

# November 24, 2024

## Christ the King



**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!

Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

### 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.*

#### Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end. **Amen.**

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us  
and has freed us from our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

**we confess that sin has taken hold of us  
and we are complicit in its power.**

**We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.**

**Unbind us and set us free.**

**Lead us again to the waters of rebirth,  
that we may live just and generous lives**

**for the good of your world**

**and the care of our neighbors,**

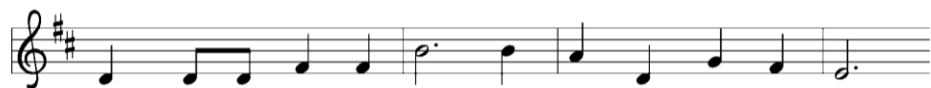
**following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.**

These words are trustworthy and true:  
 Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross,  
 swallowing up death forever.  
 For his sake, you are † forgiven  
 and God remembers your sin no more.  
 Let your heart be glad again,  
 and rejoice in your salvation. **Amen.**

## Gathering Song

## Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW # 855



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,  
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,  
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
 whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;  
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.  
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4  
 Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

## Greeting

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

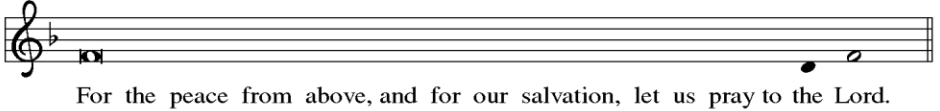
**And also with you.**

## Kyrie


## ELW Setting Three



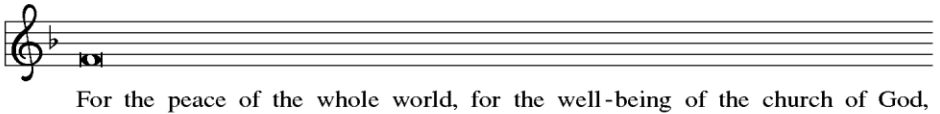
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



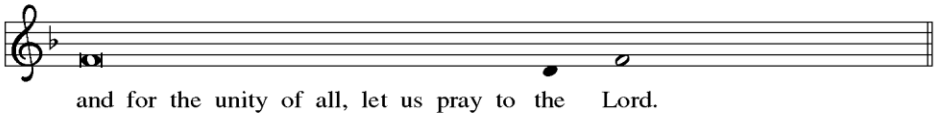
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



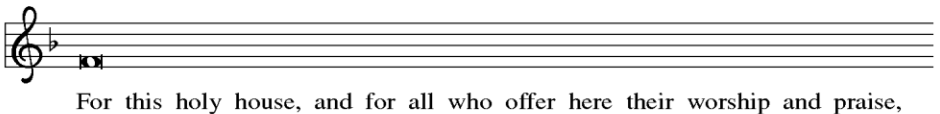
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

# This is the Feast

# ELW Setting Three

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was  
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.  
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**A Word about Christ the King Sunday**

**Pastor Axel Kaegler**

## THE WORD

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

### First Reading

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

A reading from Daniel, chapter 7.

<sup>9</sup> As I watched,  
thrones were set in place,  
and an Ancient One took his throne,  
his clothing was white as snow,  
and the hair of his head like pure wool;  
his throne was fiery flames,  
and its wheels were burning fire.

<sup>10</sup> A stream of fire issued  
and flowed out from his presence.  
A thousand thousands served him,  
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.  
The court sat in judgment,  
and the books were opened.

<sup>13</sup> As I watched in the night visions,  
I saw one like a human being  
coming with the clouds of heaven.  
And he came to the Ancient One  
and was presented before him.

<sup>14</sup> To him was given dominion  
and glory and kingship,  
that all peoples, nations, and languages  
should serve him.  
His dominion is an everlasting dominion  
that shall not pass away,  
and his kingship is one  
that shall never be destroyed.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

The congregation will sing the following response:

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.  
 OR *The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.*

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.  
*The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.*

Text: Psalm 102:1-2; Taizé Community, adapt.  
 Music: HEAR MY PRAYER, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994  
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<sup>1</sup> The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength.

