

December 15, 2024

Third 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!

Christ's presence in our midst in the wonder of the holy supper is cause for singing. The nearness of the God in prayer, in every circumstance, is cause for rejoicing. The coming of one "more powerful" than John, even with a winnowing fork in hand, is good news—and cause for exultation—for us who are being saved. Great joy is the tone for the third Sunday of Advent.

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.

Greeting

The angel said to the shepherd, "Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord.
(Luke 2: 10-11)

As we gather this morning, we hear again the good news the angels proclaimed: God has come for all people through the birth of the one named Jesus. Through Bethlehem's manger, God comes into the chaos, messiness, and vulnerability of the world. In all things and at all times, we rejoice that God comes to save us and reigns in love. We come in song and verse to adore Jesus who is Savior, Christ and Lord.

Dialogue

Hear, O heavens, and listen, O earth.

Let the earth hear, and all that fills it.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom.

They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.

Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

This is the Lord for whom we wait;
let us be glad and rejoice in the salvation of God.

Gathering Carol
Verses 1 & 2

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
ELW # 257

Confession and Forgiveness

Amid the troubles and fears of this world, let us confess our sin and welcome God's forgiveness, grace and love.

Silence for reflection

Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus.
Forgive our lack of faith and trust.

Your Son was born in the poverty of a stable.
Forgive our neglect of the poor.

The shepherds left their flocks and went to Bethlehem.
Forgive our selfishness and complacency.

With great joy the angels proclaimed, "Do not fear. For I bring you good news of great joy. Today is born a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. In Jesus, who is Savior, Christ, and Lord, our sins are forgiven. May you know the peace which the angels sang from the heavens. Indeed, God's forgiveness is good news of great joy!"
Amen.

Carol
Verses 1 & 4

Angels, from the Realms of Glory
ELW # 275

Please be seated.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

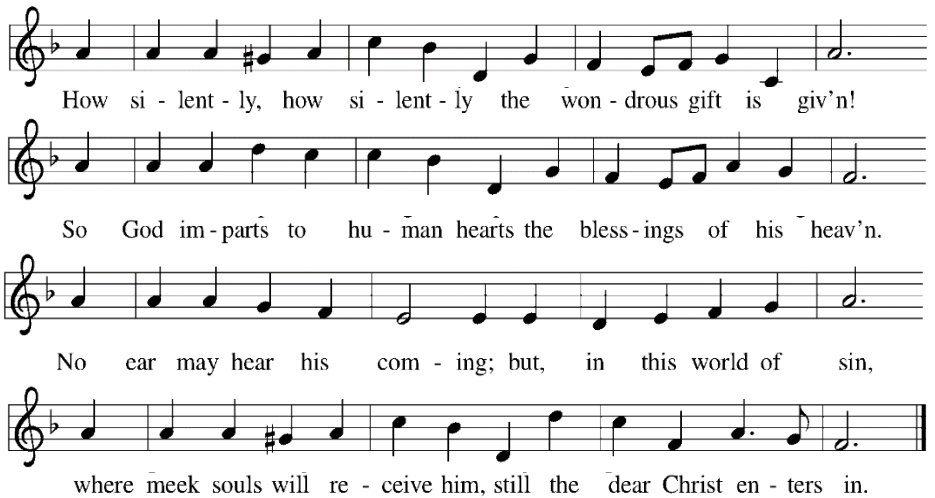
(The Kelly Family - Bob, Adele, Charlie, Joey, Audra)

As we light the third candle, we remember the shepherds, simple men, out in the dark and cold night tending their flocks. Surely the last thing in the world they expected was the arrival of angels. The last thing they anticipated was an invitation to come and worship the Christ child. And yet it happened---and it happened to them. Sometimes, wonderful things come when we least expect them. This Advent, we pray that we will be open to the miracles all around us. Let us accept the invitation to come, just as we are to the manager in Bethlehem to share the joy of the Savior's birth. **Amen.**

Candle is lit.

O Little Town of Bethlehem ELW # 279

Verse 3



How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,
where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.

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

Isaiah 60: 1-6 (NRSVue)
Don Hallman

“Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.
² See, darkness covers the earth
and thick darkness is over the peoples,
but the Lord rises upon you
and his glory appears over you.
³ Nations will come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
⁴ “Lift up your eyes and look about you:
All assemble and come to you;
your sons come from afar,
and your daughters are carried on the hip.
⁵ Then you will look and be radiant,
your heart will throb and swell with joy;
the wealth on the seas will be brought to you,
to you the riches of the nations will come.
⁶ Herds of camels will cover your land,
young camels of Midian and Ephah.
And all from Sheba will come,
bearing gold and incense
and proclaiming the praise of the Lord.

I will wait for the Lord,
And I will hope in God who saves us.

Musical Offering

“Arise and Shine”

Boesiger

*“Arise and shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord will shine upon you.
Out of the darkness you come;
and the Lord will shine upon you.”*

- ²The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.
- ³You have multiplied exultation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
- ⁴For the yoke of their burden
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
- ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
- ⁶For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders,
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

I will wait for the Lord,
And I will hope in God who saves us.

