January 28, 2024 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



Christ's Lutheran Church 700 East Pennsylvania Avenue Oreland, Pennsylvania

Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church connects individuals to God, each other, and the community.

Welcome to Worship at Christ's Lutheran Church!

In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that prevails over any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand in body or spirit, as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our rock and refuge,
we pour out our hearts before you.
We have known you but have not always loved you.
We have wounded one another
and sinned against you.
We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit
dwelling in each of us.
Remember your covenant.
Renew your creation.
Restore us,
that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

God has spoken:

The time of grace is now.

In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.

your sins are forgiven.

You are God's beloved.

Amen.

Gathering Song

O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come ELW # 610



- 1 O Christ, the heal er, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
- 2 From ev 'ry ail-ment flesh en dures our bod ies clam or to be freed
- 3 In con-flicts that de-stroy our health we rec-og-nize the world's dis-ease;
- 4 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com-mu ni ty may find



How can we fail to be re-stored when reached by love that nev - er ends? yet in our hearts we would con-fess that whole-ness is our deep-est need. our com-mon life de-clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these? the whole-ness that, en-rich-ing us, shall reach the whole of hu-man-kind.

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Music: DISTRESS, W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835

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Greeting

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

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise Verse 1

O God beyond All Praising **ELW #880**



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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

A Word on the Feast Day of Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe

THE WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

A reading from Deuteronomy, chapter 18.

[Moses said:] ¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." ¹⁷Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 111

W & P # 144 | Thy Word Is a Lamp



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

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holy and awesome is your name.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

A reading from First Corinthians, chapter 8.

¹Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him.

⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but

¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

²Great are your works, O LORD, pondered by all who delight in them.

³Majesty and splendor mark your deeds, and your righteousness endures forever.

⁴You cause your wonders to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion.

⁵You give food to those who fear you, remembering forever your covenant.

⁶You have shown your people the power of your works in giving them the lands of the nations.

⁷The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice; all of your precepts are sure.

⁸They stand fast forever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.

⁹You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;

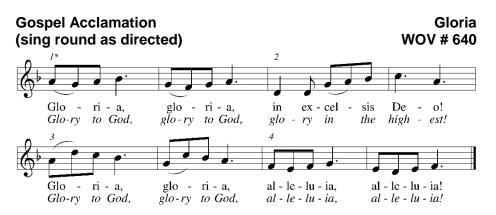
¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.
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one." ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸"Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand in body or spirit.



^{*}May be sung as a round.

Text: Traditional Music: GLORIA 3, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. Glory to you, O Lord.

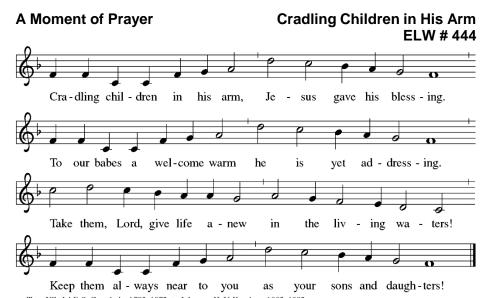
²¹[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught.²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

The Children's Message

Pastor Axel Kaegler



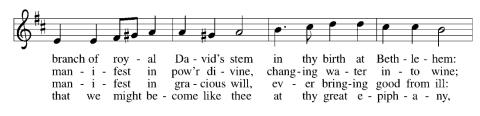
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Hymn of the Day ELW # 310 | Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



- 1 Songs of thank-ful ness and praise, Je sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
- 2 Man i fest at Jor dan's stream, proph et, priest, and king su preme;
- 3 Man i fest in mak ing whole weak-ened bod y, faint ing soul; 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word







Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt. Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702

and may praise thee,

The Nicene Creed

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

ev - er blest.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated.

Prayers of Intercession

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Loving God, we pray that your example of teaching with confidence and authority builds up your church in love. May all church leaders and teachers honor your instruction and model your inclusive ways. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Renewing God, we pray for all of creation, that waterways flow clean and clear, natural spaces are protected, and our planet is healed. Let us commit to thoughtful care of the earth. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Justice-seeking God, we pray for those in government and community leadership, that they lead with honor and mindfulness. May they remember their covenants and be upright in their ways. God of grace, receive our prayer.

Compassionate God, we pray for all in need, especially those who have known rejection, any who struggle with long-term illness or chronic pain, those without access to safe housing or health care, and any who suffer. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Still-speaking God, we pray for our congregation, for its artists and musicians, for its educators and caregivers, that all gifts are used to care for those in need and to live out your example of accompaniment, gospel witness, and love. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Eternal God, we remember all who have been teachers, mentors, and companions in the church and in our lives. We trust that all who have died rest in your loving care. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

You are invited to share God's peace with those around you and to greet those who are worshipping online.

Musical Offering "Sing a New Alleluia!" Barrett

Purchased with funds from Henry Rothenheber Memorial

"I'm gonna sing a new alleluia! I'm gonna bring a new alleluia! With ev'ry breath I take, I will give my praises and sing to the Lord a new song.