The LORD has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

<sup>2</sup> Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; you are from everlasting.

**Response**

<sup>3</sup> The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice;

the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

<sup>4</sup> Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea,

mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.

<sup>5</sup> Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and forevermore.

**Response**



A reading from Revelation, chapter 1.

<sup>4b</sup> Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup> Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup> "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

**ELW # 174 | Celtic Alleluia**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.*

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The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>33</sup> Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" <sup>35</sup> Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" <sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." <sup>37</sup> Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

<sup>38a</sup> Pilate replied, "What is truth?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## The Children's Message

Pastor Axel Kaegler

### A Moment of Prayer

### Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

ELW # 752



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943

Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema

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## The Message

Pastor Axel Kaegler

*Please stand in body or spirit.*



1 Re - joice, for Christ is king! Your Lord and king a - dore;  
 2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;  
 3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
 4 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit



re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:  
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:  
 the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:  
 and bow to his com - mand and fall be - neath his feet:

*Refrain*

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; re -



joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.  
 Music: LAUS REGIS, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

**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**

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

Revive our congregations, synods, and national church body to reflect the love, justice, and kinship of your kingdom. Raise up diverse leaders who teach and serve your people. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Nourish parched lands and bring relief to flooded places. Protect wildlife habitats and endangered species, that the chorus of creation's praise resounds with joy. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Grant wisdom to the leaders who govern, legislate, and deliberate on our behalf . Advance your nonviolent reign of justice-seeking love through their work. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Draw near to those who are detained, on trial, or incarcerated. Transform systems of retribution into systems of reconciliation and restoration. Empower activists who advocate for change. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Remind us of your enduring love in all seasons. Guide the planning efforts of worship leaders and volunteers who usher our congregation into a meaningful Advent. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

In your eternal presence the saints sing of your majesty. Join our voices with theirs in praise to the one who loves us and frees us from sin. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
**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 "We Will Glorify" Paris, arr. Schrader

*We will glorify the King of Kings,  
we will glorify the Lamb;  
We will glorify the Lord of lords,  
who is the great I AM.*

*Please stand.*

## Offertory Hymn (sing twice)

## Jesus, Lamb of God W & P # 76



Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your name;



Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your name.

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

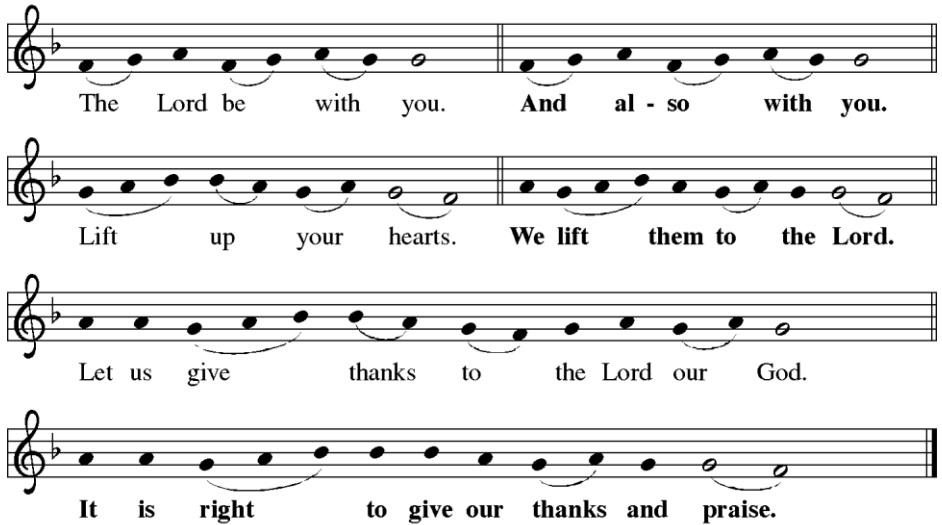
## Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup,  
you offered yourself in love for the world,  
and in this meal you nourish us with your life.  
Fill us with your abundance,  
that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger,  
trusting in your name.  
**Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

