

February 2, 2025

Candlemas Day



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!

The Presentation of Our Lord is referred to in some corners of the church as Candlemas because of an ancient tradition of blessing all the candles to be used in the church in the coming year at the mass celebrated on that day. It was a way of underscoring the truth of Simeon's confession that this baby Jesus was "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" and a light for glory to Israel. Let the light of every candle in church be a little epiphany of the love of God for all people in the person of God's son, Jesus, the light of the world.

GATHERING

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our creator,
our protector,
our wellspring of life.

Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
you speak blessing and compassion into the world.
Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.
We ignore the needs of our neighbors;
we resist your call to oppose injustice;
we give in to scarcity and fear;
we assume the worst about one another.
Cleanse us from our faults

**and release us from their grasp.
Show us your lovingkindness.
Restore our hearts and repair your world,
that we may live in Christ's ways.
Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance:
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name. You are mine."
In ✠ Christ, you are forgiven.
In the Spirit, you are made free.
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,
live anew as beloved children of God.
Amen.

**Gathering Song
Verses 1 - 4**

**Let All Together Praise Our God
ELW # 287**

Please see the next page for the hymn.



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God be - fore the
2 From God's right hand the Son de - scends, is born an
3 O ten - der Child, you veil in flesh the splen - dor
4 Your moth - er feeds you ten - der - ly, sings you a



high - est throne; to - day God o - pens heav'n a - gain and
in - fant small, and lies in pov - er - ty, his bed a
of your might; a ser - vant's garb now wraps the one who
lul - la - by, while an - gels, hail - ing Da - vid's heir, your



sends the on - ly Son, and sends the on - ly Son.
man - ger in a stall, a man - ger in a stall.
clothed the sky with light, who clothed the sky with light.
glo - ry mag - ni - fy, your glo - ry mag - ni - fy.

5 A wonderful exchange you make:
you take our flesh and blood,
and in return give us to share
the shining realm of God,
the shining realm of God.

6 Unlock the door again today
that leads to paradise;
the angel bars the way no more.
To God let praises rise,
to God let praises rise!

Text: Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561; tr. hymnal version
Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman
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Greeting

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

And also with you.

Kyrie

Setting One

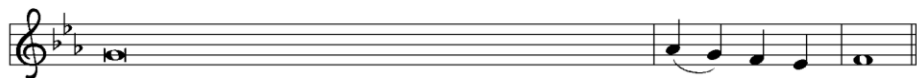
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



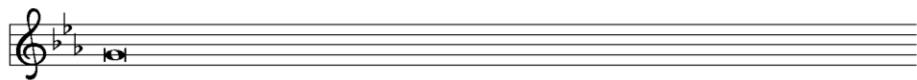
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



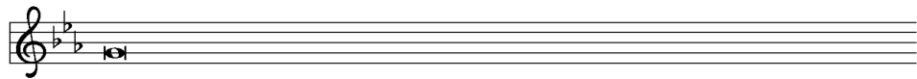
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



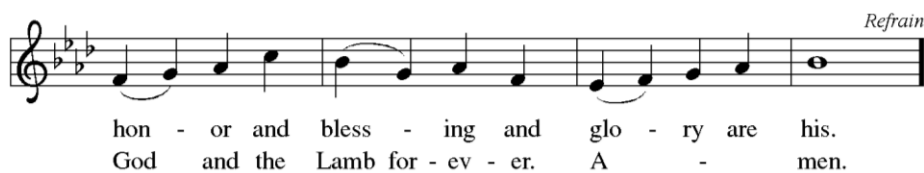
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

This is the Feast

Setting One



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, your only-begotten Son was presented this day in the temple. May we be presented to you with clean and pure hearts by the same Jesus Christ, our great high priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

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

First Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

A reading from Malachi, chapter 3.

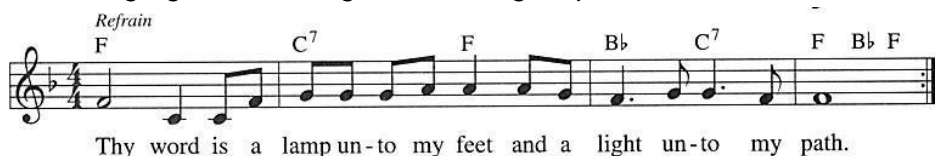
¹ See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

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.