Offertory Hymn **Give Thanks** W & P # 41 thanks to the Ho-ly One, Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give give thanks be-cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son. Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One, Son. be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ. his let the weak say, "I strong," let the poor say, "I am rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for And us. let the weak say, strong," now am let the poor say, am Last time be-cause of what the Lord has done for

Text: Henry Smith

rich,"

Music: GIVE THANKS, Henry Smith

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us.

Give thanks!

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Lord God, our light and our salvation, we know that all good things come from you. Receive these gifts we offer. May they be a source of blessing for your people. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

Blessing

The Sending Song

Let the Whole Creation Cry **ELW #876**



- the whole cre a tion cry, "Glo ry to the Lord on vants striv ing for the Lord, proph-ets burn ing with the high!"
- Ser vants striv ing word,
- Men and wom en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the king!" chil-dren's hap - py hearts in and this wor-ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and Pow'rs of knowl-edge and of law, the glo-rious cir-cle draw; to north to south-ern pole let the might - y cho - rus



good and great!" all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is Ho - ly, Ho - ly glo - ry God a - lone!" "Ho - ly, One; be to

Text: Stopford A. Brooke, 1832-1916, alt. Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622-1702

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

Thanks be to God.

Online Giving

To make an offering to support the work of Christ's Lutheran Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, you may use this QR code to access our site for secure online giving.



Your Prayers Are Invited

We hope you will add the following people to your personal prayers. Those who are listed longer than 6 weeks can be found on the long term prayer list through the link in the weekly e-news or the monthly Link newsletters. To add a name to the prayer list or provide an update, please contact the office.

Tom Anglim (friend of Wes and Marda Craig) Helen Curran (friend of Bob Kelly)

Clyde Engle

Paul Engstrom

Gil Gavish & Family (son-in-law of Elise & Steve Seyfried)

Paul & Rose Hill (friends of Shirley & Clyde Engle)

Irene, Mercy, Winnie, Allan, Baby Giovanni (family members of The Uehlings)

Jim Laubach (Pat Hallman's cousin)

Ken Leister (Don Hallman's brother-in-law)

Nancy Renner

Sherry Rich (Don and Judy Berger's niece)

Michelle Scutti (friend of Diane & Charlie Piantieri)

Ruth Smith

Dolores Sweeney

Nik Zitomer (Diane Polis' nephew)

The flowers on the altar today are dedicated to the Glory of God!

Annual Meeting

Please join us for our annual meeting immediately following today's service.

New Digital Sound Board

This week, we installed our new digital sound board. This unit will now sync up our sound with our weekly stream. It will also greatly improve the sound we hear in the sanctuary, enable our choir to better hear the service in the chancel, and provide better quality for our hearing assisted system. There are still adjustments that will need to be made as we move forward.

We also are planning to have a training session to learn more about what benefits a digital board can provide. This would be a great opportunity to introduce new volunteers.

If you would like to work with this new technology, please contact Kathy Steen, Music Chair, or Rick Daniels.

Family Table

Family Table is open to families of all ages and make-ups. Come learn about God, our faith and how we walk in the world as People of God. Family Table meets Sundays at 9 am in Parish Hall. Any questions email director-spiritualform@christs-oreland.org.

National Youth Gathering

Finally the National Youth Gathering is coming again, this time July 16-20 2024 in New Orleans! This event is for current 8th-12th graders and adults over 21 who wish to accompany them. Also, for the first time ever a parallel gathering for Young Adults will be July 16-20 2024 in New Orleans and is open to young adults ages 18-35. Stay tuned for more information on these events! Contact Becca at director-spiritualform@christs-oreland.org with questions or if you already know you want to go!

Willow Grove Baptist Food Pantry Meat Drive

Community and Outreach is collecting frozen meats such as bacon, hot dogs, and chicken nuggets/fingers for the Willow Grove Baptist Food Pantry **through today, Sunday, January 28**. Please place all frozen meats in the coolers by the Giving Place in the Narthex. Any questions, please email Jen at community@christs-oreland.org.

CLC Community Yarners

Winter & Spring Schedule will meet twice a month on Mondays:

Mondays, February 12 & February 26, 2024

Mondays, March 11 & March 25,, 2024

Mondays, April 15 & April 29, 2024

Where: 700 E Pennsylvania Ave, Oreland (Room 200)

Time: 11:00 to 1:00PM

Don't know how to knit or crochet? No worries, all levels are welcomed! Or, bring your own craft project to show & do.

Please contact:

Betty Messer: betty.messer508@gmail.com, phone: 267-475-2933

Marty Frantz: marty.frantz@gmail.com, phone: 215-885-4812

Men's Breakfast

Great time together on January 20 and what a conversation. We talked about topics from flying squirrels to the 12 days of Christmas to Black Capped Chickadees to new tires to hammer drills and automatic toll collections. Also, the passing of dear family and friends, when to have a house fire in Oreland (Monday night is the best night), saying no as a gateway to retirement, eating dessert first, grandkids, and lifelong connections with other people. Thanks to all who attended and looking forward to our next breakfast on **February 17**th.

