from your app store.
- Search for CLC by zip code 19075.
- Make a one-time gift or create an account to make a recurring contribution to the General Operating Fund. Other choices of funds will be available in the future.
- You can also go to the CLC website secure page at: [www.christs-oreland.org/electronic-giving/](http://www.christs-oreland.org/electronic-giving/) to make a contribution.

Be Still  
AND KNOW  
THAT I AM GOD  
-PSALM 46:10



Christ's Lutheran Church  
*Virtual Fall Festival*  
**2020**  
& Food Drive\*

Starting Saturday, October 3rd to Monday, October 12  
\*Food Drive & Prize Pick-up • Saturday, October 17, 2020

### *Virtual Activities*

- Video or photograph you and/or family baking something fall themed
- Video/photo of you decorating a pumpkin
- Video/photo of you and/or family making a scarecrow
- Video of dancing to Thriller or some other Halloween song
- Video/photo of raking/jumping in leaves

Please feel free to perform and submit video/photos for more than one activity. Each participant will receive one prize regardless of the number of activities you participate in. Families may submit an entry for each individual. This is not a contest. Prizes will be given out to the first 120 participants who submit entries. Prize will include a t-shirt and a special surprise. Email entries to [community@christs-oreland.org](mailto:community@christs-oreland.org).



### *Costume Contest*

Winner from each category receives a \$25 gift certificate to a local business

- Best Family Costume
- Best Pet Costume
- Best Baby Costume

You can participate in both Virtual Activities and Costume Contest. One winner selected for each category. Email pictures to [community@christs-oreland.org](mailto:community@christs-oreland.org)

### *Food Drive & Prize Pick-up*

Prize pick up will be Saturday, October 17th from 10 AM to 12 PM. During the prize pickup there will be a **Thanksgiving Themed Food Drive** for Mattie N. Dixon Food Cupboard. We will also be holding a collection for Brave Hearts for Strong Minds, a local charity that helps with education funding for children who have lost a parent.

**Any questions, please email [community@christs-oreland.org](mailto:community@christs-oreland.org) or check out our Facebook page Christ's Lutheran Church, Oreland, PA for updates.**