## ELW Setting Three



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

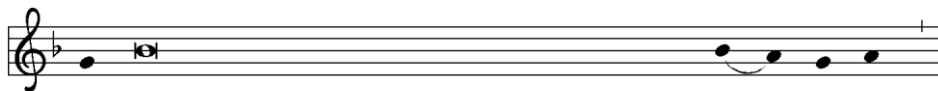
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

# Preface

# ELW Setting Three



It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,



that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,



al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ;



who on this day overcame death and the grave,



and by his glorious resur - rec - tion



opened to us the way of ev - er - last - ing life.



And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,



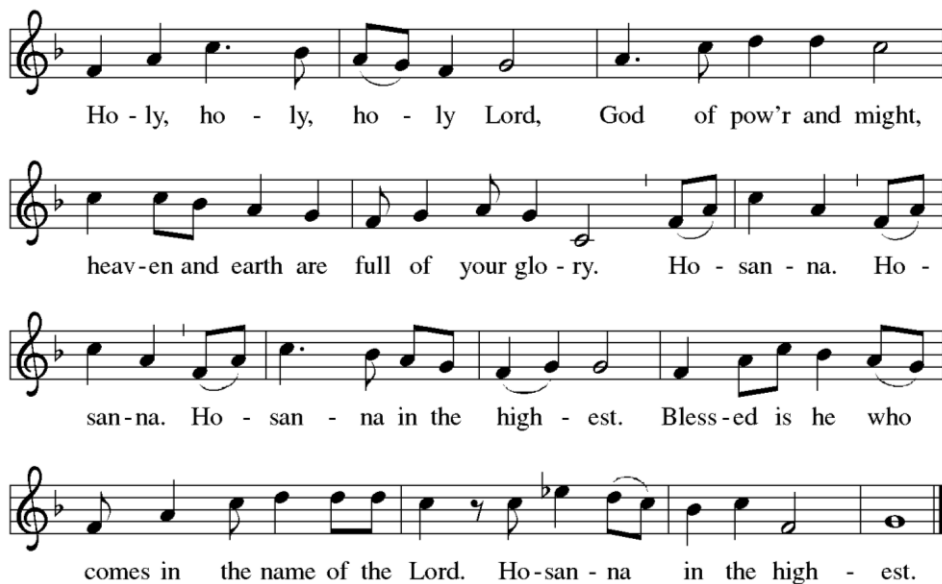
with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,



we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

## ELW Setting Three



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## 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

Behold, God is making all things new.  
Take your place in the new creation.

### Lamb of God

### ELW Setting Three

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

# Communion Hymn

# We Come to the Hungry Feast

ELW # 479



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.  
 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased  
 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is  
 from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,  
 and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
 poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
 with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943  
 Music: HUNGRY FEAST, Ray Makeever  
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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.**

## Post Communion Song

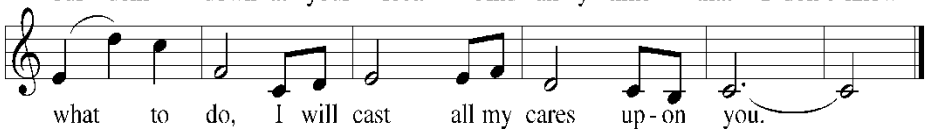
## Cares Chorus



I cast all my cares up - on you; I lay all of my



bur - dens down at your feet. And an - y - time that I don't know



what to do, I will cast all my cares up - on you.