Musical Offering “Shine the Light of Christ” Larry Shackley

*“Shine the light of hope to people lost in darkness.
Soon will come the dawn; Messiah will appear.
We can trust His word; His promise has been spoken,
and your chains will all be broken, so shine the light of hope.”*

O sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.

His right hand and his holy arm
have gotten him victory.

²The Lord has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

³He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.

⁴Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

⁵Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.

⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

⁷Let the sea roar and all that fills it,
the world and those who live in it.

⁸Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy

⁹at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming
to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

I will wait for the Lord,

And I will hope in God who saves us.

**Carol
Verses 1 & 4**

**Joy to the World
ELW # 267**

Fourth Reading

John 1: 1-5, 10-12, 14 (NRSVue)

Tim Keller

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life,^[a] and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own,^[a] and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son,^[a] full of grace and truth.

I will wait for the Lord,
And I will hope in God who saves us.

Musical Offering "Little Drop of Heaven" Pepper Choplin

*"Let a little drop of heaven come to earth,
Bring peace, bring peace.
Let a little drop of heaven fall to earth,
Bring love, true love. Bring love to this world."*

Fifth Reading

Luke 2: 2-7 (NRSVue)

Kathy Steen

² This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴ Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the guest room.

I will wait for the Lord,
And I will hope in God who saves us.

Musical Offering**“Gonna Find that Baby”****Rose Aspinall/Patti Drennan**

*“Oh, where am I gonna find that Baby?
Lookin’ for the Child so holy,
an angel said He’s been born!”*

Sixth Reading**Luke 2: 8-15 (NRSVue)****Carl Maurer**

⁸ Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, ^a the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, ^b praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” ^c

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.”

I will wait for the Lord,

And I will hope in God who saves us.

Musical Offering**“Gloria”****Hayes**

*“Gloria in excelsis Deo; Glory be to God on high.
Fear not behold I bring you good tidings,
This news should be for everyone, everyone on earth.*

¹⁷ When the shepherds saw Jesus, they told his parents what the angel had said about him. ¹⁸ Everyone listened and was surprised. ¹⁹ But Mary kept thinking about all this and wondering what it meant. ²⁰ As the shepherds returned to their sheep, they were praising God and saying wonderful things about him. Everything they had seen and heard was just as the angel had said. ²¹ Eight days later Jesus' parents did for him what the Law of Moses commands.^[e] And they named him Jesus, just as the angel had told Mary when he promised she would have a baby.

I will wait for the Lord,
And I will hope in God who saves us.

**Carol
Verses 1 & 2**

**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
ELW # 270**

Please stand as you are able.

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.**

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.

Musical Offering

“Breath of Heaven”

Solo: Debbie Melnick

Please stand.

Offertory Hymn Verse 3

**What Child is This
ELW # 296**

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 notes and half notes, with some slurs and ties.

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,

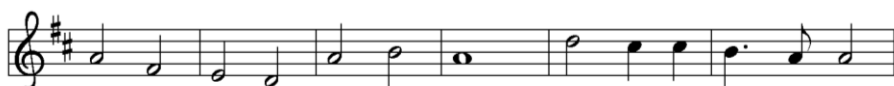
with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,

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

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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.

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

May he who by his Incarnation gathered into one thing earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

The Sending Carol

Silent Night (Forrest)
ELW # 281

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is coming soon.

Thanks be to God.

A Word About Today's Music

Our "Lessons and Carols" is based on the format of the traditional service held each Christmas Eve in the Chapel of King's College, Cambridge, England. First presented on Christmas Eve in 1918, the service was created by Eric Milner-White whose years as an army chaplain convinced him that the church needed different forms of worship. His original service was then adapted by the Archbishop of Canterbury and almost immediately other churches further modified it for their own use as we have today.

A very special thank you to Ken Selinger, Pat Hallman and the Chancel Choir for leading today's Service of Lessons and Carols.

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.



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Thank you to the following for sponsoring the Christmas decorations and poinsettias

