July 21, 2024 Ninth 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!

Mark's gospel makes clear how great is the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need. We are sent from Christ's table to care for others and for ourselves.

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, \pm 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 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say **ELW #611** Je - sus say, "Come un - to Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I Je - sus say, "I am this heard the voice of and rest: Ι heard the voice of free - ly give heard the voice of am this dark world's light; one, lay down your head up - on down, O wea - ry lay my breast." one; stoop down and drink and live." the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright." I Je - sus was, wea - ry, worn, and came to as so sad; I Je - sus. of life - giv - ing came to and I drank that stream: I looked to Je - sus. and I found in him my star, my sun; found in him rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad. thirst was quenched, my soul re-vived, and now I my in him. live and that light life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889 Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

Greeting

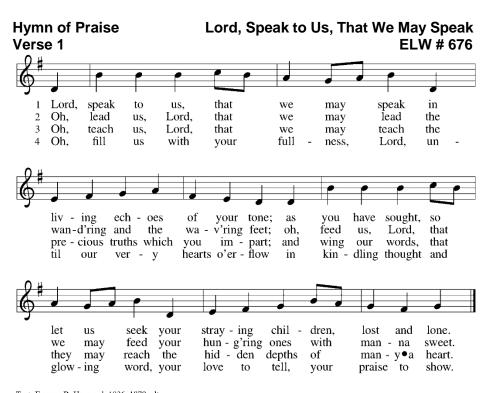
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.



Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.

Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810-1856

THE WORD

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

First Reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6

A reading from Jeremiah, chapter 23.

¹ Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ² Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³ Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

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

Psalm 23 Bless the Lord

The congregation will sing the following response:



- ¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.
- ² The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.
- ³ You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.
- ⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
 Response
- ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. **Response**

Second Reading

Ephesians 2:11-22

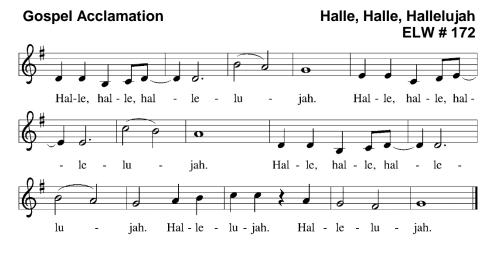
A reading from Ephesians, chapter 2.

¹¹ Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision"—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—¹² remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵ He

has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷ So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸ for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²² in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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

Please stand in body or spirit.



Music: Caribbean traditional

The Holy Gospel

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

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³² And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴ As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴ When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵ and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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

Reverend Mark Bethala

Hymn of the Day Verses 1-4

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life ELW # 719



Music: Walton, W. Gardiner, Sacred Melodies, 1815

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.

For the church of Jesus Christ in this and every land: Through the One who is the cornerstone of a firm foundation, join us together and build us up as a temple of mercy and peace. In your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the creation: Cause new trees to be planted. Restrain the melting of polar ice caps. Save land from destruction. Like a shepherd tends her sheep, raise up from among us caretakers of all you have made. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For the leaders of nations and heads of tribes: Where peace seems far off, bring it near. Where justice seems fleeting, bring it to light. Where discord seems relentless, bring harmony. In your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the health and well-being of family, friends, and neighbors: Heal those who are sick. Give courage to all who struggle with addiction. Touch with your tender care all who reach out to you in pain. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For this assembly and for the faith communities represented this week at the ELCA Youth Gathering: Nurture the faith of young people as they encounter new experiences and people. Break down dividing walls and inspire collaboration among people of every age. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In thanksgiving for those who have died: Make us certain that in Christ we are no longer strangers and aliens but citizens with the saints in the household of God. 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.

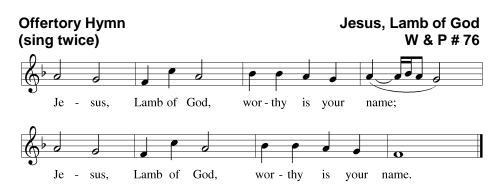
Special Music "Oh, How Good It Is"

Words and music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Ross Holmes, and Stuart Townend

Arranged and orchestrated by Joshua Spat

Singers:
Mary Jane Brenneman, Marda Craig, Deb Melnick,
Jen Melnick, Betsy Selinger, Becca Shelor, Kathryn Steen

Please stand.