## **Prayer after Communion**

Faithful God,  
you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink  
in the body and blood of your Son.  
Now send us out to labor with you,  
in service to the world you have made,  
and among the people you have made your home,  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

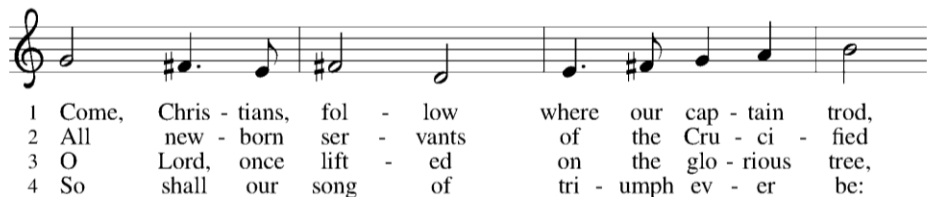
## **Blessing**

The Ancient One, enthroned,  
the Crucified One, now risen,  
the Indwelling One, poured out,  
✠ bless you now and forever.

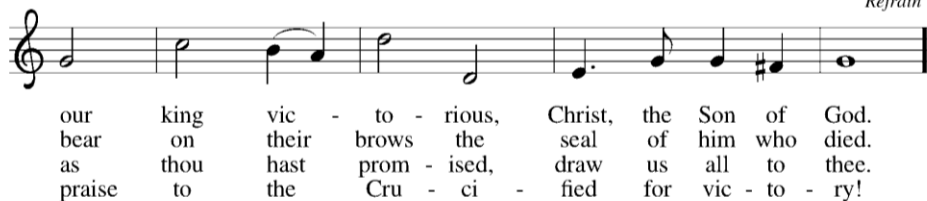
**Amen.**

# The Sending Song

# Lift High the Cross ELW # 660



*Refrain*



Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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## Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## **Your Prayers Are Invited**

*We hope you will add the following people to your personal prayers. Those who are listed longer than 6 weeks can be found on the long term prayer list through the link in the weekly e-news or the monthly Link newsletters. To add a name to the prayer list or provide an update, please contact the office.*

Margaret Anne "Anne" Abbott (mother of Elisa Tull's friend)  
Don Berger  
Beverly Bortz  
Bob Bortz  
Nikki Busch (Becca Shelor's aunt)  
Chippy the Clown (long-time friend at CLC events)  
Holly Curran (friend of Bob Kelly)  
Rev. John Dougherty (Pastor, Trinity Lutheran - Ft. Washington)  
Clyde Engle  
Paul Engstrom  
Jamie and Keith Eyre (friends of Karen Bennion)  
Ed Ford (brother of the Hallman's sister-in-law)  
Gil Gavish & Family (son-in-law of Elise & Steve Seyfried)  
Beryl Gutekunst  
Paul & Rose Hill (friends of Shirley & Clyde Engle)  
Abbey Koenig (sister of Jerry and Sally Beil's neighbor)  
Paul Korinth (friend of Bob Kelly)  
Melody Maurer  
Jody McClellan (Bob Bortz' cousin)  
The Monachino Family (John Melnick's sister's family)  
Chris Mudge  
Jim Munz  
Scott Paris and son, Benjamin Scott (friends of Mary Truppay)  
James Polis (brother of Jerry Polis and Diane Polis)  
Margie Reiman (Robin Griffin's aunt)  
Nancy Renner  
Rachael Rinders (friend of the Kaegler Family)  
Betsy Selinger  
Ruth Smith  
Marvin and Kara Strossenreuther (family members of Karen Bennion)  
Paul Winter (Debbie Melnick's brother)  
Nik Zitomer (Diane Polis' nephew)

*The flowers on the altar today are sponsored by  
Ken and Betsy Selinger in celebration of their  
56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary!*

## **Stewardship: Bread of Life**

In the Gospel of John 6:35, Jesus declares, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

This year as we reflected on how Bread sustains life; we ask that you also consider how your contributions to Christ's Lutheran sustain our Church, the ministries that feed and enrich our life together and the community around us.

