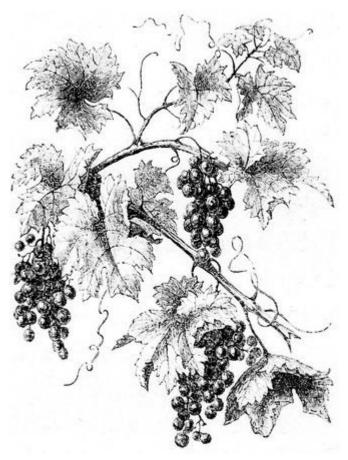
April 28, 2024 Fifth Sunday of Easter Cantate Sunday



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!

This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

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.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy **Trinity**, **+ one** God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism,

let us give thanks for what God has done for us.
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life.
Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.
The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea
into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official
entered your boundless baptismal life.
Look, here is water!
Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water.

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Amen.

Gathering Song ELW # 449 | We Know that Christ is Raised We that Christ raised dies know is and no more. 1 2 We share by in his sav death. wa ter ing splen -3 The Fa ther's dor clothes the Son with life. Α new tion comes life and cre a to grows hold, Em - braced by death. he broke its fear ful Re - born, share with him Eas ter life, we an Spir it's fis shakes the church of God. The sion Christ's new bod takes flesh and blood. У on our de spair turned blaz - ing and he to joy. of liv ing mem - bers our Sav ior Christ. Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One. whole will ni verse stored and sing: re -Hal jah! le lu

Text: John B. Geyer, b. 1932 Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852–1924 Text © John B. Geyer.

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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

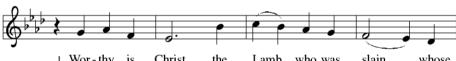
Amen.

This is the Feast

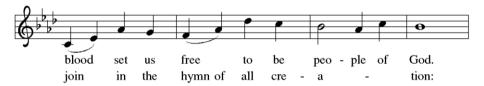
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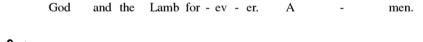


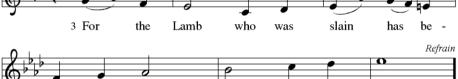
1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose 2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and











gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Please be seated.

A Word on Cantate Sunday

THE WORD

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

First Reading Acts 8:26-40

A reading from Acts, chapter 8.

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading

the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.

33 In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

Be Not Afraid ELW # 388



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Music: BE NOT AFRAID, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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¹O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

²The LORD has made known his victory;

The LORD has made known his victory,

he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

³He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Response

⁴Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. ⁵Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. ⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

Response

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.
⁸Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy
⁹at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Response

Second Reading

1 John 4:7-21

A reading from First John, chapter 4.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

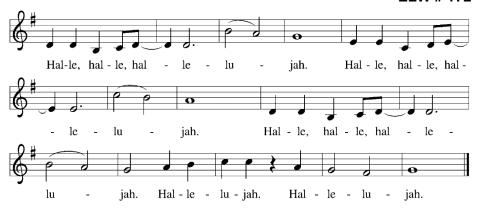
God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

Please stand in body or spirit.

Gospel Acclamation

Halle, Hallelujah ELW # 172



The Holy Gospel

John 15:1-8

The holy gospel according to St. John. Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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

The Children's Message

Pastor Axel Kaegler

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.

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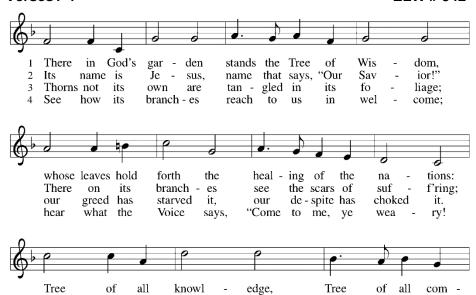
The Message

Pastor Axel Kaegler

Please stand in body or spirit.

Hymn of the Day Verses1-4

There in God's Garden **ELW # 342**





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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. 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 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.

Prayers of Intercession

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church around the world, for all ministers, and for the mission of the gospel. Keep all the newly baptized and confirmed in your care. Cleanse our hearts with your word and help us to abide in you always. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For the well-being of the earth and of all created things: for rivers and lakes, streams and estuaries, melting glaciers and polluted waters. Renew the face of the earth and shower us with your goodness. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For the nations and all those in authority: for local, state, and national leaders, for elected representatives at every level, and for international organizations, that justice and peace may reign. God of grace, hear our prayer.

For all those in need: for any experiencing homelessness or unemployment, for those fleeing from oppression or seeking asylum, and for all who are ill or suffering. God of grace, hear our prayer.

For this congregation: for the caring ministries of this faith community, for all who visit and minister to one another, for all who take communion to homes or care centers, and for all who seek to share your love with the world. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

With thanksgiving for the saints who rest from their labors. Help us, like them, to bear much fruit and to become your disciples, and at the last, bring us to that heavenly banquet where all will feast together at your table. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **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.

Please be seated.