The congregation will sing the following response:



¹ How dear to me is your dwelling,
O LORD of hosts!

² My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

³ Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where
she may lay her young,
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king and my God.

⁴ Happy are they who dwell in your house!

They will always be praising you.

Response

⁵ Happy are the people whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

⁶ Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a place of
springs,
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

⁷ They will climb from height to height,
and the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

⁸ LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob.

Response

⁹ Behold our defender, O God;
and look upon the face of your anointed.

¹⁰ For one day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God than
dwell in the tents of the wicked.

¹¹ For the LORD God is both sun and shield, bestowing grace and
glory;
no good thing will the LORD withhold from those who walk with
integrity.

¹² O LORD of hosts,
happy are they who put their trust in you!

Response

A reading from Hebrews, chapter 2.

¹⁴ Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶ For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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

Please stand in body or spirit.

Gospel Acclamation
Verse 1

Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory
ELW # 561

1 Joy-ous light of heav'n-ly glo-ry, lov-ing glow of God's own
face, you who sing cre-a-tion's sto-ry, shine on
ev-'ry land and race. Now as eve-ning falls a-
round us, we shall raise our songs to you. God of day-break,
God of shad-ows, come and light our hearts a-new.

Text: Greek hymn, 3rd cent., para. Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: JOYOUS LIGHT, Marty Haugen

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), ²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. ²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.”

³³ And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

The Children's Message

Pastor Axel Kaegler

A Moment of Prayer

Holy, Holy, Holy
ELW # 473



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te_a - do - ra.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.



Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de-cir: San - to_e-res Se - ñor.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

Text: Argentine traditional

Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional

The Message

Pastor Axel Kaegler

Please stand in body or spirit.

Hymn of the Day

Verses 1-4

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

ELW # 634



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,
3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—
4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.
go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
The God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.
Go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe
and crown him Lord of all.

6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–4; J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, sts. 5–6
Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1765–1844

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 be seated.

Scout Slide Presentation

Blessing of the Lights

Please kneel or sit as you are able for the prayers.

Prayers of Intercession

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God of generations, you instilled in Anna and Simeon faith, dreams, and the welcome of a child. Bless elders who embody faith and hope; bless the newly baptized. Energize us to share faith from generation to generation. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of creation, in you the sparrow finds a home and we find lush valleys and living water. Bless the birds of the air, the animals of the valley, and renew our stewardship of this bountiful creation. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of the nations, strengthen our resolve to care for all children and strive for peace among nations. Refine our nation where we have failed to root out racism and guide us in truth-telling and reconciliation. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of hope, many long to see your presence revealed amid challenging circumstances. We hold in prayer all longing for sustainable housing, secure employment, access to medical care, and health and wellness. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of the people, you are made known in caring ministries. Bless those who serve as communion servers, homebound visitors, baptismal sponsors, confirmation mentors, and as prayer support. Reveal yourself in the neighborly care we give and receive. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of life, we thank you for Jesus' life and for his death that has destroyed death. We remember the dearly departed, as they dwell with you in your holy courts now and forever. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.
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

"Midnight Clear"

Schulz-Widmar

*"It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold,
"Peace on earth, good will to all, from heaven's gracious King."*

Please stand.

Offertory Hymn
Verses 1 and 2

We Give Thee but Thine Own
ELW # 686



- 1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.

Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.

Bless what we offer to your service:

our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.

Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,
now and always.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

Setting One

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

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

Setting One

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.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all na - tions;

in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your be - lov - ed Son,

and in the miracle of water turned to wine he re - vealed your glo - ry.

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 One

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed 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 testament 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

The joy of the Lord is our strength.
Come, eat this meal of gladness.

Lamb of God

Setting One



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

Come, Let Us Eat ELW # 491



- 1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,



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Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,



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Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er.
in the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom.

Text: Billema Kwillia, b. 1925, sts. 1-3; Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930, st. 4, alt.; tr. Margaret D. Miller, b. 1927, sts. 1-3, alt.
Music: A VA DE, Billema Kwillia, adapt.

