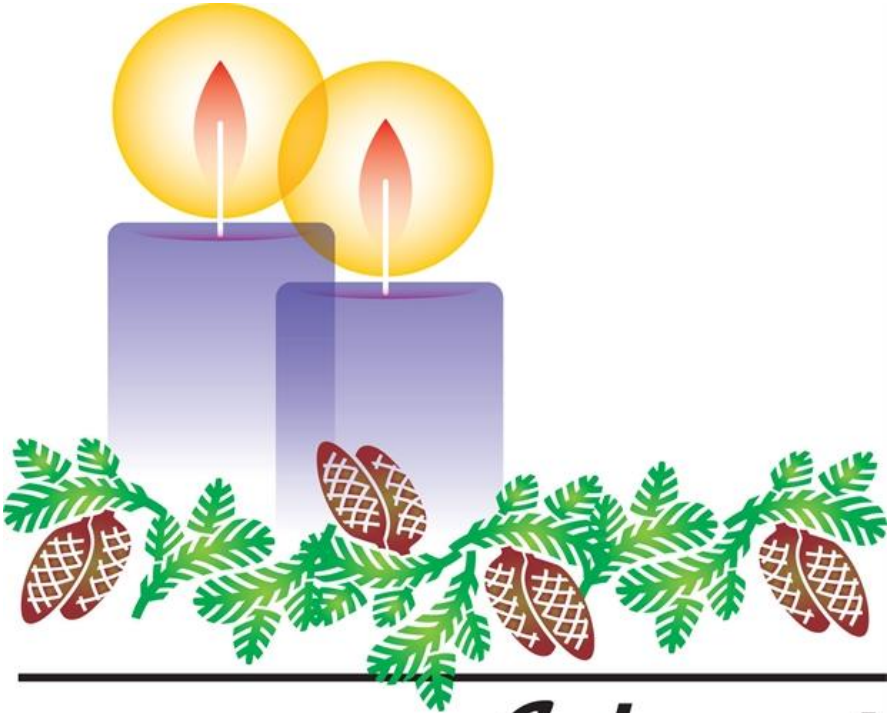


December 8, 2024



SECOND 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!

Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of our God. While John the baptizer's voice in the wilderness may be the principal focus of the day, Malachi's prophecy could as easily herald the coming Christ as forerunner of the LORD of hosts. Finally all the baptized are called to participate in the sharing of the gospel. In so doing we prepare the way for the coming of Jesus and assist all people in capturing a vision of the "salvation of God."

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

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry
ELW # 249



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
 5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 way for God with - in, and let us all our
 and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
 rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
 has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
 we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite
 Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

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
Verses 1 and 4

All Earth is Hopeful
ELW # 266



To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra, al Sal - va - dor
 1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!
 2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:
 3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;
 4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



y, el sur - co, a - bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el
 Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the
 "A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -
 new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most
 This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -
 la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how
 ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -
 here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All
 world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.
 God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.
 stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.
 clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!
 Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

Text: Alberto Taulé, b. 1932; tr. Madeleine Forell Marshall, b. 1946

Music: TODA LA TIERRA, Alberto Taulé

Spanish text and tune © 1993 and English text © 1995 Centro de Pastoral Litúrgica, admin. OCP Publications, 5536 NE Hassalo, Portland, OR 97213.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through 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.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

(Vicky, Mason, and Reese Devaney)

As we light this candle, we remember Bethlehem, the little town where Jesus just happened to be born, during Mary and Joseph's long journey. Bethlehem was nothing special, until it became the most special place on earth, the scene of the birth of our Lord. Like Bethlehem, we may feel like "nothing special", yet God comes to each of us, to live in our hearts. We give thanks for the Bethlehems of this world, average, sometimes forgotten places where God does extraordinary things. We pray for peace, in the Middle East and everywhere. **Amen.**

Candle is lit.

O Little Town of Bethlehem ELW # 279

Verse 2

For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove
while mor - taís sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly b'irth,
and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!

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

Malachi 3:1-4

A reading from Malachi, chapter 3.

¹ See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³ he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm – Luke 1:68-79

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 bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). 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 score uses various musical notations including chords, stems, and rests.

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

⁶⁸ Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel,
you have come to your people and set them free.

⁶⁹ You have raised up for us a mighty Savior,
born of the house of your servant David.

Response

⁷⁰ Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our
enemies,

⁷¹ from the hands of all who hate us,

⁷² to show mercy to our forebears,
and to remember your holy covenant.

⁷³ This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:

⁷⁴ to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

free to worship you without fear,

⁷⁵ holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life. **Response**

⁷⁶ And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

⁷⁷ to give God's people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.

⁷⁸ In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

⁷⁹ to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace. **Response**

Second Reading

Philippians 1:3-11

A reading from Philippians, chapter 1.

