# July 14, 2024 Eighth 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!

When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God's saving love.

#### **GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

**Prelude** "Come Thou Fount" arr. Karschner

#### 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.

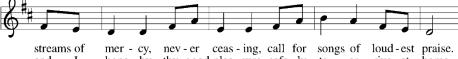
Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.** 

# **Gathering Song**

#### Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing ELW # 807



- Come, thou Fount of ev 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
  Here I raise my Eb en e zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt-or dai-ly I'm con-strained to be;



and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love, Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God; Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove. he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood. Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813

# Greeting

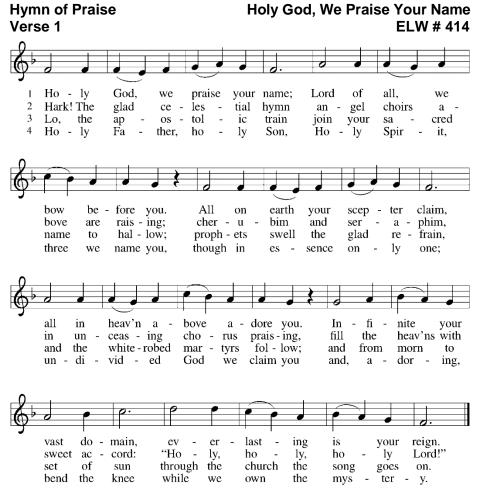
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.** 

# Prayer of the Day

#### Let us pray.

O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.



Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900 Music: GROSSER GOTT. Katholisches Gesangbuch. Vienna, 1774

#### Please be seated.

#### THE WORD

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

#### First Reading

Amos 7:7-15

A reading from Amos, chapter 7.

<sup>7</sup> This is what [the Lord GOD] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup> And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by;

- <sup>9</sup> the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."
- <sup>10</sup> Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup> For thus Amos has said,

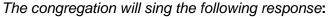
'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'"

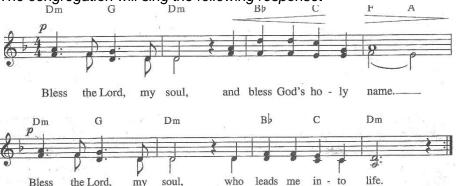
<sup>12</sup> And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; <sup>13</sup> but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

<sup>14</sup> Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, <sup>15</sup> and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.





- 8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.
- <sup>9</sup> Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.

Response

- Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- <sup>11</sup> Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- <sup>12</sup> The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.
- <sup>13</sup> Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.

Response

# **Second Reading**

Ephesians 1:3-14

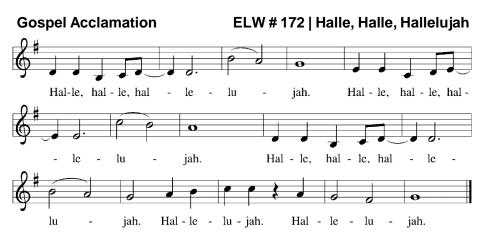
A reading from Ephesians, chapter 1.

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup> He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of

his grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup> In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup> so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup> this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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.

<sup>14</sup> King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup> But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup> But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

<sup>17</sup> For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. <sup>18</sup> For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." 19 And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, 20 for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. <sup>21</sup> But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his quests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." <sup>23</sup> And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." 24 She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." <sup>25</sup> Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup> The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup> Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, <sup>28</sup> brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup> When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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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# The Message

## **Pastor Axel Kaegler**

Please stand in body or spirit.

# Hymn of the Day

# Holy Spirit, Truth Divine ELW # 398



4 Ho - ly Spir - it, peace di - vine, still this rest-less heart of mine; 5 Ho - ly Spir - it, right di - vine, king with - in my con - science reign;



breath of God and in - ward light, wake my spir - it, clear my sight. high de - sire; with your ho - ly kin - dle ev - 'ry purge me fire. your will Ì strong-ly live, brave - ly bear, and no - bly strive. speak to calm this toss - ing staved in your tran - quil - i - ty. sea. my guide, and I shall be firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free.

Text: Samuel Longfellow, 1819-1892

Music: SONG 13, Orlando Gibbons, 1583-1625

# The Apostles' Creed

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

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please kneel or sit as you are able for the prayers.

## **Prayers of Intercession**

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

A brief silence.