Musical Offering "Jesus Is Alive! Alleluia!" Bailes/arr. Shackley

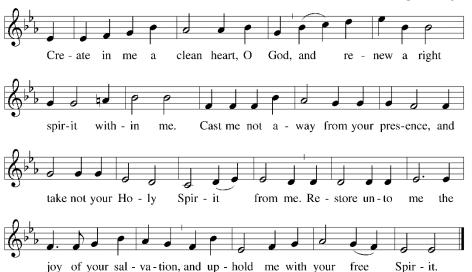
"Christ is risen today! Sing his praise, alleluia! He has conquered the grave. Sing His praise, Alleluia! Death where is your sting? Grave, where is your victory? Now we're risen with Him. Sing His praise, Alleluia!"

Response: As you feel inspired by the music, we're encouraging you to respond with "Hallelujah, Hallelujah!" 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.

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

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.

Please be seated.

Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope

→ bless you now and always.

Amen.

The Sending Song

Let All Things Now Living ELW # 881

Please see the next page for the hymn.



Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892–1980, alt. Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune Text © 1939, 1966 E. C. Schirmer Music Company.

Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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.

Delmar Barth (friend of Karen Bennion)

Chippy the Clown (long-time friend at CLC events)

Holly Curran (friend of Bob Kelly)

Clyde Engle

Paul Engstrom

Jamie and Keith Eyre (friends of Karen Bennion)

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

Beryl Gutekunst

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

Paula Knipe (friend of Pat and Don Hallman)

Jim Laubach (Pat Hallman's cousin)

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

Melody Maurer

Jon Rasmussen

Margie Reiman (Robin Griffin's aunt)

Nancy Renner

Sherry Rich (Don and Judy Berger's niece)

Ruth Smith

Marvin and Kara Strossenreuther (family members of Karen Bennion)

Nik Zitomer (Diane Polis' nephew)

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

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.

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.

Vacation Bible School (June 17-21)

Registration for **Operation Restoration: VBS (June 17-21)** is open! Participants age 4-8 and volunteers age 9 and up. Our theme centers around mending God's world and how we can be participants in that process at any age. Questions? Flyers are available in the Narthex, or contact Becca at director-spiritualform@christs-oreland.org

Mother's Day Collection

In honor of Mother's Day on Sunday, May 12th, we will be collecting diapers and baby wipes for the Willow Grove Baptist Food Pantry now through **Sunday, May 19th.** WGB Food Pantry is especially in need of Size 4, 5 and 6 diapers. Together we can help make some mother's day better by giving them the gift of items for their babies! Any questions, please contact Jen Melnick at community@christs-oreland.org. As always, thank you for all of your generous donations!

CLC Community Yarners

Spring Schedule will meet twice a month on Mondays:

Monday, April 29

Monday, May 13

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

60 Plus

60 Plus will be meeting **Thursday May 9th at 11:30 AM** in the Parish Hall. Our presentation will be by Susanne Shaughnessy Johnston. She was with us before and had an interesting presentation on native Americans. This month she will tell us about coffeehouses and taverns in colonial days.

It's a BYOL (Bring Your Own Lunch) month. Scrumptious desserts and coffee will be served. 60 Plus is all about fun, fellowship and a good time.

Don't miss it!

Geraniums for Pentecost Sunday

Order forms for geraniums to decorate the sanctuary can be found in the narthex and the upcoming May Link. Plants are \$4 each and may be picked up following the Pentecost Sunday service on May 19 or may be left to be planted on the church grounds. Orders are due **Friday**, **May 10**.

Wonderful Wednesday

Join us for our next gathering at the home of Bonnie and Paul Zieger, 516 Hunters Lane, Oreland, on **Wednesday, May 15**. This will be our last gathering of the season before we break for summer.

Please RSVP to Consy Finney no later than Sunday, May 12.

Men's Group

Our next meeting will take place on **Saturday**, **May 18** at 8:00 am at Halligan's Pub in Flourtown. Join us for the last meeting before we break for the summer season!

Please RSVP to Jon Rasmussen jprasmussen9@gmail.com.

Pub Theology

Please join us on the last Thursday of every month as we gather for Pub Theology. We meet at the Ways Restaurant and Brewery, 11 S Easton Rd, Glenside at 7:00 pm.

RSVP to clcseniorpastor@christs-oreland.org.

CLC Evening Meditations Update!

Our Tuesday and Thursday meditations continue, written by church members and sent out via email. Begun during the pandemic, this has been such a wonderful ministry of our church, and we'd like to find ways to share them more widely. Booklets will be printed at the beginning of each month, containing the previous month's meditations. They will be in a labeled container in the narthex, and you are encouraged to pick up one or more copies, to read at home and to share with family, friends and neighbors. Additionally, we will add a link to the meditations to E-news, the LINK and other church print and digital publications. It is our hope that we can better spread the word about these thoughtful meditations going forward. Many thanks to all the writers, to John Frantz for coordinating this ministry, and to Lorraine for her help as well!

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 Acts.

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 163 sandwiches this past week!

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.

Digital Sound Board

If you are interest in joining our sound board team, please contact Kathryn Steen (kathryn.steen@protonmail.com), Music Chair, or Rick Daniels (daniels.r@verizon.net).

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.

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.

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Closer		Danny Melnick
Greeter(s)		TBD
Assisting Minister next week		Adele Kelly

This Week at CLC!

Sunday	9:00 am 9:30 am 10:30 am	Family Table (PH) 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	PBJ Collection (chapel)
Wednesday	10:00 am 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Bible Study (200) AA (PH) Bear Cubs (203/204)
Friday	8:00 pm	AA (200)