³ I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴ constantly praying with joy
in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵ because of your sharing in the
gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ I am confident of this, that the one
who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day
of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to think this way about all of you,
because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with
me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the
gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the
compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer, that your love may
overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰ to help you to
determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and
blameless, ¹¹ having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes
through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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

The musical notation is written on two staves in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff contains measures 1 through 4, and the second staff contains measures 5 through 8. The lyrics are written below the notes. Measure numbers 1*, 2, 3, and 4 are indicated above the first four measures respectively.

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!

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!

**May be sung as a round.*

Text: Traditional

Music: GLORIA 3, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

Music © 1979, 1988 Les Presses de Taizé, admin. GIA Publications, Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638.

www.giamusic.com 800.442.3358 All rights reserved. Used by permission.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;

⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

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



Cra-dling chil-dren in his arm, Je-sus gave his bless-ing.



To our babes a wel-come warm he is yet ad-dress-ing.



Take them, Lord, give life a-new in the liv-ing wa-ters!



Keep them al-ways near to you as your sons and daugh-ters!

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

The Message

Pastor Axel Kaegler

Please stand in body or spirit.

Hymn of the Day

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

ELW # 631

Please see the hymn on the next page.



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

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.

Refining God, move through your church. Root out practices that harm your people, and kindle a fire for sharing the gospel among bishops, pastors, deacons, and all the baptized. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Renewing God, transform your creation. Steer us from habits that harm what you have made, and guide us in practices that preserve and restore creatures and habitats. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Ruling God, teach the nations your ways. Strengthen organizations and communities that broker peace and care for refugees, immigrants, and all caught in the center of conflict. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Rescuing God, restore your people who are in any need. Heal all who are suffering. Provide comfort and strength, and nurture sustained wholeness for the future. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Reforming God, fill this congregation with your presence. Enrich our seasonal preparations, and bless the efforts by worship committees, music ensembles, staff, clergy, and lay leaders as they work in the weeks ahead. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Reassuring God, we remember those who have died and rest in you. Guide us in deep gratitude for their life, and allow us to learn from their faithful witness. 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

"The Yearning"

Courtney

*"There is a yearning in hearts weighed down
by ancient grief and centuries of sorrow.
There is a yearning for the Lord who visited His own,
and by His death for sin atoned, to bring to us salvation.
Emmanuel, within our hearts, the yearning."*

During the Offering, you will be invited to bring your pledge forms forward following the ushers with the offering baskets.

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.

Blessed are you, O God,
source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
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.**

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

**Hark, the Glad Sound!
ELW # 239**

Please see the next page for the hymn.



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
 soul to cure, and with the trea - sures
 shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.
 fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
 of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702–1751
 Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820

Dismissal

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



Please join us for the following services on Christmas Eve:

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

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.



Portions of the Liturgy are copyright © 2024 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #14002-LIT. New Revised Standard Version Bible, Copyright © 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved. One License #A70825.
 Cares Chorus. Text and Music © Capitol CMG Publishing. 101 Winners Circle, Brentwood, TN 37027. All rights reserved. Used by permission, One License #A70825. CCLI License #1589973

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 Greilich, 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)

We remember in prayer the family and friends of Ed Ford (family member of the Hallmans) who died on November 26. May his loved ones be comforted by the promise and hope of the resurrection.

*The flowers on the altar today are sponsored in
celebration of Earl Uehling's birthday*

AND

by The Polis Family in celebration of Jerry's birthday!

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 8 – 9:15 am

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.

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 TODAY** 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.

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 TODAY.**

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.

Lessons and Carols

Join us next **Sunday, December 15** at the 10:30 am service as we enjoy Lessons and Carols presented by the Chancel Choir at Christ's Lutheran Church.

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!

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

Thanks to everyone who helped set-up/cook/serve for Breakfast with Santa yesterday!

PLEASE NOTE: Our next meeting will be held in January, 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 147 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.

Christ's Lutheran Church
700 East Pennsylvania Avenue + Oreland, PA 19075
215-886-4612 + www.christs-oreland.org
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	Wes Craig	
Soundboard	Diane Polis	
Livestream	Rick Daniels, Don Hallman, John Melnick, Paul Zieger	
Counter(s)	Tim and Deb Hilbert	
Closer	Matt Menard	
Assisting Minister next week	Jenna Balaicuis	

This Week at CLC!

Sunday	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal (202)
	9:15 am	Family Table (PH)
	10:30 am	Worship at CLC and online
Monday	9:30 am	Monday Morning Men
	10:00 am – 6:00 pm	PBJ Collection (chapel)
	7:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop 1 (PH)
Tuesday	9:00 am – 10:45 am	PBJ Collection (chapel)
	6:00 pm	Lion/Tiger Cubs (203/204)
	7:00 pm	Council Meeting (200)
	7:00 pm	Bear Cubs (203/204)
	7:00 pm	Webelos/AOL (PH)
Wednesday	10:00 am	Bible Study (200)
	7:00 pm	AA (200)
Thursday	11:30 am	60 Plus (PH)
Friday		Prayer Center Set Up (PH)
	8:00 pm	AA (200)
Saturday		Advent Prayer Center (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

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