Please RSVP to jprasmussen9@gmail.com.

Oreland Troop 1 - Cast Iron Chef 2024

On Saturday, February 24 from 9 a.m.- 1 p.m., Cub Scouts and youth ages 7-15 are welcome to join Oreland Troop 1 to learn about fire building, basic food preparation, and cooking in a Dutch oven. Youth will get a chance to prepare and cook their own meal in a live-fire Dutch oven workshop. This FREE event will be held rain-or-shine and takes place at Christ's Lutheran Church. Please RSVP at bit.ly/castironchef24 by February 18. Questions? Contact Scoutmaster Sergio Movsessian (max2105@yahoo.com or 215-498-7579). Visit oreland1.org to learn more about Oreland Troop 1.

Wonderful Wednesday (Tuesdays during Lent)

During Lent Wonderful Wednesday will become Terrific or Tremendous or Tantalizing (or you may choose your own descriptor) Tuesday. We hope that Wednesday evening Lenten Services will become part of your Wednesdays during Lent.

In February TT will meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month, **Tuesday, February 27**, at 6:30 p.m., at the home of Pat and Don Hallman, 609 Hartranft Ave., Ft. Washington. Please RSVP to Consy Finney, (cwfinney1@comcast.net or 215-771-5994) by Sunday, February, 25.

In March TT will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, **Tuesday, March 19, at 6:30 p.m.,** at the home of Betsy and Ken Selinger, 1506 Allen Road, Oreland. Please RSVP to Consy Finney by Sunday, March 17.

Any questions, please contact Pat Hallman or Consy Finney.

Pub Theology

Join us for Pub Theology on the last Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm at The Ways Restaurant and Brewery in Glenside.

Our next gathering takes place on Thursday, February 29.

Please let Pastor Kaegler know if you will be attending. clcseniorpastor@christs-oreland.org.

Wednesday Bible Study

All are welcome to join us for Bible Study on **Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am** in room 200 with Pastor Kaegler.

Please join us as our current bible study brings us through the Prophet Isaiah.

Willow Grove Food Pantry Collection

A box is located in the back of the Narthex by the "Giving Place" for donations of nonperishable items.

Once a month, or more if needed, we will drop off any donations to the pantry. Please consider bringing a nonperishable item to church with you each time you attend. Together we can help our brothers and sisters in need. Any questions please email Jen at community@christs-oreland.org.

CLC Evening Meditations

If you'd like to join the team of CLC meditation writers, contact John Frantz at johnhfrantz123@gmail.com or call for more details or to discuss at 215-885-4812.

Greeters Ministry

If you'd like to greet folks coming to church on Sunday morning with a warm welcome, the Greeters Ministry is for you! Individuals, pairs, and groups are all welcome to sign up! A SignUpGenius can be found in the weekly enews or contact Chris Mudge at chrismudge64@yahoo.com or the church office.

Home Visits

If you or someone you know would like Pastor Kaegler to visit, please contact him at clcseniorpastor@christs-oreland.org or by calling the church office at 215-886-4612.

Altar Flowers / Bread and Wine

Would you like to sponsor the flowers decorating the altar on a Sunday morning? A sign-up sheet is available in the church lobby or you may contact the church office. Flower arrangements are \$30 apiece.

Bread and wine are also available to be sponsored for communion services. A sign-up sheet is available in the church lobby or you may contact the church office. Bread and wine are available to be sponsored for \$15.

PBJ Sandwich Donations

Please make PBJ sandwiches with plain white bread, creamy peanut butter, and grape jelly. Wrap sandwiches in individual sandwich baggies and leave them uncut. Mark your bag with the number of sandwiches enclosed.

PBJ sandwiches can be dropped off at the following times:

Sunday mornings (narthex fridge), Mondays from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, Tuesdays from 9:00 am to 11:45 am. Coolers will be outside the chapel on Mondays and Tuesday.

If you'd like to help with delivery, please contact the church office.

Thanks for your continued support of this program!

Christ's Lutheran Preschool

We are presently accepting registrations for our September 2024-2025 Preschool Programs. All programs meet from 9:00-12:00.

If you are interested in one of our programs or want to schedule a tour, please contact Sally Mead, director, for a registration form at clcpreschool@christs-oreland.org or 215.886.4612 ext 6.

Enrollment is limited so you will want to register as soon as possible.

A \$50.00 non-refundable family registration is due at the time of registration. *Christ's Lutheran members will receive a 10% family discount on tuition.*

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This Week at CLC!		
Sunday	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 11:30 am	Family Table Choir Rehearsal Worship at CLC and online Annual Meeting
Monday	9:30 am 10:00 am – 6:00 pm 7:30 pm	Monday Morning Men PBJ Collection (chapel) Boy Scout Troop 1 (PH)
Tuesday	9:00 am – 11:45 am	PBJ Collection (chapel)
Wednesday	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Bible Study (200) AA (PH)
Friday	8:00 pm	AA (200)