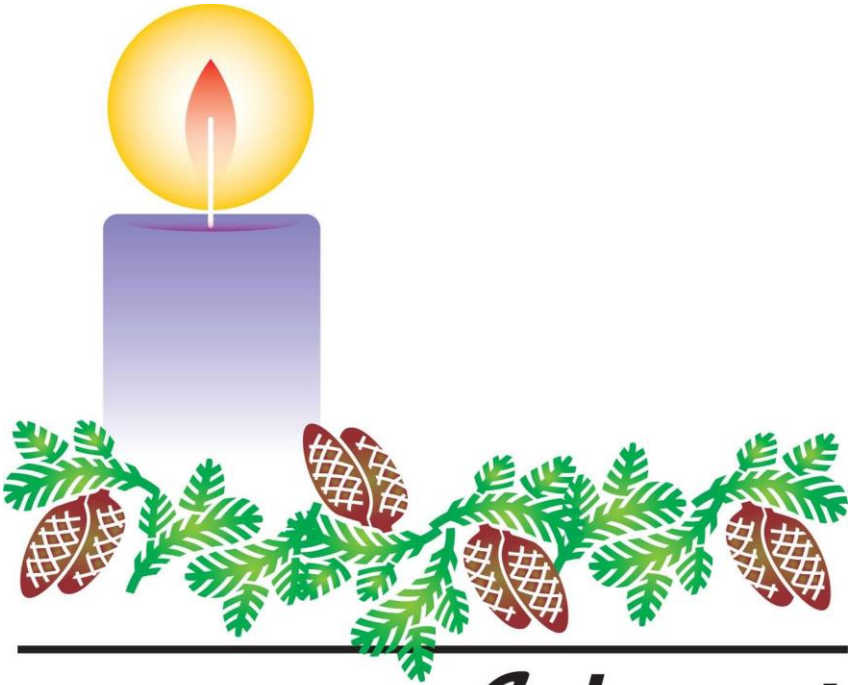


December 1, 2024



FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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!

Advent is about the "coming days." God's people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a "righteous Branch to spring up for David." The Thessalonians awaited "the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints." Jesus' contemporaries hoped for the time "to stand before the Son of Man." With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.

GATHERING

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
alive in the world,
reviving creation,
arriving soon.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy,

we confess that we have sinned.

We trust earthly powers and human authority alone.

We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

God of might,
we confess that we have sinned.
We have turned away from our neighbors.
We have trusted false promises.

God in our midst,
we confess that we have sinned.
We plead: come to us.
Bring your mercy to birth in us.

A righteous branch springs forth:
it is Christ the Lord, our Savior,
in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy.
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
receive the grace and forgiveness of God
through † Christ Jesus, whose day draws near.
Amen.

Gathering Song

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

ELW # 244



- 1 Re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
- 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
- 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ings bore,
- 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907
Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish 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.

Hymn of Praise

Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding!

Verse 1

ELW # 246



1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is near," we
2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age
3 See the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, come with par - don
4 So, when next he comes in glo - ry and the world is
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther



hear it say. "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness,
let us rise; Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling,
down from heav'n. Let us haste, with tears of sor - row,
wrapped in fear, he will shield us with his mer - cy
and the Son with the ev - er - last - ing Spir - it



all you chil - dren of the day!"
shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
one and all, to be for - giv'n;
and with words of love draw near.
while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, 1632; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878

Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

(Jenna Balaicuis and Sasha Leary)

As we light this candle, we join the prophets in proclaiming the coming of the Messiah. Like them, we believe and share the good news of Jesus our Lord. We pray for the courage to speak out, loud and clear like John the Baptist, who called us to prepare the way of the Lord. May we all be prophets, with God's message of grace and love. **Amen.**

Candle is lit.

O Little Town of Bethlehem ELW # 279

Verse 1

O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835–1893

Music: ST. LOUIS, Lewis H. Redner, 1831–1908

THE WORD

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

First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

A reading from Jeremiah, chapter 33.

¹⁴ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-10

Wait for the Lord Taizé
ELW # 262

The congregation will sing the following response:

The musical score is written for a congregation and consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The first system of music has the lyrics: "Wait for the Lord, whose day is near." The second system of music has the lyrics: "Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!" The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Text: Taizé Community
Music: WAIT FOR THE LORD, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

¹ To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.

² My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

³ Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴ Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.

Response

⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the
day long.