2025 Intent Cards can be found in the church lobby and through a link in the Wednesday e-news. We ask that you return this intent card to help Council prepare the next congregational budget.

## **Family Table**

Family Table will meet in Parish Hall in November as follows:

Sunday, November 24 at 9:15 am

Family Table is open to families of all ages and make-ups. Come learn about God, our faith and how we walk in the world as People of God.

## **WANTED: Plastic grocery bags!**

We have had a great response from volunteers to serve a delicious meal in West Philadelphia on 12/17. The church is also in great need of plastic grocery bags for packaging meals for those not dining in at the church. To help with their costs and the environment by recycling, we will have a bin in the narthex for you to donate your plastic bags that we will deliver to the church on Dec 17.

## **Toy and Coat Drive**

Community and Outreach will be holding a Toy and Coat Drive in the Narthex starting **Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** for the students of the Martin Luther School (Kindergarten through 8th grade). All new toys and coats are welcome.

Any questions, email Jen at [community@christs-oreland.org](mailto:community@christs-oreland.org).

## Trivia Team

Congratulations to the Saints & Sinners Trivia Team on placing first out of eighteen teams during the November challenge! This is their first “First Place” win!

The team is looking forward to the next challenge **on Wednesday, December 4** at Tannery Run Brew Works, 131 E Butler Avenue, Ambler.

Trivia Nights take place on the First Wednesday of every month from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. Interested in joining the team? Come for fun, fellowship and perhaps a prize or two! Contact Daniel Melnick to RSVP.

## Pub Theology – date change!

Our next gathering will take place on **Thursday, December 5** at 7:00 pm 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](mailto:clcseniorpastor@christs-oreland.org).

**Topic: TBD**

## Men's Group

**December 7<sup>th</sup>** is Breakfast with Santa. The Men's Group will handle making the pancakes and sausages, in addition to helping with set up and clean up. For cooking crew plan to be there between 7:30 and 8 so we can get the griddles warmed up and the batter made. We will also be making the famous pancake roll ups for the kitchen crew! Please let me or Jen Melnick know if you can help.

Meeting wrap up from November 16-

An enjoyable meeting! Discussion started off with news on scrapple, pancake dispensers and the arrival of the fruitcake. Continued into the lack of security with modern payment methods, the vanishing of cash transactions, rounding up and pennies and half pennies. Some discussion on the Bonhoeffer series from Pastor. Then into the topic of mercy. Daily mercies that we don't even think about, holding the door open for someone, to larger mercies of forgiveness for being treated poorly by someone you helped yet not seeking retribution. Very interesting talk about God not having a proper name, which led into discussion of the Holy Trinity. Great analogy of the Trinity and the three states of water.

Looking forward to our next meeting on **December 21<sup>st</sup>**. Hope to see you there.



## **Breakfast with Santa**

Community and Outreach is excited to announce that we will be having Breakfast with Santa (and Mrs. Claus) on **Saturday, December 7th!**

Forms can be found in the back of church and also through the link in the Wednesday e-news. **Reservations are required to attend.**

Please contact Jen at [community@christs-oreland.org](mailto:community@christs-oreland.org) with any questions. Share with your friends and family!

## **Pack 88 Christmas Party Request**

Cub Pack 88 will be enjoying their Christmas party in the evening on **Saturday, December 7** in Parish Hall. This year they'd like to include a sing-a-long and are looking for a volunteer who might be willing to play piano and/or lead the singing. The festivities begin at 7:00 pm on Saturday, December 7.

If interested, please contact the church office to be put in contact with Pack 88.

## **Poinsettia Orders**

Order forms for poinsettias (or donations to the decorating fund) can be found in the church lobby or The Link newsletter. You may also place an order through the church office.

