February 11, 2024 Transfiguration of our Lord



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!

The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's Beloved. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.

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.

By the authority of + Jesus Christ,

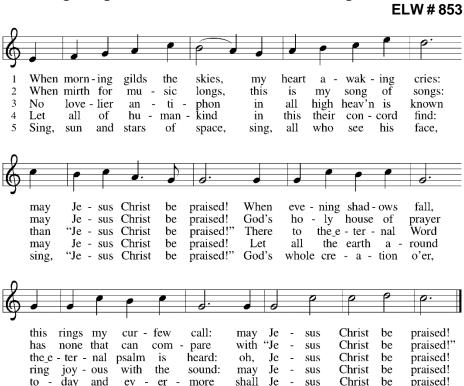
your sins are forgiven.

You are God's beloved.

Amen.

Gathering Song

When Morning Gilds the Skies ELW # 853



Text: German hymn, 19th cent.; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt. Music: LAUDES DOMINI, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896

Greeting

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

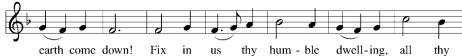
And also with you.

Hymn of Praise Verses 1 and 4

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling ELW # 631



- 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov ing Spir it in to ev 'ry
- Al-might y, de - liv - er: Come. to let us all thy thy cre - a -Fin ish then new tion, pure and spot - less
- 4 Fin isn then thy new cre a tion, pure and spot less



trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us nev - er, re - ceive: sud - den - ly and life re - turn, nev - er great sal - va - tion let us be; let us see thy per - fect -



faith - ful Je all mer - cies crown. sus, thou com - pas - sion, art find thv prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Thee would be more thy tem - ples leave. we al - ways bless - ing, stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,





its be - gin ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty. ceas per - fect love. ing, thy out glo ry in be - fore lost won - der, love, crowns thee, in and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

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

First Reading

2 Kings 2:1-12

A reading from Second Kings, chapter 2.

¹Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may

do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." ¹⁰He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50:1-6

W & P # 144 | Thy Word Is a Lamp



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

¹The mighty one, God the LORD, has spoken; calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

²Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God shines forth in glory.

Response

³Our God will come and will not keep silence; with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm.

⁴God calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgment of the people.

⁵"Gather before me my loyal followers,

those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."

⁶The heavens declare the rightness of God's cause, for it is God who is judge.

Response

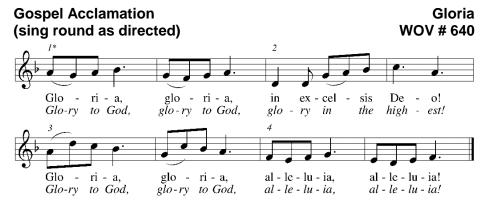
A reading from Second Corinthians, chapter 4.

³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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

Mark 9:2-9

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

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to

them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

Please be seated.

The Children's Message

Becca Shelor

A Moment of Prayer

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying ELW # 752



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943 Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema

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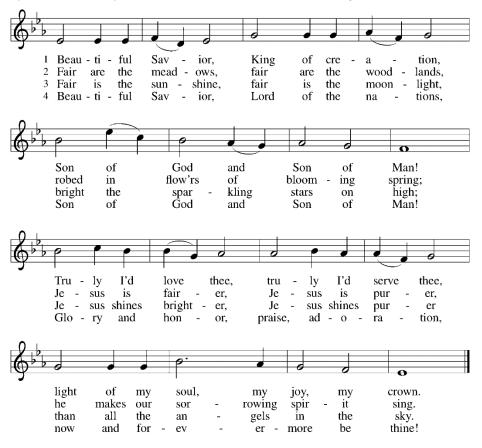
The Message

Pastor Axel Kaegler

Please stand in body or spirit.

Hymn of the Day

ELW # 838 | Beautiful Savior



Text: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

The Nicene Creed

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

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, 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
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

true God from true God, begotten, not made.

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.

We pray for the church, that the transformational power of God enters the hearts of all people. May its leaders serve as examples of your grace and healing across time and space. God of grace, receive our prayer.

We pray for the creation, that we will humbly observe the swirl of wind and the heat of the bright sun. Teach us to honor all you have made and to care for the animals, plants, air, and bodies of water of this planet. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

We pray for those charged with leadership, lawmaking, and governance of our towns, states, and countries, that they will strive for goodness and justice all the days of their lives and callings. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

We pray for any who are sick and suffering. Guide us to offer hospitality, shelter, friendship, and care to any in need. God of grace, receive our prayer.

We pray for this congregation and its ministry in the wider community. May we share the transforming beauty and love of God in ways that honor the dignity of all whom we encounter. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Trusting that all the saints, prophets, and those who die in faith are held in your care, we remember in thanksgiving those who have died. Grant us your gift of salvation as we await your coming again in glory. 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. **Amen.**

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

"Reap What You Sow"

Choplin

Soloist: Becca Shelor

"You will reap what you sow, what you plant in the kingdom will surely grow. And what you grow with love will surely bloom, and the fruit of the spirit will come back to you."

