

May 12, 2024
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Exaudi Sunday



Christ's Lutheran Church
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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 today's readings the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples are told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus (Acts 1:11); we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.

We are delighted to be celebrating the Rite of Confirmation with Shane Morrissy and George Stein III this morning and we extend a special word of welcome to their guests.

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.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Gathering Song

Rejoice, for Christ is King!

ELW # 430



1 Re - joice, for Christ is king! Your Lord and king a - dore;
2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;
3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
4 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit



re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:
and bow to his com - mand and fall be - neath his feet:

Refrain



Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; re -



joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: LAUS REGIS, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

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.

Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

This is the Feast

ELW Setting One

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



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




blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain



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

Please be seated.

A Word on Exaudi Sunday

THE WORD

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

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

A reading from Acts chapter 1.

[Luke writes:] ¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 47

Be Not Afraid
ELW # 388

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains a melody with notes and rests, and the bass staff contains a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

The second system of musical notation is identical in structure to the first, with a treble and bass staff and lyrics below. It concludes with a double bar line.

Text: Matthew 28:5; Taizé Community

Music: BE NOT AFRAID, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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¹Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with a joyful sound.

²For the LORD Most High is to be feared:
a great king over all the earth,

³who subdues the peoples under us,
and the nations under our feet;

⁴who chooses our inheritance for us,
the pride of Jacob, whom God loves.

Response

⁵God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of the ram's horn.

⁶Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our king, sing praises.

Response

⁷For God is king of all the earth;
sing praises with a song.

⁸God reigns over the nations;
God is enthroned on high.

⁹The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the God
of Abraham. The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is highly
exalted.

Response

A reading from Ephesians, chapter 1.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand in body or spirit.

Gospel Acclamation

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

ELW # 172

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

The holy gospel according to St. Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁴[Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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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Please stand in body or spirit.

Hymn of the Day

Children of the Heavenly Father

ELW # 781



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
 2 God his own doth tend and nour - ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.
 nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
 his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958
 Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune
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Please be seated.

Presentation

Comments by Becca Shelor

Those making affirmation gather with the ministers at the font.

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

Those making affirmation are presented by the Confirmation teachers:

I present Shane Morrissy and George Stein who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these brothers,
whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.
You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of
your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith.
Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism,
and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.
We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

Profession of Faith

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism. The assembly may stand and join in the responses.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,
the powers of this world that rebel against God,
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

The congregation may be seated.

Affirmation

The presiding minister addresses those confirming their faith:

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

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

People of God, do you promise to support these brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in _____ the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his faith, guide his life, empower him in his serving, give him patience in suffering, and bring him to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Let us rejoice with these brothers in Christ.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.
Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

Confirmation Slide Show

“Cheering You On”

*I pray you'll be, gracious in the fight of it, humble at the height of it,
choose to love in spite of it all and when you're questioning
the why of it, rise up in the light of it.
I'll be by your side in it all. I'm cheering you on.*

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 and all ministers of the gospel, that the Spirit will empower them to be your witnesses throughout the earth. Keep all teachers and missionaries under your care and guide them as they proclaim your word to the world. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For the well-being of creation and for all your creatures: for zoos, nature preserves, and conservation organizations, for endangered species, and for those who work to protect all that you have made. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For the nations and those who govern: for all countries, regions, and people in crisis or at war. Bring your peace on earth, in our homes, and in our hearts. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For all in any need: for exiles, refugees, and those fleeing war and poverty, for those who suffer from individual and institutionalized racism. For those who grieve, and for those near death. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For this congregation and for its concerns: for visitors, for those who are absent, for those in prison, for the homebound, and for those who travel. Enliven our faith and invigorate our mission. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

In thanksgiving for all the faithful departed who now rest in you. Following the example of all those who have died in the faith, strengthen us to share your good news in the world. 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

"10,000 Reasons"

Mryrin/Redman arr. Wise

*"The sun comes up; it's a new day dawning.
It's time to sing Your song again,
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes."*

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
(sing twice)

Jesus, Lamb of God
W & P # 76



Text: Dennis Jernigan, refrain of "You are my all in all"
Music: ALL IN ALL, Dennis Jernigan

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.