Plants are \$10 each and may be picked up after Christmas Eve services or arrangements may be made with the church office for pick up at another time. **Order deadline is Sunday, December 8.**

## **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 we explore the Book of Daniel.

**PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO BIBLE STUDY ON NOVEMBER 27.**

## **Home Visits**

If you or someone you know would like Pastor Kaegler to visit, please contact him at [clcseniorpastor@christs-oreland.org](mailto:clcseniorpastor@christs-oreland.org) or call the office at 215-886-4612.

## FAITH IN ACTION

### Book Collection

Books Through Bars is a local organization that collects books and sends them to prisoners who request them by letter. Although they get plenty of the latest bestsellers and classic literature, they have a great need for *very specific* books that are often requested but are in short supply. If you have any **paperback** books on the following topics to donate, please put them in the labeled box in the narthex. Thank you!

Art, art instruction (drawing/painting/photography), home repair, building, HVAC instruction, plumbing, masonry, starting a business, real estate, cars, motorcycles, sudoku, crossword puzzles, and how to play the guitar (beginning and advanced). Wildlife, hunting, and sports magazines are also appreciated.

### Cooks needed for UNILU

University Lutheran Church's Feast Incarnate in West Philadelphia is a weekly hospitality ministry where a meal is served for approximately 120 people affected by HIV/AIDS and others in need of food in the local community. We participated in this ministry for years before Covid and are happy to announce that we've gotten enough volunteers to once again participate by serving dinner on **Tuesday, December 17**.

We are still in need of volunteers to cook. If interested, please contact Sue Ross at [joyfulross@gmail.com](mailto:joyfulross@gmail.com) or Allison Uehling at [auehling@comcast.net](mailto:auehling@comcast.net).

### 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](mailto:community@christs-oreland.org).

## FAITH IN ACTION

### CLC Community Yarners

Please see our fall/winter schedule below for the following Mondays:

November 25, December 16, December 30

Where: 700 E Pennsylvania Ave, Oreland (Room 200) 11 am to 1:00 pm

Don't know how to knit or crochet? No worries, all levels are welcomed! All items will be donated to a local charity. (TBD)

Please contact:

Betty Messer: [betty.messer508@gmail.com](mailto:betty.messer508@gmail.com), phone: 267-475-2933 & Marty Frantz: [marty.frantz@gmail.com](mailto:marty.frantz@gmail.com), phone: 215-885-4812

### Visitation Ministry

Our newly formed Visitation Team keeps 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](mailto:clcseniorpastor@christs-oreland.org). Training, prayer and fellowship will be provided.

### PBJ Sandwich Donations

PBJ sandwiches can be dropped off at the following times:

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

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

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

Please make PBJ sandwiches with plain white bread, creamy peanut butter, and grape jelly. Wrap sandwiches in individual sandwich baggies and leave them uncut. Mark your bag with the number of sandwiches enclosed.

Thank you to our volunteers who pick up and deliver the sandwiches! If you'd like to help with delivery, please contact the church office.

**Thanks to your continued support of this program CLC  
Donated 155 sandwiches this week!**

## **Sunday Livestream Viewers**

Livestream congregants: Can you let me know who you are? I'd like to have a list of people who regularly watch our church service on the livestream. That's mostly to be able to get feedback about the experience of using the service and any changes or additions that might be helpful. Contact Kathryn Steen (worship & music) at [kathryn.steen@protonmail.com](mailto:kathryn.steen@protonmail.com) or 215-247-5584 (that's a landline with an answering machine) or even snail mail to the church office.

## **Wine Donations for Communion**

Thank you to all the folks who have been donating bottles of wine! Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

We are happy to accept additional donations at any time from anyone who would like to donate a bottle or two of their favorite wine to help keep us in supply. Any wine can be communion wine!

## **Christ's Lutheran Preschool**

We are presently accepting registrations for our 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](mailto:clcpreschool@christs-oreland.org).

## **Digital Sound Board**

If you are interest in joining our sound board team, please contact Kathryn Steen ([kathryn.steen@protonmail.com](mailto:kathryn.steen@protonmail.com)), Music Chair, or Rick Daniels ([daniels.r@verizon.net](mailto:daniels.r@verizon.net)).