Karen Bennion	In celebration of the season
Don & Judy Berger	In celebration of family near and far
Bob & Beverly Bortz	In celebration of family
	In memory of our parents
	In celebration of our children and grandchildren
Jim & Mary Jane Brenneman	Dedicated to the Glory of God
	In celebration of our family
Leigh-Ann Bussinger	In memory of Eunice and William Pfeiffer
Wes & Marda Craig	In memory of our parents
Sherri Edwards	In memory of Ann and Duck Edwards
	In memory of Evelyn Edwards
Paul & Janet Engstrom	In celebration of our family
	In celebration of Betsy & Ken Selinger and the choir
Ross & Sue Frantz	In celebration of our children and grandchildren
Jean & Steve Godsall-Myers (Omi and Opa)	In celebration of our grandchildren, Charlie & Eva Myers
Pat & Don Hallman	In celebration of our family Kate, Jonathan, Christine, Josiah, Matthias
	In memory of our parents The Rev Mr & Mrs Robert A Laubach Mr & Mrs Pershing H Hallman
The Hatch Family	In celebration of their children and grandchildren In memory of Michelle Hatch
	In memory of their parents and grandparents
Jim Heidler	In memory of Eleanor Heidler, mother In memory of Marie Farr, sister In memory of Louise Watts, aunt
Marge Holmes	In memory of my husband, Tom Holmes
	In celebration of my children and grandchildren
Andy Manus	In memory of Bob Manus
	In celebration of family
John & Debbie Melnick	In memory of our parents
	In celebration of Jennifer & Daniel
Gail & Jerry Polis	In memory of our parents
	In celebration of our children and grandchildren
Christian Reynolds	In celebration of children, grandchildren, And great-grandchildren
Kim Righter	In memory of Eunice and William Pfeiffer
Ken & Betsy Selinger	In memory of our parents and Ken's brother, Steve
	In celebration of our children and grandchildren
Lori Stevens	In memory of parents, Walter and Eleanor Brucker
Dolores Sweeney	In memory of Lawrence Sweeney
Dolores Sweeney, daughter	In memory of Joseph and Elise Dodel
Earl & Allison Uehling	In celebration of family, near and far
Sally Wertz	In memory of family and friends
Paul & Bonnie Zieger	In memory of Hermina and Paul Raser In memory of Ruth and Wilbur Zieger In memory of Herta Clements In memory of Anna Zieger

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
Chuck Brucker (cousin of Karen Greulich, Lori Stevens, and Janine Asher)
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)
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 bread and wine we share today are dedicated
by Ross and Sue Frantz
in celebration of the special season of Advent!*

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 15 – 9:15 am

Sunday, December 22 – 9:15 am (in Sanctuary: pageant rehearsal)

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.

Poinsettia Orders

We have a few poinsettia plants still available. If you would like to purchase any, please contact 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.

Holiday Campfire with Oreland Troop 1

Boys in 4th or 5th grade, or ages 11-17, are invited to join the Scouts of Oreland Troop 1 for their annual Holiday Campfire.

Celebrate the Christmas season with an evening of fellowship, featuring snacks, songs, and skits. The event will take place on Monday, December 16th, from 7:30 to 9:00 PM, outside behind the church.

No RSVP is required. For more information, contact Assistant Scoutmaster Joe Buesgen at asm@oreland1.org. Visit oreland1.org to learn more about Oreland Troop 1.

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.

Christmas Caroling

Come sing some favorite Christmas carols on **Thursday, December 19** at 7 pm in the Sanctuary. Refreshments to follow!

Pub Theology

Our next gathering will take place on Thursday, January 2 at 7:00 pm at Iron Hill Brewery, 1460 Bethlehem Pike, North Wales, PA 19454

Topic: Twelve Days of Christmas

RSVP to Pastor Kaegler at clcseniorpastor@christs-oreland.org.

Trivia Team

The evening was looking pretty good for the Saints & Sinners during December's Trivia Night. Another First Place win was within reach when they were foiled in the final round by a question about Stephen King novels. Our team ended up with a Fourth Place finish.

The Saints & Sinners are looking forward to the next challenge **on Wednesday, January 8** 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.

PLEASE NOTE: Trivia Night in January will be the SECOND Wednesday.

Men's Group

PLEASE NOTE: Our next meeting will be held January 18, 2025.

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@christ-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

We meet on the following Mondays in December:

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@christ-oreland.org. Training, prayer and fellowship will be provided.

PBJ Sandwich Donations

PLEASE NOTE: PBJs will not be collected December 23, 24, 30, 31

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 121 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@christs-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@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.

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Communion Assistants	Elise Seyfried, Jenna Balaicuis
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Livestream	Rick Daniels, Don Hallman, John Melnick, Paul Zieger
Altar Guild	Bonnie Zieger, Marge Holmes
Counter(s)	Sue Frantz
Closer	George Vermeire
Assisting Minister next week	Danny Melnick

This Week at CLC!

Sunday	9:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (202) Family Table (PH) Worship at CLC and online Advent Prayer Center (PH)
Monday	9:30 am 10:00 am – 6:00 pm 11:00 am 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Monday Morning Men PBJ Collection (chapel) CLC Community Yarners (200) Advent Prayer Center (PH) Boy Scout Troop 1 (backyard)
Tuesday	9:00 am – 10:45 am	PBJ Collection (chapel)
Wednesday	10:00 am 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Bible Study (200) Wolf Cubs (203/204) Wonderful Wednesday (Zieger) AA (200)
Thursday	7:00 pm	Christmas Caroling (sanctuary)
Friday	6:00 pm	AA (PH)

Please join us for the following services on Christmas Eve:

**December 24 @ 4:00 pm Family Service
December 24 @ 8:00 pm Candlelight Service**



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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