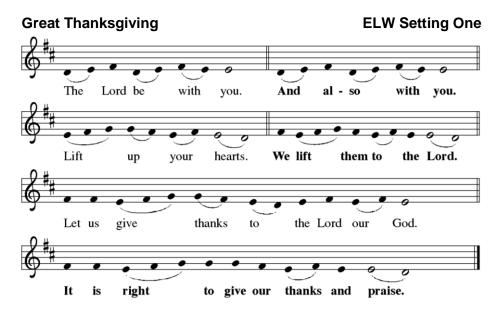


Text: Dennis Jernigan, refrain of "You are my all in all" Music: ALL IN ALL, Dennis Jernigan

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **Amen.**

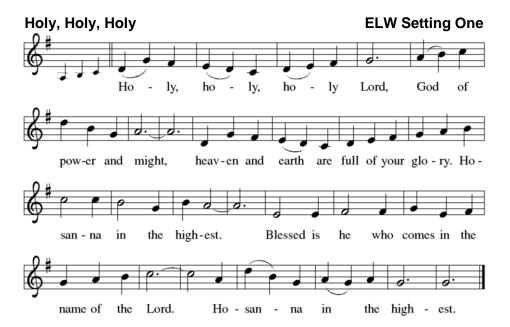


Preface

ELW Setting One



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Thanksgiving at the Table

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

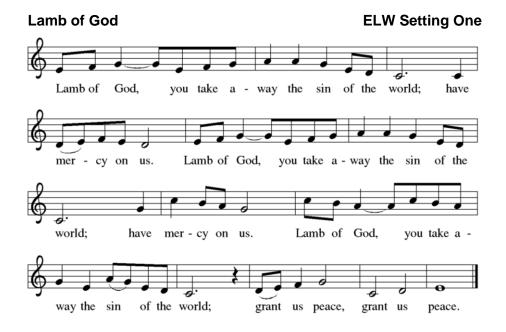
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

Please be seated.

Invitation to Communion

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!



Communion Hymn

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly **ELW # 461**



- 1 All who hun -ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread. strang-ers; seek - er, be a wel-come guest.
- 2 All who hun-ger, nev-er 3 All who hun-ger, sing to geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed. Come from rest-less - ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast. Come from lone - li - ness and Here in have been fed. long - ing. peace we



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us food. is our We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood. Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good. Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, Columbian Harmony, 1825 Text © 1991 GIA Publications, Inc. 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. www.giamusic.com

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Post Communion Blessing

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



Prayer after Communion

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

Amen.

Blessing

The Sending Song

The Church's One Foundation **ELW #654**

word.



- The church's one foun - da tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
- lect from ev 'ry na tion, yet one o'er all Though with a scorn-ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed.
- Through toil and trib u la tion and tu - mult of
- on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in she



she and the his new cre a - tion by wa - ter her char-ter of sal va - tion one Lord, one faith, one by schisms. . rent a sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed, waits the con-sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more; she and mys-tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest



From heav'n he came and one ho - ly name she vet saints their watch are till vi - sion bless - ed heav'n-ly

sought her to be his ho - ly bride; bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How glo - rious her long - ing eyes are long?" cho - rus! Lord, save us by your



with he bought her, and his own blood for her life died. hope she press - es with ev - 'ry and to one grace en - dued. and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn song. the great church vic - to - rious shall be we, like saints be - fore us, may see and the church at rest. that see you face face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900 Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. Thanks be to God.

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.



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)

Marge Johnson (friend of Chris Reynolds)

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 by Marda and Wes Craig in celebration of family!

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!

Family Table

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

Sunday, July 28 Service - Submit your favorite hymns!

Our service on July 28th will focus on our favorite hymns. Submit up to three of your favorites on the slips of paper located in the rear of the church **TODAY**, **July 21** 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 28th.

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 dimelnick328@verizon.net.

Summer Movie Nights

All are welcome to join us for the last movie night of the season on **Friday, August 9 at dusk**.

Invite family and friends!

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.

Pastor Hy's Library

When Pastor Hy retired, she had accumulated a number of interesting books over the years. She decided that she would like to share her books with her fellow CLC members.

A bookcase was placed in the lobby opposite the far door into the church. Her thought was that people could take a book, enjoy its wisdom and return it for others to enjoy.

The bookcase with Pastor Hy's books is still in the lobby. Just a reminder that everyone is welcome and encouraged to find the bookcase and take a book to read. This is an ongoing legacy of our dear Pastor Hy.

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.

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.

Visitation Ministry

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 127 sandwiches this past 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 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 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!

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This Week at CLC!

Worship at CLC and online

9:30 am (summer schedule)

Sunday

Monday	9:30 am 10:00 am – 6:00 pm	Monday Morning Men PBJ Collection (chapel)
Tuesday	9:00 am – 10:45 am 7:00 pm	PBJ Collection (chapel) Community Garden Meeting (200)

Wednesday 10:00 am Bible Study

Thursday 7:00 pm Pub Theology (Tannery Run)

Friday 8:00 pm AA (200)

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