Great Thanksgiving

ELW Setting One



Preface

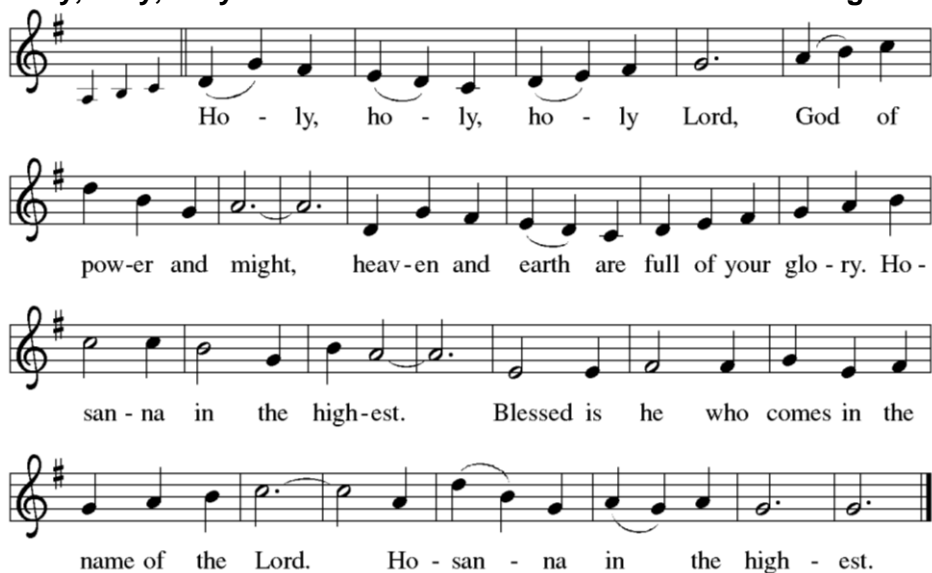
ELW Setting One

It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
al - mighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection
of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, who en - throned forever at
your right hand intercedes for us as our great high priest.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Pe - ter and all the witnesses of the
res - ur - rec - tion, with earth and sea and all their crea - tures,
and with angels and archangels, cheru - bim and ser - a - phim,
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

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Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW Setting One



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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

This cup is the new testament in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.

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.**

Invitation to Communion

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

Please be seated.

Lamb of God

ELW Setting One

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn

O Christ, Our Hope ELW # 604



1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' de - sire, cre - a - tion's
2 How vast your mer - cy to ac - cept the bur - den
3 But now the bonds of death are burst, the ran - som
4 Oh, let your might - y love pre - vail to purge us
5 All praise to you, as - cend - ed Lord; all glo - ry



might-y Lord, re - deem - er of the fall - en world, by
of our sin, and bow your head in cru - el death to
has been paid; you reign a - bove at God's right hand, in
of our pride, that we may stand be - fore your throne by
ev - er be to Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest through



ho - ly love out - poured, by ho - ly love out - poured:
make us clean with - in, to make us clean with - in.
robes of light ar - rayed, in robes of light ar - rayed.
mer - cy pu - ri - fied, by mer - cy pu - ri - fied.
all e - ter - ni - ty, through all e - ter - ni - ty!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th cent.; tr. John Chandler, 1806–1876, adapt.
Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561

Post Communion Blessing

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

Amen.

Post Communion Song

Cares Chorus

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

Prayer after Communion

Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet
to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend.
Amen.

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

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW # 855



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4
Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Confirmation 2024 Bible Verses and Creeds

Shane Alexander Morrissy

Mentor: Rick Daniels

Bible Verse: Luke 6:27

“But I say to you that listen, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you.”

Creed:

I believe in God the creator of life and an afterlife in heaven.
God will give me guidance through struggles and loves me no matter what.

I believe in Jesus Christ Son of God who died for our sins
On the third day he rose again and ascended into heaven.

I believe in the Holy Spirit
Symbol of God who calls me
Through all natural wildlife and ocean.

George Wright Stein III

Mentor: Bob Kelly

Bible Verse: 2 Chronicles 15:7

“But you, take courage! Do not let your hands be weak, for your work shall be rewarded.”

Creed:

I believe in God and that he loves me and is with me no matter what and always will be.