⁶ Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

Response

⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of
your goodness, O LORD.

⁸ You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.

⁹ You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰ All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

Response

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

A reading from First Thessalonians, chapter 3.

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹² And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³ And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

Please stand in body or spirit.

Gospel Acclamation
(round – sing as directed)

Gloria (Taizé)
WOV # 640

1* *Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!*
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

2

3 *Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!*
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

4

**May be sung as a round.*

Text: Traditional

Music: GLORIA 3, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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The Holy Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ²⁵ “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹ Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴ “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all

who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

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

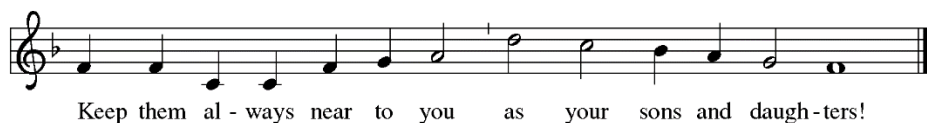
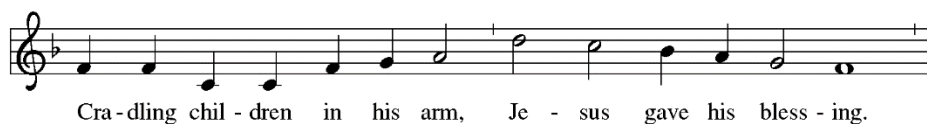
Please be seated.

The Children’s Message

Becca Shelor

A Moment of Prayer

Cradling Children in His Arm
ELW # 444



Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Johannes H. V. Knudsen, 1902–1982
Music: GAUDEAMUS PARITER, Johann Horn, 1490–1547

The Message

The Rev. Dr. J. Jayakiran Sebastian

Please stand in body or spirit.

Hymn of the Day

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying
ELW # 436

Please see the hymn on the next page.



1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men
 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her
 3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and



on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.
 heart with joy is spring-ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
 an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym-bal's clear-est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the
 Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in
 Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to



thrill-ing cry re - joic - es; "Come forth, you maid-ens! Night is past.
 grace, in truth vic - to - rious; her star is ris'n; her light is come.
 bliss be - yond all dream-ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.



The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"
 Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.
 No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun-d'ring might



Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;
 Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
 of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!



go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.
 and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.
 There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

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

As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

A brief silence.

God of righteousness, your people live in hopeful expectation of your coming. Fill your church with renewed passion for our shared mission, and deepen our relationships with other Christians and other faith traditions in our local community and across the world. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God of the cosmos, all creation shows that your presence is near. Help us sense your goodness and love in the sun and moon, in sprouting leaves and bare branches, in the roaring sea and quiet breeze. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God of the nations, your reign extends over all principalities and powers. Give leaders and all in authority hearts for justice and peace. Encourage efforts to enact policies that benefit the common good. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God of change, you accompany us through life's transitions. Be near to all who are changing jobs, moving, welcoming children, or facing the loss of loved ones. Sustain those who are ill or suffering. In times of change, remind us of your steadfast love. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God of community, your Spirit holds us together. Sustain our care for one another. Inspire us to seek new ways to live together and to embrace the diversity of thought and identity in our communities. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God of memory, we give you thanks for faithful ones who have died. Tend to our grief and sorrow with renewed trust in your promise of abundant and eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*You are invited to share God's peace with those around you
and to greet those who are worshipping online.*

Please be seated.

Special Music "Carry the Light of Love" McMahan/Rouse

*Carry the light of love,
Let it shine just like the star above that shined upon that glorious sight.
Carry the light, carry the light, carry the light of love.*

Please stand.

Offertory Hymn

Verse 3

What Child is This

ELW # 296



3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.



The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Creator God,

you made the whole world,

even the farthest stars,

and you draw near to feed us.

We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine.

Strengthen us with this food

that we may live in expectation

for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

Setting Four

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.

The image shows a musical score for a four-part setting. It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has one measure. The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some rests and slurs.

Preface

Setting Four

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.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Re - deem - er,

through whom you will also make all things new

in the day when he comes to judge the world in righ - teous-ness.

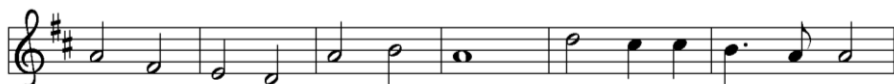
And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,

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

Setting Four



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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

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 covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

God feeds us with tender mercy. Come to the table.

