

June 23, 2024

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



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!

Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him, he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.

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.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,

help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God:
 in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
 you are fed and nourished.
 By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
 there is always more than enough.
 Through Jesus, † the bread of life,
 you are shown God's mercy:
 you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
Amen.

Gathering Song

We Praise You, O God ELW # 870



1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
 through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.



we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
 To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882–1963

Music: KREMSER, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626

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 of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

For the Beauty of the Earth

Verse 1

ELW # 879



- 1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
- 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
- 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
- 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
- 5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:



Refrain
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt.
Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

Please be seated.

THE WORD

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

First Reading

Job 38:1-11

A reading from Job, chapter 38.

¹The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

²“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

³Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

⁴“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

⁷when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb?—

⁹when I made the clouds its garment,

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

¹⁰and prescribed bounds for it,

and set bars and doors,

¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be stopped?’”

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation will sing the following response:

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,
for God's mercy endures forever.
- 2 Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,
- 3 gathering them in from the lands;
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
- 23 Some went down to the sea in ships,
plying their trade in deep waters. **Response**
- 24 They beheld the works of the LORD,
God's wonderful works in the deep.
- 25 Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose,
which tossed high the waves of the sea.
- 26 They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths;
their souls melted away in their peril.
- 27 They staggered and reeled like drunkards,
and all their skill was of no avail.
- 28 Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD,
and you delivered them from their distress.
- 29 You stilled the storm to a whisper
and silenced the waves of the sea. **Response**
- 30 Then were they glad when it grew calm,
when you guided them to the harbor they desired.
- 31 Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love
and your wonderful works for all people.
- 32 Let them exalt you in the assembly of the people;
in the council of the elders, let them sing hallelujah! **Response**

A reading from Second Corinthians, chapter 6.

¹As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

¹¹We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹²There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

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

Please stand in body or spirit.

Gospel Acclamation

ELW # 172 | Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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.

Music: Caribbean Traditional

The holy gospel according to St. Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] “Let us go across to the other side.” ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

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.

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

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

ELW # 756



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in



rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we
calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we
give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we
tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall



cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

Text: William Whiting, 1825-1878, alt.
Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

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.**

Prayers of Intercession

Petitions written by VBS participants.

Becca: Merciful God,

Congregation: receive our prayer.

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of 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.*

Please stand.

Offertory Hymn

Give Thanks

TFF # 292

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

Text: Henry Smith
Music: GIVE THANKS, Henry Smith

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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

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us,
and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.
Amen.

The Sending Song

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

ELW # 551



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
joy like seed and, all our days, to
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
share a dream and help the blind to see.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

Text: Delores Dufner, osb, b. 1939

Music: CHESTERFIELD, attr. Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820

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Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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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.

Margaret Anne "Anne" Abbott (mother of Elisa Tull's friend)
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)
Melody Maurer
Chris Mudge
Linda Nicholson (friend of Pat Hallman)
Frank Quinn
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 sponsored by
Sally Werntz for the Glory of God!*

Summer Worship Services

We are currently following our summer schedule. Worship services throughout the summer will take place at 9:30 am. We will return to the regular schedule after Labor Day.

Summertime Sermon Question Series Returns!

Do you have a question you'd like Pastor Kaegler to address in a sermon? Write your question down on one of the slips of paper found at the back of church and drop it in the collection basket. A question will be drawn each week and Pastor will answer it in the following week's sermon.

Today, Pastor answers the following questions:

"How do we rationalize/conceptualize what we know of our universe scientifically with what we know religiously? i.e. the universe is approximately 13.78 billion years old; round that to 14. God created the world in 7 days. Those numbers are divisible. Who's to say that one God day may be 2 billion human years?"

Family Table

Our next gathering is the Poppin' Playground Pizza Popsicle Party (5P's) on **Saturday June 29th** at 5pm.

In the summer break, join us for Movie Nights on **July 19** and **August 9**.

Rally Day is **Sunday September 8th**.

Pub Theology

Please join us on the last Thursday of every month as we gather for Pub Theology at 7:00 pm. Our next gathering takes place on **Thursday, June 27** at Tannery Run Brew Works, 131 E Butler Avenue, Ambler. Please RSVP to Pastor Kaegler so the restaurant has an accurate count. clcseniorpastor@christsoreland.org.

5 P's at 5 pm (Poppin' Playground Pizza Popsicle Party)

Join some playmates for a Poppin' Playground Pizza Popsicle Party on the following Saturdays at 5 pm in the CLC playground.

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For questions or to RSVP contact Becca at director-spiritualform@christsoreland.org.

Trivia Team

Our newly formed Saints and Sinners Trivia Team placed 5th at the last trivia night! The team had a blast and is up for the next challenge on **Wednesday, July 3** at Tannery Run Brew Works, 131 E Butler Avenue, Ambler. Trivia Nights take place on the First Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm.

Interested in joining the team? Come for fun, fellowship and perhaps a prize or two! Contact Daniel Melnick djmelnick328@verizon.net to RSVP.

Summer Movie Nights

Join us for the next movie on **Friday July 19** at dusk, then again on **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.

FAITH IN ACTION

CLC Community Yarners Summer News

In the month of June, the CLC Community Yarners have contributed to the Knitted Knockers Support Foundation, which connects volunteer knitters with breast cancer survivors. A total of 12 pairs were donated. Knitted Knockers are soft, comfortable, knit prosthetics for breast cancer survivors. The CLC Yarners used the approved pattern, needles and yarns (soft cotton yarn in neutral colors) that meet the need of these wonderful contoured knockers.

Knitted Knockers Support Foundation
1405 Fraser Street #F103,
Bellingham, WA 98229

FAITH IN ACTION

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.

PBJ Sandwich Donations

PBJ sandwiches can be dropped off at the following times:

Sunday mornings - Drop off your sandwiches in the narthex fridge when you come to Sunday morning services.

Mondays - 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Coolers will be outside the chapel.

Tuesdays - 9:00 am to 10:45 am. Coolers will be outside the chapel.

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.

Thank you to our volunteers who pick up and deliver the sandwiches!

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

**Thanks to your continued support of this program,
CLC donated 179 sandwiches this 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

Booklets, printed with the prior month's meditations, may be found in a labeled container in the narthex. You are encouraged to pick up one or more copies to read at home and to share with family, friends and neighbors. If you'd like the Tuesday and Thursday meditations delivered to your inbox, please contact the church office. clcsecretary@christs-oreland.org.

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 clcseniorepastor@christs-oreland.org or by calling the church office at 215-886-4612.

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.

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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Livestream	Rick Daniels, Don Hallman, John Melnick, Paul Zieger	
Counter(s)	Tim and Deb Hilbert	
Closer	Chris Johnson	
Greeter(s)	TBD	
Assisting Minister next week	Wes Craig	

This Week at CLC!

Sunday	9:30 am (summer schedule)	Worship at CLC and online
Monday	9:30 am 10:00 am – 6:00 pm	Monday Morning Men PBJ Collection (chapel)
Tuesday	9:00 am – 10:45 am 1:00 pm	PBJ Collection (chapel) Synod Generosity Team Meeting (200)
Wednesday	10:00 am	Bible Study
Thursday	7:00 pm	Pub Theology (Tannery Run)
Friday	8:00 pm	AA (200)