February 25, 2024 Reminiscere Sunday



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 second covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham and Sarah: God's promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Paul says this promise comes to all who share Abraham's faith in the God who brings life into being where there was no life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.

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, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus. **Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred.

For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.

Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through + Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Gathering Song Verses 1 - 4

The God of Abraham Praise ELW # 831



Text: Thomas Olivers, 1725–1799, alt., based on the Yigdal, c. 14th cent. Music: YIGDAL, Jewish melody; arr. Meyer Lyon, 1751–1797

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.**

Behold, now is the acceptable time; **now is the day of salvation.**

Gather us, O God, around the cross of Christ, and make it for us the tree of life.

May the fruits of this tree feed the hungry, and may its leaves heal the nations.



Glory to God

ELW Setting Three



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, 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.

A Word on the Feast Day of Elizabeth Fedde and Reminiscere Sunday

THE WORD

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

First Reading

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

A reading from Genesis, chapter 17.

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."

¹⁵God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

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

Psalm 22:23-31

Bless the Lord



²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's ^I line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

²⁴For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them;

but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD. ²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever! **Response**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;

all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD,

who rules over the nations.

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;

all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

³⁰Their descendants shall serve the LORD,

whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!" **Response** A reading from Romans, chapter 4.

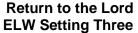
¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

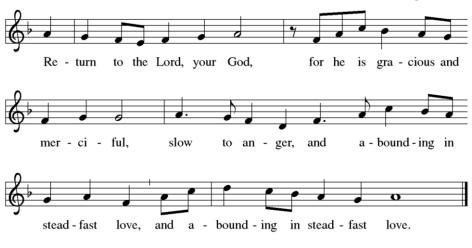
¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")-in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone. ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

Please stand in body or spirit.

Gospel Acclamation





The Holy Gospel

Mark 8:31-38

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

³¹[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

Please be seated.

A Moment of Prayer

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying ELW # 752





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

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The Message

Pastor Axel Kaegler

Please stand in body or spirit.

Hymn of the Day



Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt. Music: MUNICH, Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch, Meiningen, 1693

The Apostles' Creed

Let us affirm our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. 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.

Please be seated.

Prayers of Intercession

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

A brief silence.

We turn to you for meaning, holy God. Nurture in your children the gifts of the Spirit poured out in baptism and let the mind of Christ guide the church. Give wisdom and discernment to our bishops, pastors, deacons, teachers, and leaders. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We turn to you for renewal. Save lives and ecosystems threatened by pollution and a changing climate. Cleanse the earth's waters and restore the soil. Preserve rainforests, deserts, and wildlife, that generations to come may cherish your creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We turn to you for justice. Uphold the worth and dignity of every person, especially any who experience hatred and rejection because of gender, ability, sexual orientation, color, ethnicity, or religion. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We turn to you for healing. Send compassionate helpers to any who suffer because of war and violence. Shelter unhoused people, befriend those who are lonely, bring hope to any in despair, and console the bereaved. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We turn to you for purpose. Remind us of your faithfulness to this congregation. Increase our trust in your guidance and keep us near the cross. Grant that our acts of service will express Christ's sacrificial love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We turn to you for peace. We honor the saints who lived in service to others. Inspire us by their example until you gather us into your kingdom. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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

"The Lamb"

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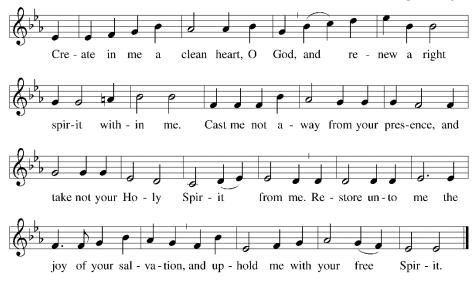
"The Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice? Faith sees, believes, God will provide the Lamb of price! Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own! The Lamb is reigning on his throne!

Response to the Choir: During Lent, many of our musical pieces are going to be meditative and contemplative - and we think applause might detract from that feeling, or be received as a "thank you," to the choir as opposed to sharing their praise and prayers to God. As you feel inspired by the choir's music, we're encouraging you to respond this season with "Amen, amen!" After the song has ended.

Please stand.

Offertory Hymn

Create in Me a Clean Heart WOV # 732



Text: Psalm 51:10–12 Music: FRANCKE, J.A. Freylinghausen, 1670–1739

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

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and + give you peace. Amen. **The Sending Song**



Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt. Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share your bread. **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) Bervl 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 Marvin Strossenreuther (family member of Karen Bennion) Dolores Sweeney Nik Zitomer (Diane Polis' nephew)



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.

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 **Wednesdays 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 28: The Commandments 4-10March 13: The Lord's PrayerMarch 06: The Apostle's CreedMarch 20: The Sacraments

In Memory of Pastor Hy

On the table in the narthex you will find various items that belonged to Pastor Hy. Please feel free to take something to remember her by.

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: Monday, 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

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 Communion.

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 explores Mark's Gospel.

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.

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 298 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.*

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.



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March 2, 2024 · 9am to 2pm

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Over 20 different crafters Raffles · Food to purchase Chippy the Clown 11am-1pm

All money from raffles and food sales will be donated to the Willow Grove Food Pantry. Bring cash - No ATM on site

There will be a collection of non-parishable food items to be donated to Willow Grove Baptist Food Pantry



Vacation Bible School June 17th-21st 2024 from 9 am to Noon.

For Participants Ages 4-8 Volunteers Ages 9-99

Registration Available Soon!

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Counters	Tim and Deb Hilbert
Closer	Kathryn Steen
Greeter(s)	TBD
Assisting Minister next w	ek Don Hallman

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 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	PBJ Collection (chapel) Lion/Tiger Cubs (203/204) Wonderful Wednesday (Hallman Home) Wolf Cubs (200) Webelos (203/204)
Wednesday	10:00 am 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Bible Study (200) Holden Evening Prayer (chapel) AA (PH) AOL Webelos (200)
Thursday	7:00 pm	Pub Theology (The Ways)
Friday	8:00 pm	Craft Fair Set Up (PH) AA (200)
Saturday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Spring Craft Fair (PH)

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Quadragesima, 2024

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