June 9, 2024 Third 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!

A house divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus makes this observation in light of charges that he is possessed. He is possessed, not by a demon, but by the Holy Spirit. We who have received the Holy Spirit through baptism have been joined to Christ's death and resurrection and knit together in the body of Christ. Those with whom we sing and pray this day are Jesus' family. With them we go forth in peace to do the will of God.

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.**

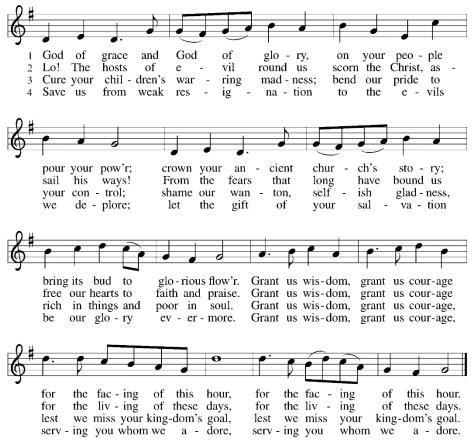
Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

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

God of Grace and God of Glory ELW # 705



Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

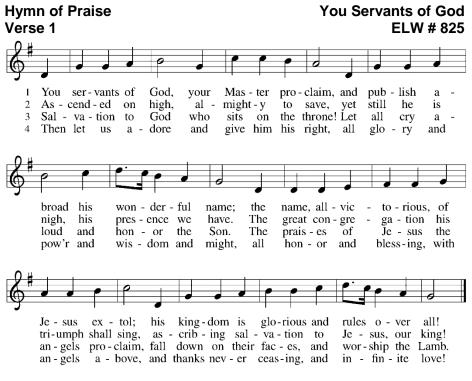
Greeting

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.

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt. Music: LYONS, attr. Johann Michael Haydn, 1737–1806

Please be seated.

THE WORD

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

First Reading

Genesis 3:8-15

A reading from Genesis, chapter 3.

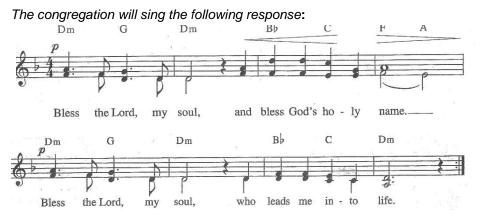
⁸[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.⁹But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." ¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.
¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

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

Psalm 130

Bless the Lord



¹Out of the depths

I cry to you, O LORD;

²O LORD, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

³If you were to keep watch over sins,

O LORD, who could stand?

⁴Yet with you is forgiveness,

in order that you may be feared.

Response

⁵I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits;

in your word is my hope.

⁶My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,

more than those who keep watch for the morning.

⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love; with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

⁸For the LORD shall redeem Israel

from all their sins.

Response

Second Reading

A reading from Second Corinthians, chapters 4 and 5.

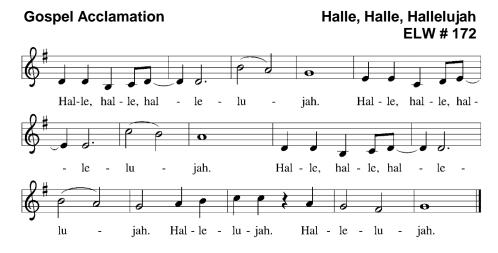
¹³Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

^{5:1}For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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

Please stand in body or spirit.



Music: Caribbean traditional

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

[Jesus went home;] ²⁰and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. ²¹When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." ²³And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

²⁸"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—³⁰for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

³¹Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." ³³And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" ³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

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

When Peace Like a River ELW # 785

Please see the next page for the hymn.



Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888 Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

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

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

A brief silence.

You reawaken our hearts to your mercy. We give you thanks for renewers of the church in every age. Enliven the creativity and persistence of all seeking to transform the church into a closer vision of your beloved community. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Your presence is revealed in the shade of trees, the growth of seeds into flowers, and in the blessing of plants granting food in their right season. Heal lands scarred by deforestation, pollution, or infestation. Teach us to cultivate the earth with respect and reverence. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Our nations and communities are divided, O God. Teach us again to listen with curiosity and mercy, even in disagreement. Grant us the humility to acknowledge our hardness of heart and make us bold in modeling cooperation for the sake of the common good. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Hear the prayers of all who cry out to you from the depths of fear, despair, or hopelessness. With haste, rescue victims of trafficking, exploitation, and abuse, and bless organizations and individuals who work on their behalf. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Grant wisdom and clarity to all who are in seasons of discernment and transition: high school graduates preparing for first jobs or new educational journeys, those who are shifting careers, and those who are navigating changes in their relationships. Accompany them with your peace. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Praise to you for our ancestors in faith who believed, spoke, and lived in you. Give us confidence that as Jesus was raised, so we too will be raised, with all the saints, into your everlasting presence. Merciful God, **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 be seated.

Musical Offering "Still I Sing Alleluia" Pederson

"With Spirit before me, with Spirit behind, with Spirit below and beside me; with Spirit all around, even where affiction's found, I will sing, I will sound Alleluia"

Response: As you feel inspired by the music, we're encouraging you to respond with "Amen, amen!" after the song has ended.

Please stand.