I believe Jesus was nailed to the cross, died for our sins, and rose on the third day.

I believe the Holy Spirit guides me through everyday life challenges, and I believe the Holy Spirit is a symbol of God, which enlightens me, helps me believe in the forgiveness of sins, and keep me in true faith.

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)
Don Berger
Nikki Busch (Becca Shelor's aunt)
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
Chris Mudge
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 bread and wine we share today are sponsored
by Sally Werntz for the Glory of God!*

Mother's Day Collection

In honor of Mother's Day today, we will be collecting diapers and baby wipes for the Willow Grove Baptist Food Pantry now through next **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!

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

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.

Visitation Ministry

Our Church is reforming its Visitation Committee! We are looking for parishioners who want to keep homebound and hospitalized parishioners linked into the life of the Church through prayers, presence, and the sending of Holy Communion.

If you have a heart for our congregation, want to listen to and treasure the lives of our church's elders, and know that Jesus goes to everybody - contact Pastor Kaegler to join in this ministry! clcseniorpastor@christs-oreland.org. Training, prayer and fellowship will be provided.

Trivia Team

Our congregation is starting a Trivia Team! Christ Lutheran Church - Saints and Sinners will be meeting at Tannery Run Brew Works on the First Wednesday of the Month at 7:00 pm (next - June 5th) for their Trivia Night.

Come for fun, fellowship and perhaps a prize or two! Contact Daniel Melnick djmelnick328@verizon.net to RSVP.

Welcome Church Donations

On **Sunday June 2**, I will be heading down to Aviator Park on the Parkway to host a CLC coffee hour for their outdoor worship service at 3:00pm. We will be distributing snack bags to the homeless before the service. If anyone would like to join us, please let me know. If you are not able to attend but would like to donate snacks, there will be a bin in the back of the narthex. We need water bottles, cracker snack packs, granola bars, snack chips/pretzel bags, and fruit cups.

Thank you.

Sue Ross (joyfulsross@gmail.com; cell 215-219-6025)

Summer Theater

Children aged 7 – 14 are invited to participate in a summer theater production of Godspell, Jr. at CLC. All rehearsals take place Tuesday and Thursday evenings May through July with performances July 26, 27, 28. For more information, pick up a flyer in the lobby and scan the QR Code or contact the church office at 215-886-4612 or clcsecretary@christis-oreland.org. Please register by **May 13**.

CLC Community Yarners

Join us as our group meets for last gathering of the season on **Monday, May 13** in room 200 from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm.

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

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 today, Sunday, May 12.

Men's Group

Our last meeting of the breakfast group before we take a break for the summer will be on **Saturday May 18th** at Halligans Pub, 8 AM. Our breakfasts together, and the break we take from them, brought to mind Rhythms and Cycles.

Our lives follow a rhythm. Our faith follows a cycle, or calendar, which guides us through the church year. Let's talk about how the Lutheran rhythm and cycle influence our lives.

If you plan to attend, please let me know by Thursday May 16th so I can set up Halligans. Any questions or to RSVP, please contact Jon Rasmussen. jjrasmussen9@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@christsoreland.org.

Summer Movie Nights

Join us for Friday movie nights under the stars this summer on June 7, July 19, and August 9. Invite family and friends! All are welcome!

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.

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!

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 79 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.

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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Ministers	The People of Christ's Lutheran Church	
Senior Pastor	Reverend Axel Kaegler	
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Soundboard	Diane Polis	
Livestream	Rick Daniels, Don Hallman, John Melnick, Paul Zieger	
Counter(s)	Lori Stevens	
Altar Guild	Sue Frantz, Bonnie Zieger, Linda Daniels	
Closer	Matt Menard	
Greeter(s)	TBD	
Assisting Minister next week	Jenna Balaicuis	

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 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	PBJ Collection (chapel) Lion/Tiger Cubs (203/204) Council Meeting (200) Webelos (203/204) Wolf Cubs (PH)
Wednesday	10:00 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Bible Study (200) Wonderful Wednesday (Zieger Home) AA (PH) Bear Cubs (203/204)
Thursday	11:00 am	Family Stages (chapel)
Friday	8:00 pm	AA (200)
Saturday	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast (Halligan's Pub)

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