You gather your people into the body of Christ. Where your church is wounded, heal it. Where it is right, strengthen it. Where it is divided, reunite it. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

From before the foundation of the world, you are God. Revive ecosystems destroyed by human greed. Curb our desire to put wealth ahead of the health of all who call this planet home. In your mercy, hear our prayer.

You establish equity and make justice. Within every nation, tribe, and land, cause laws to be written and customs to be observed that protect the most vulnerable. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

On the cross your beloved Son endured pain and death. Bring healing to those in need, hope to any in despair, and comfort to the dying. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You send your Spirit into this community of faith. Empower our ministries that serve and build up local communities. Nurture our partnerships with other community organizations. In your mercy, hear our prayer.

All peoples praise you, O God. We give you thanks and praise for the lives of our loved ones who now rest in you. In the fullness of time gather us with all your saints in light. In your mercy, hear our prayer.

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and 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.

Special Music "I'll Walk With God" Brodszky/Karschner

Please stand.

# **Offertory Hymn**

# Give Thanks TFF # 292



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.

# **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

#### Let Justice Flow Like Streams ELW # 717



- 1 Let jus tice flow like streams of spar-kling wa ter, pure,
- 2 Let righ-teous-ness roll on as oth ers' cares we heed, 3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,
- 3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de fine our mea sure true,



en - a-bling growth, re - fresh-ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans-ing, sure. an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans-lat - ed in - to deed. and jus-tice, right, and peace per-vade this world our whole life through.

Text: Jane Parker Huber, b. 1926

Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731-1776

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#### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

**Postlude** 

March from "Scipio"

Handel

# **Online Giving**

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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

Ruth Smith

Marvin and Kara Strossenreuther (family members of Karen Bennion)

Nik Zitomer (Diane Polis' nephew)

The flowers on the altar today are dedicated in celebration of Allison Uehling's birthday

AND

by Andy Manus in memory of her husband, Bob Manus.

# **Altar Flowers**

We have a number of open dates for flower sponsorships!

Would you like to sponsor one or both of the flower arrangements 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. Thank you for your support!

#### Sunday, July 28 Service

Our service on July 28<sup>th</sup> will focus on our favorite hymns. Be ready to submit your top 3. Slips of paper will be found in the rear of the church next week, July 21<sup>st</sup> or email to directorofmusic@christs-oreland.org.

We'll tabulate our favorites and then sing and learn more about them as part of our service on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### Family Table

In the summer break, join us for 5 P's at 5 pm on **August 17** AND Movie Nights on **July 19** and **August 9**. Rally Day is **Sunday September 8th**.

#### **Summertime Sermon Question Series**

Today, Pastor answers the following questions:

"What is a Spirit? Why is it holy? Do I have a Spirit?"

#### Summer Movie Nights

Join us for the next movie on **Friday July 19** at dusk as we enjoy **Trolls Band Together** (aka Trolls 3), then again on **August 9**.

Invite family and friends! All are welcome!

## 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, July 25** 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.

#### Trivia Team

The Saints and Sinners Trivia Team placed 6 out of 18 at the July trivia night! The next challenge takes place on **Wednesday**, **August 7** 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! RSVP to Daniel Melnick djmelnick328@verizon.net.

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

Join some playmates for one more Poppin' Playground Pizza Popsicle Party of the season on **Saturday**, **August 17** at 5 pm in the CLC playground. To RSVP contact Becca at director-spiritualform@christs-oreland.org.

#### Wednesday Bible Study

All are welcome to join us for Bible Study on **Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am** in room 200 with Pastor Kaegler. Please join us as our current bible study explores Acts then moves onto a discussion of the altar.

#### **FAITH IN ACTION**

#### 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 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

# **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.

#### **FAITH IN ACTION**

#### **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 120 sandwiches this week!

#### **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.

## **Nave Teaching Windows Booklet**

If you are interested in reading about our stained glass windows, booklets can be found on the ledge under the bulletin board in the lobby. Enjoy!

#### **Christ's Lutheran Preschool**

We are presently accepting registrations for our September 2024-2025 Preschool Programs. All programs meet from 9:00-12:00.

Please contact Sally Mead, director, for more information at 215.886.4612 x 6 Or clcpreschool@christs-oreland.org.

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Greeter(s)

Assisting Minister next week

	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	PBJ Collection (chapel)
Wednesday	10:00 am	Bible Study
Friday	8:00 pm	Movie Night (backyard)

TBD

Adele Kelly