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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

Nourishing God,
at this table you have refreshed us
with holy gifts of food and drink.
Strengthen us for service,
and send us out to embody your good news
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.
In the name of Christ we pray,
Amen.

Blessing

The Spirit of the triune God
✠ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.
Amen.

The Sending Song

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

ELW # 545



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
Ev - er faith-ful, ev - er faith-ful to your truth may we be found.
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt.
Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live in hope.

Thanks be to God.

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Your Prayers Are Invited

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

Margaret Anne "Anne" Abbott (mother of Elisa Tull's friend)
Don Berger
Chuck Brucker (cousin of Karen Greilich, Lori Stevens, and Janine Asher)
Nikki Busch (Becca Shelor's aunt)
Dave Clothier (friend of Bob Kelly)
Chippy the Clown (long-time friend at CLC events)
Holly Curran (friend of Bob Kelly)
Anna DiJenno Hyatt (friend of CLC)
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)
Pam Jennings (friend of Marge Holmes)
Kailee and Kameron (friends of the Uehlings)
Abbey Koenig (sister of Jerry and Sally Beil's neighbor)
Paul Korinth (friend of Bob Kelly)
Judy Leister (Don Hallman's sister)
Liam and Family (Karen Bennion's family)
Melody Maurer
Jody McClellan (Bob Bortz' cousin)
Chris Mudge
Jim Munz
Scott Paris and son, Benjamin Scott (friends of Mary Truppay)
Davis Phelps (Marda Craig's brother)
Margie Reiman (Robin Griffin's aunt)
Nancy Renner
Rachael Rinders (friend of the Kaegler Family)
Ruth Smith
Marvin and Kara Strossenreuther (family members of Karen Bennion)
Nik Zitomer (Diane Polis' nephew)

*The flowers on the altar today are dedicated by
Diane Polis in memory of her dad, William and
in celebration of Max's birthday
AND
by Earl and Allison Uehling
in celebration of Karen Bennion's birthday!*

**Please join us immediately following the 10:30 am service
on Sunday, March 2 for a brief congregation meeting
to approve the 2025 budget.**

Candlemas Day

TODAY we celebrate Candlemas - as we celebrate Jesus as the light of the world, his presentation in the Temple, and give thanks for the light in our sanctuary, we invite everyone in the congregation to bring candles, lamps, flashlights, lanterns, or other beloved sources of light from home to be blessed.

MLK Day of Service Thank You!

Thank you to all of our volunteers who came to our MLK Day of Service event to work for the good of the community. We decorated 100 bags for Meals on Wheels, made 75 dog toys for local shelters, made 50 blessing bags and made a ton of Valentine's that are headed to a nursing home in Louisiana.

Thank you so much for giving back!

Books Through Bars Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who has been donating books to prisoners through the Books Through Bars collection box in the narthex. As you are doing spring cleaning, please remember this charity. The information about books they need is on page 27 of today's bulletin.

Family Table

Family Table will meet on the following Sundays in February at 9:15 am in Parish Hall: February 2, February 9, February 16, February 23

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.

Trivia Team

The turnout for our last Trivia Night was so awesome that the team had to break up into two groups, thus our 'Saints & Sinners' became the 'Saints' and 'Sinners' for January's challenge!

It was one tough night of questions, however, with the 'Saints' and 'Sinners' coming in 8th and 6th place, respectively.

The team is looking forward to the next challenge on, **Wednesday, February 5** 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. djmelnick328@verizon.net.

60 Plus

The 60 Plus Adult Group will be meeting on **Thursday February 13th** at 11:30 in the parish hall.

This month we welcome our own Elise Seyfried who will be presenting a program with the intriguing title: Fun with God! She will give us a quiz on humor in the Bible (there's a lot of funny stuff in there, believe it or not). Tell us about other than biblical writers who use humor to talk about God (including Anne Lamott, Nadia Bolz-Weber and Father Jim Martin). To cap it all off Elise will perform her 7 minute comedy routine, "A Very Special Children's Message from Most Precious Blood Church" in which she plays a very earnest church volunteer tapped to give a children's message, who completely messes up all the Bible stories!

