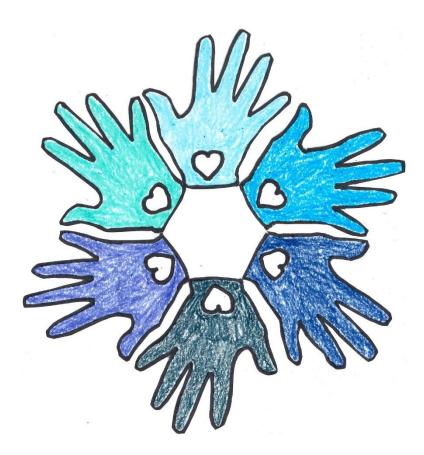
August 18, 2024 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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!

Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.

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.

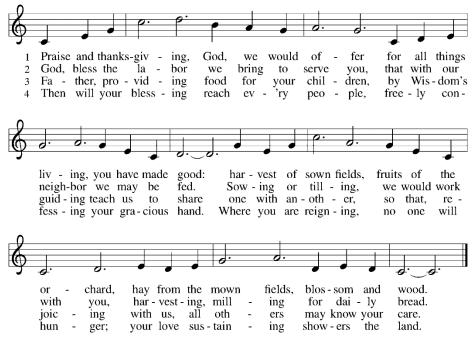
Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

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

Praise and Thanksgiving ELW # 689



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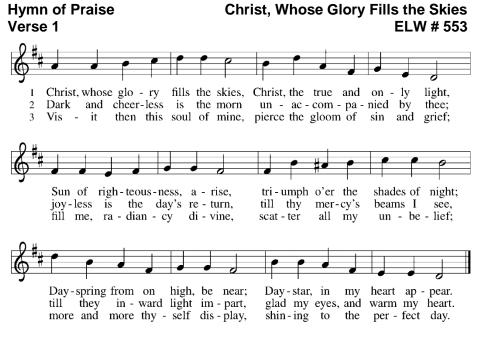
Greeting

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.

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788 Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, Choralbuch, 1815

Please be seated.

THE WORD

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

First Reading

Proverbs 9:1-6

A reading from Proverbs, chapter 9.

¹Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars.
²She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table.
³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town,
⁴"You that are simple, turn in here!" To those without sense she says,
⁵"Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.
⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

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

Psalm 34:9-14

Bless the Lord



⁹Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.
¹⁰The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good. **Response**

¹¹Come, children, and listen to me; I will teach you reverence for the LORD.
¹²Who among you takes pleasure in life and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?
¹³Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from lying words.
¹⁴Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

Second Reading

1 John 3:11-24

Response

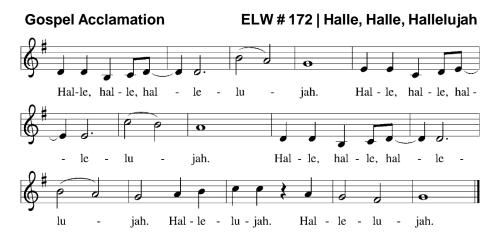
A reading from First John, chapter 3.

¹¹For this is the message you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. ¹²We must not be like Cain who was from the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. ¹³Do not be astonished, brothers and sisters, that the world hates you. ¹⁴We know that we have passed from death to life because we love one another. Whoever does not love abides in death. ¹⁵All who hate a brother or sister are murderers, and you know that murderers do not have eternal life abiding in them. ¹⁶We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us — and we ought to lay down our lives for one

another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? ¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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. John. Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ⁵¹"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

The Children's Message

Pastor Axel Kaegler



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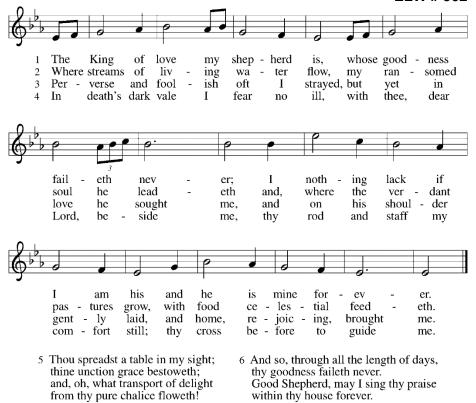
The Message

Pastor Axel Kaegler

Please stand in body or spirit.

Hymn of the Day

The King of Love My Shepherd Is ELW # 502



Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877 Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish tune

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

Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Wisdom has built her house. May the church be a house of wisdom for all who enter. May we continue to grow and stretch in ways we never thought possible. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Wisdom has mixed her wine. May the harvest seasons be plentiful this year. We pray for orchards, vineyards, farms, and all of creation. Protect and conserve the earth. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Wisdom has employed her laborers. Be with all who seek adequate employment. Guide our economic and governmental leaders to support the people of our world with fair wages and safe working conditions. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Wisdom has invited her guests. Make your presence known to all who feel lost, abandoned, or hurting at this time. Direct your spirit of care to all who seek healing and comfort. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Wisdom has set her table. May this congregation be a welcome table to all who seek the refuge of God. Break down walls and barriers that prevent us from offering a seat at this table to anyone who comes. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Wisdom has shown her path of insight. May we journey on her paths, looking toward a bright future while remembering from where we have come. We give our thanks for those who have gone before us. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping. **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.