Offertory Hymn

Give Thanks TFF # 292



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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 Sending Song

On Our Way Rejoicing ELW # 537



Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt. Music: HERMAS, Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879

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.

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) 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 sponsored by Sue & Ross Frantz in celebration of Victoria's birthday!

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.

Summer Worship Services

This will be our last 10:30 am service for the season. Beginning next **Sunday, June 16**, our services throughout the summer will take place at 9:30 am.

Thank You, Chancel Choir!

This is the last Sunday of the season that Ken Selinger and our Chancel Choir will be leading our worship. We all are grateful for the contributions choir members provide for our services. Our thanks to Ken and the following:

Sopranos Beryl Gutekunst Debbie Melnick	Jen Melnick Chris Mudge	Hilda Newman Becca Shelor
Altos Mary Jane Brenneman Marda Craig	Kathryn Steen Bonnie Zieger	
Tenors Don Gutekunst Tim Keller	Danny Melnick Sally Werntz	
Basses Bob Bortz Jim Brenneman	Wes Craig Don Hallman	Earl Uehling George Vermeire

Accompanist – Betsy Selinger

<u>60 Plus</u>

The CLC 60 Plus group is meeting on **Thursday June 13th** at 11:30 am in the Parish Hall.

Bob Kelly

To celebrate our final meeting before summer we have special entertainment by the Brittany Boys. The Brittany Boys are an instrumental combo that resembles a small version of a "big band". Each of the members has some connection to Brittany Pointe, the Acts retirement community in Lansdale, PA. Instrumentation includes Clarinet, Sax, Trumpet, Bass Guitar, Drums and Piano (the only girl in the boy band). The repertoire of songs ranges from popular music of the Swing Era to songs of the Beatles and Neil Diamond. The Brittany Boys group performed for 60 Plus previously and is back by popular demand!

Our gathering also features provided Pizza for all. So...join us on Thursday June 13th for free food and great entertainment. Combined with fun and fellowship this is an event you don't want to miss.

Father's Day Collection for WGB Food Pantry (until June 16)

The Willow Grove Baptist Food Pantry was incredibly thankful for the baby wipes and diapers we collected for our Mother's Day collection. When asked what we could collect for Father's Day, the pantry asked if we could collect bar soap and toothpaste again. They appreciated our bar soap and toothpaste collection so much earlier this year. Each week a family receives either a bar of soap or toothpaste. The pantry blows through them so quickly and they are not items that are donated frequently. The pantry also asked if we could collect shampoo and body wash as well. So in honor of Father's Day, let's collect as much toothpaste, bar soap, body wash and shampoo as possible to help our friends at the WGB Food Pantry. As always, we will continue to collect all non-perishables, diapers, baby wipes, etc. The pantry appreciates our support so much. Any questions, please email Jen at community@christs-oreland.org. Thank you for your continued support this church community is amazing!

VBS – Collecting Supplies for Service Projects

We are collecting supplies to put together service project kits during Vacation Bible School, which begins June 17 and would appreciate donations of the following items to help us pack our kits. Thank you for your support!

Please bring supplies to the VBS box in the Narthex. If you'd rather donate money for additional supplies to be purchased, see Becca.

Aiding Others (First Aid Kits)

zippered bag/small plastic box to hold supplies alcohol wipes bandaids dauze antibiotic cream tweezers hand sanitizer non-latex gloves

Pampering First Responders (Comfort Kits)

shoe boxes (or similar sized boxes) to hold supplies non-perishable snacks drink mixes deck of cards hand sanitizer lip balm cozy socks hand lotion

shower bombs cooling foot lotion Wawa gift cards

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@christs-oreland.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.

June 29 July 13 August 17

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

<u>Trivia Team</u>

Congratulations to our newly formed Saints and Sinners Trivia Team who placed 5th in this past week's 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

Our first movie night under the stars this past Friday was a success! Join us for the next movie on **Friday July 19** at dusk, then again on **August 9**. Invite family and friends! All are welcome!

Congratulations to the following CLC 2024 graduates!

High School:

Will Cross (Springfield Township High School) will be attending The University of Delaware *

Jacob Frantz (Upper Dublin High School) will be attending Drexel University

Bryn Smith (Upper Dublin High School) will be attending Susquehanna University

Iona Stum (Springfield Township High School) will be attending Hartwick College

*Will Cross is this year's recipient of the David Wilson Memorial Scholarship.

College:

Abbey Keller - University of Oregon Carly Uehling - George Washington University School of Law

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.

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

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. NEW TIME!

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 148 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 clcseniorpastor@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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This Week at CLC!

Sunday	9:30 am 10:30 am	Choir Rehearsal Worship at CLC and online
Monday	9:30 am 10:00 am 10:00 am – 6:00 pm 7:30 pm	Monday Morning Men Family Stages (chapel) PBJ Collection (chapel) BS Troop 1 (PH)
Tuesday	9:00 am – 10:45 am 10:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	PBJ Collection (chapel) Family Stages (chapel) Lion/Tiger Cubs (203/204) Council Meeting (200) Webelos (203/204) Wolf Cubs (PH)
Wednesday	10:00 am	Bible Study (200)
Thursday	11:30 am	60 Plus (PH)
Friday	8:00 pm	AA (200)