## **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](mailto:clcsecretary@christs-oreland.org).

If you'd like to join the team of CLC meditation writers, contact John Frantz at [johnhfrantz123@gmail.com](mailto:johnhfrantz123@gmail.com) or call 215-885-4812.

# COMING SOON AT CHRIST'S LUTHERAN

11/2 9 am - 2 pm  
**Craft Fair** (Parish Hall)

12/1 9 am  
**Wreath Building** (Parish Hall)

12/7 9 am  
**Breakfast with Santa** (Parish Hall)

12/14 4 pm - 7 pm  
**Advent Prayer Center** (Parish Hall)

12/15 10:30 am  
**Lessons and Carols** (Sanctuary)

12/15 4 pm - 7 pm  
**Advent Prayer Center** (Parish Hall)

12/16 4 pm - 7 pm  
**Advent Prayer Center** (Parish Hall)

12/19 7 pm  
**Caroling** (Sanctuary)

12/24 4 pm  
**Family Christmas Eve Service** (Sanctuary)

12/24 8 pm  
**Candlelight Christmas Eve Service** (Sanctuary)

1/20 2 pm - 4 pm  
**MLK Day of Service** (Parish Hall)

**Christ's Lutheran Church**  
**700 East Pennsylvania Avenue + Oreland, PA 19075**  
**215-886-4612 + [www.christs-oreland.org](http://www.christs-oreland.org)**  
**[clcsecretary@christs-oreland.org](mailto:clcsecretary@christs-oreland.org)**

Ministers	The People of Christ's Lutheran Church	
Senior Pastor	Reverend Axel Kaegler	
Director of Spiritual Formation	Becca Shelor	
Director of Music	Ken Selinger	
Administrative Assistant	Lorraine Pfeiffer	
Preschool Director	Sally Mead	
Sexton	Pete Carr	
Assisting Minister	Don Hallman	
Communion Assistant(s)	Becca Shelor, Don Hallman	
Soundboard	Diane Polis	
Livestream	Rick Daniels, Don Hallman, John Melnick, Paul Zieger	
Counter(s)	Sue Frantz	
Altar Guild	Don Hallman	
Closer	Chris Johnson	
Greeter(s)	TBD	
Assisting Minister next week	Elise Seyfried	

**This Week at CLC!**

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal (202)
	9:15 am	Family Table (PH)
	10:30 am	Worship at CLC and online
<b>Monday</b>	9:30 am	Monday Morning Men
	10:00 am – 6:00 pm	PBJ Collection (chapel)
	11:00 am	CLC Community Yarners (200)
	7:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop 1 (PH)
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 am – 10:45 am	PBJ Collection (chapel)
	6:00 pm	Lion/Tiger Cubs (203/204)
	7:00 pm	AOL Scouts (200)
	7:00 pm	Bear Cubs (203/204)
	7:00 pm	Webelos (PH)
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 pm	AA (PH)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>THANKSGIVING DAY</b>	<b>CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED</b>
<b>Friday</b>		<b>CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED</b>

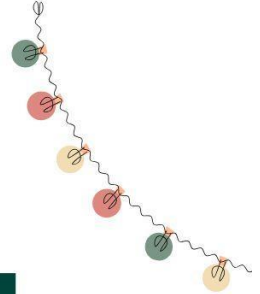


# Advent Prayer Center

sign up online: [tiny.cc/prayercenter24](https://tiny.cc/prayercenter24)  
or sign up in church Narthex

4pm-7pm  
Saturday December 14  
Sunday December 15  
Monday December 16

Christ's Lutheran Church  
700 E. Pennsylvania Ave. Oreland, PA 19075



# Christmas Caroling

Thursday December 19th  
7:00pm

Christ's Lutheran Church - Oreland

Come sing some favorite carols  
with refreshments to follow