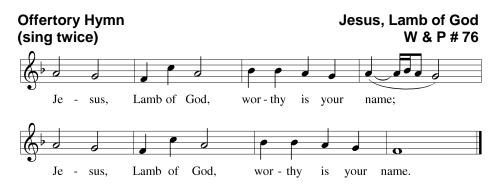
Special Music

"The Next Right Thing"

Anderson-Lopez & Lopez from "Frozen 2"

Soloist: Becca Shelor

Please stand.



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

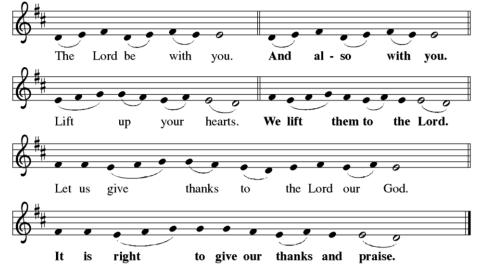
Offering Prayer

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.**

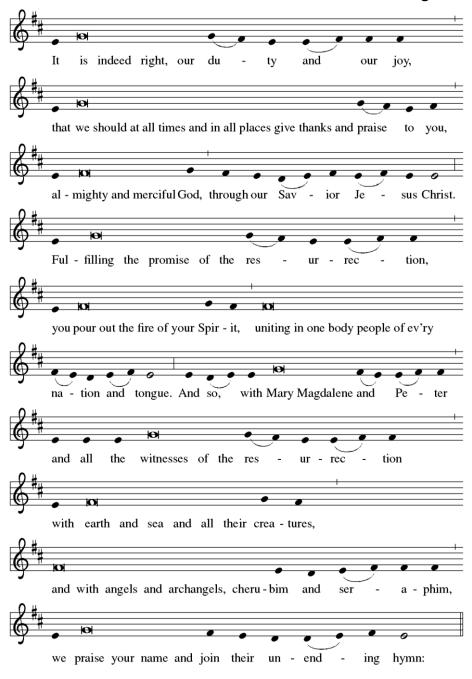
Great Thanksgiving

ELW Setting One

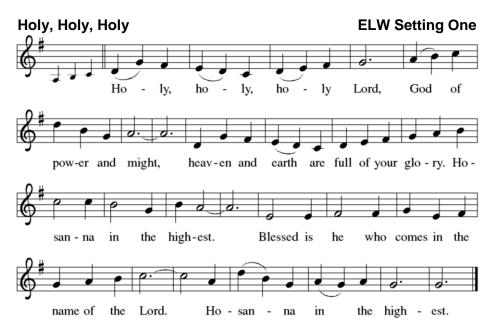


Preface

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 (Sung)

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

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory, forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

Invitation to Communion

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



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- With the saints who now a dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n-ly board, In your ser vice, Lord, de fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward; Δ



the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord. for to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord. by your call may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord. in the world to which you send us let your king-dom come, O Lord.

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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.**



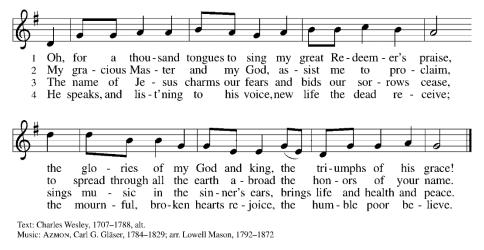
Prayer after Communion

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 blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever. Amen. The Sending Song Oh, F Verses 1-4

Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing ELW # 886



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) 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 Jerry & Gail Polis and Family in celebration of Diane Polis' and Riley Polis' birthdays AND

by Chris Reynolds in memory of Marge Johnson

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!

School Supplies Drive – through today

Community and Outreach is holding a School Supplies Drive for the Willow Grove Baptist Food Pantry, **through today.** The supplies will be dropped off this week.

Supplies needed are as follows:

Dry Erase Markers Composition Books Folders Binders - 1" and 2" 1, 3, and 5 Subject Notebooks Backpacks Lunch Boxes Crayola Markers Colored Pencils

All items must be new. Any questions, please email Jen at community@christs-oreland.org. Let's help these students start off the school year with all their needed school supplies! Thank you for your support!

Family Table

Rally Day is **Sunday September 8th!** Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Our Summer Sermon Series Continues!

For the end of the summer, our sermon series continues with Faith and Disney Films! Use these as a chance to see how to complement modern movies through with scripture, see them with eyes of faith, and to open up conversations about the faith with your family!

August 18th: Frozen 2, Forgiveness and Reconciliation between People and Nations August 25th: Inside Out and the Wholeness of the Self September 1: Pooh's Heffalump Movie and Moving Beyond Fear

<u>Trivia Team</u>

The Saints and Sinners Trivia Team placed 2nd of 25 teams at the August trivia night!

The next challenge takes place on **Wednesday, September 4** 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.

<u>Pub Theology</u>

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, August 29** 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.

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 study of Romans.

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.

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!

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.

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 for your continued support of this program!

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This Week at CLC!		
Sunday	9:30 am (summer sche	dule) 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 7:00 pm	PBJ Collection (chapel) Community Garden Meeting (200)
Wednesday 10:00 am Bible		Bible Study
Friday	8:00 pm	AA (200)

Saturday 9:30 pm

Synod Installation Choir Rehearsal (sanctuary)

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