Lamb of God

Setting Four



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, grant us peace.

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.
2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
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 long-ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
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-tude.



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.
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

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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

Generous God,
we thank you for the gift of life,
for the bread of salvation.
We thank you for coming among us,
for leading us into peace.
We thank you for showering us with mercy,
for sending us into the world.
Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us
as we feed the hungry in your name.
Amen.

Blessing

God of endings and beginnings,
God in the darkness and the light,
God, our hope for the journey,
✠ bless and keep you now and forever.
Amen.

The Sending Song

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending ELW # 435

Please see the next page for the hymn.



1 Lo! he comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Now re - demp - tion, long - ex - pect - ed,
 3 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for our sal - va - tion slain;
 comes in sol - emn splen - dor near;
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 all the saints this world re - ject - ed
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



join to sing the glad re - frain:
 thrill the trum - pet sound to hear:
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



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



lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 lu - ia! See the day of God ap - pear!
 lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
 Music: HELMSLEY, Thomas Olivers, 1725–1799

Dismissal

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel. **Thanks be to God.**

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 Truppapay)
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
Don & Judy Berger in memory of their parents.*

AND

By Diane Polis in celebration of family birthdays!

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 December as follows:

Sunday, December 1 – Advent Wreath Event at 9:00 am

Sunday, December 8 – 9:15 am

Sunday, December 15 – 9:15 am

Sunday, December 22 – 9:15 am

Sunday, December 29 – No Meeting

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.

Congregation Advent Activity

"The hopes and fears of all the years..."

This Advent, we invite you each Sunday to write some hopes and fears on the blue strips located in the pew pockets. Each Sunday you'll receive a prompt. You are invited to place these hopes and fears into the offering plate. These hopes and fears will be strung together each week and grow and encircle the congregation as we get closer to Christmas, marking our journey through the Advent season.

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 **through Sunday, December 8th** 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.

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. **Topic: Thanksgiving**

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 with any questions. Share with your friends and family!

Men's Group

December 7th 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 21st**. Hope to see you there.

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.**

CLC 60 Plus

You won't want to miss coming to CLC's 60 Plus on **Thursday December 12th** at 11:30 AM in the Parish Hall.

Ever hear Christmas songs played by steel drums? The Brittany Pointe Panhandlers Steel Drum Band will be entertaining us with a range of tunes including country, patriotic, Americana, religious, classical, (YES! Classical!), and many Christmas tunes. Sandwiches will be provided for lunch along with beverages and scrumptious desserts.

The Little Drummer Boy grew up! Come and hear his music, enjoy a nice lunch and conversation with old and new friends.

Wonderful Wednesday

Join us for Wonderful Wednesday on **December 18** at 6:30 pm at the home of Paul and Bonnie Zieger, 516 Hunters Lane, Oreland.

RSVP to Consy Finney cwfinney1@comcast.net or 215-771-5994 by Sunday, December 15.

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.

Home Visits

If you or someone you know would like Pastor Kaegler to visit, please contact him at 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 or Allison Uehling at 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.

FAITH IN ACTION

CLC Community Yarners

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

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, phone: 267-475-2933 & Marty Frantz: 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. 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 87 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 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@christ-oreland.org.

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).

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@christ-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.

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Sexton	Pete Carr
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Counter(s)	Sue Frantz
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Closer	Sue Frantz
Greeter(s)	TBD
Assisting Minister next week	Adele Kelly

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This Week at CLC!

Sunday	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (202) Advent Wreath Event (PH) Worship at CLC and online
Monday	9:30 am 10:00 am – 6:00 pm 7:30 pm	Monday Morning Men PBJ Collection (chapel) Boy Scout Troop 1 (PH)
Tuesday	9:00 am – 10:45 am 7:30 pm	PBJ Collection (chapel) Pack 88 Committee Meeting (203/204)
Wednesday	10:00 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Bible Study (200) Wolf Cubs (203/204) AA (200) Trivia Night (Tannery Run)
Thursday	7:00 pm	Pub Theology (Tannery Run)
Friday	8:00 pm	Breakfast with Santa Set Up AA (200)
Saturday	8:00 am 7:00 pm	Breakfast with Santa (PH) Pack 88 Holiday Party (PH)





Advent Prayer Center

sign up online: tiny.cc/prayercenter24
or sign up in church Narthex

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

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