Please stand.

Offertory Hymn

Give Thanks W & P # 41



Text: Henry Smith

Music: GIVE THANKS, Henry Smith

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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.

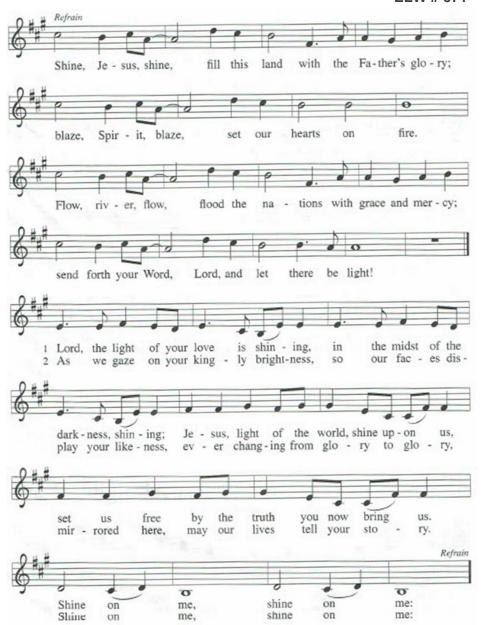
Amen.

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



Dismissal Go in peace. You are God's beloved. **Thanks be to God.**

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)

Beryl Gutekunst

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 by Don and Judy Berger in celebration of their 68th wedding anniversary!

Bishop's Election and Synod Assembly

Our Church is free to elect three lay delegates to this year's Synod Assembly, where we will be electing a new Bishop for the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod. Please send nominations to Pastor Kaegler at clcseniorpastor@christs-oreland.org.

More information on Synod Assembly can be found through the links in the weekly enews.

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.

Ash Wednesday

The season of Lent begins with **Ash Wednesday on February 14**. Our **Service of Holy Communion** with the Imposition of Ashes will be held at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

Midweek Lenten Prayer and Worship

It was so loved last year, that we've decided to do Holden Evening Prayer in our Chapel for our midweek services this Lent on **February 21 and 28, and March 6, 13 and 20 at 7:00 pm.** The theme this year will be "What do we hold on to?" And we'll be focusing on the Small Catechism.

February 21: The Commandments 1-3 March 06: The Apostle's Creed February 28: The Commandments 4-10 March 13: The Lord's Prayer March 20: The Sacraments

Digital Sound Board Training

We are planning to have a training session for volunteers to become familiar with our new digital sound board.

If you would like to work with this new technology and join our sound board team, please contact Kathryn Steen (kathryn.steen@protonmail.com), Music Chair, or Rick Daniels (daniels.r@verizon.net).

Calling All Bakers!

Do you like to bake cookies? Community and Outreach is looking for a baker or two to bake cookies to sell at our Spring Craft Show Concession Stand. All money raised from the selling of cookies will go towards the Willow Grove Baptist Food Pantry. If you are interested or have any questions, please email Jen at community@christs-oreland.org.

Lutheran Night at the Phillies

Lutheran Night at the Phillies will be on **Friday, May 31st** at 6:30 PM verses the Cardinals. Last year many members of CLC attended Lutheran Night on their own, so we thought it would be fun if we could all attend this year's game together!

If you are interested in attending Lutheran Night with your fellow CLC family, please email Jen at community@christs-oreland.org by **March 9th** so we can order the group tickets.

David Wilson Memorial Scholarship

David Wilson Memorial Scholarship is now accepting applications. \$2,000 available to rising college freshman, first year vocational school students, first year graduate students and first year seminarians.

Applications available in the church office or by emailing director-spiritualform@christs-oreland.org. Applications due **May 1st**, scholarship awarded May 26th, Memorial Day, during the church service.

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**. Our theme for this gathering is Lent.

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.

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 to your continued support of this program CLC donated 180 sandwiches this past week!

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.*

Women's Center of Montgomery County - Volunteers Needed

As we begin the new year, the Women's Center of Montgomery County is in need of volunteers to assist us in achieving our mission to eliminate domestic violence so that individuals can live safer, more stable lives and thrive. Through our programs and services - we work to save lives, promote self-sufficiency, create institutional change and reduce the impact of domestic violence. If you are interested in volunteering or would like additional information, please contact mwoodham@womenscentermc.org.

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Assisting Minister next week		Wes Craig
This Week at CLC!		
Sunday	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Family Table Choir Rehearsal Worship at CLC and online
Monday	9:30 am 10:00 am – 6:00 pm 11:00 am 7:30 pm	Monday Morning Men PBJ Collection (chapel) CLC Yarners (200) Boy Scout Troop 1 (PH)
Tuesday	9:00 am – 11:45 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	PBJ Collection (chapel) Lion Cubs (203/204) Council Meeting (200) Webelos (203/204) Wolf Cubs (PH)
Wednesday	10:00 am 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Bible Study (200) Ash Wednesday Service AA (PH) AOL Webelos (200)
Friday	8:00 pm	AA (200)

Saturday 8:30 am Men's Breakfast (Halligan's Pub)

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