As an added incentive to come out we will be providing pizza for lunch along with our usual scrumptious desserts.

It's going to be fun and belly filling...a good time to be had for everyone. Don't miss it!

Men's Group

The next Men's breakfast will be **February 15th**, 8AM at Halligans Pub in Flouertown.

If you'd like to attend please let me know at jprasmussen9@gmail.com. All are welcome and we hope to see you there.

The Men's Group meets for breakfast and fellowship on the third Saturday of each month at Halligan's Pub in Flouertown at 8:00 am.

Volunteers needed for UNILU Feast Incarnate February 18

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Wonderful Wednesday

Wonderful Wednesday takes place on the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm. Our next gathering is **February 19**. Stay tuned for our host location.

Please RSVP to Consy Finney by Sunday, February 16.

Pub Theology

Our next gathering will take place on **Thursday, February 27** at 7:00 pm at Iron Hill Brewery, 1460 Bethlehem Pike, North Wales, PA 19454

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

Wednesday Bible Study

All are welcome to join us for Bible Study on **Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am** in room 200 with Pastor Kaegler. Please join us as we explore the Book of Revelation.

Puzzle Exchange

Research shows that puzzles help adults improve memory, enhance problem-solving skills, manage stress, improve visual and spatial reasoning, and develop a more positive mood. If you want to see if the research is correct – or if you just want an indoor activity for cold weather – feel free to borrow a puzzle from the shelf opposite the restrooms in the narthex. Enjoy!

FAITH IN ACTION

University Lutheran Feast Incarnate

Volunteers needed for UNILU Feast Incarnate February 18

Unilu so appreciated the dinner we served in December and have asked us to provide another meal on **Tuesday, February 18**. We look forward to supporting their weekly hospitality ministry serving meals for approximately 120 people affected by HIV/AIDS and others in need of food in the local community. We are looking for food donations and volunteers to cook and/or drive down to the church with us to help serve the meal. If interested, please contact Sue Ross at joyfulross@gmail.com or Allison Uehling at auehling@comcast.net.

They have also asked for donations of Chinese food type plastic containers **(with tight-fitting lids)** to make up individual meals to go as well. There will be a bin in the Narthex to drop off the containers. Thank you again for your generosity in helping with this mission.

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.

CLC Community Yarners

Following is the Yarners schedule for Winter/Spring 2025:

Mondays: February 10, 24; March 10, 24; April 7, 21

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

FAITH IN ACTION

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 support CLC donated
180 PBJ sandwiches this past week!**

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! clcseniorepastor@christs-oreland.org. Training, prayer and fellowship will be provided.

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.

Home Visits

If you or someone you know would like Pastor Kaegler to visit, please contact him at clcseniorepastor@christsoreland.org or call the office at 215-886-4612.

Wine Donations for Communion

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

We are currently in need of some bottles of blush or rosé. If you have a favorite you'd like to donate, it would be much appreciated!

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@christsoreland.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@christsoreland.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.

Altar Flowers

Sign-up sheets are now available in the narthex to sponsor flowers for 2025. You may also contact the church office. One or both are available each Sunday at \$30 apiece. Thank you!

Christ's Lutheran Church
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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	John Frantz
Communion Assistants	Kathryn Steen, John Frantz
Soundboard	Diane Polis
Livestream	Rick Daniels, Don Hallman, John Melnick, Paul Zieger
Altar Guild	Bonnie Zieger, Marge Holmes
Counter(s)	Jim and Mary Jane Brenneman
Closer	TBD
Assisting Minister next week	Sue Frantz

This Week at CLC!

Sunday	9:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 3:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (202) Family Table (PH) Worship at CLC and online MLK Memorial Service (CLC)
Monday	9:30 am 10:00 am – 6:00 pm 7:30 am	Monday Morning Men PBJ Collection (chapel) Boy Scout Troop 1 (PH)
Tuesday	9:00 am – 10:45 am 6:00 pm 7:30 pm	PBJ Collection (chapel) Lion/Tiger Cubs (203/204) 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) Trivia Night (Tannery Run) AA (PH)
Friday	5:30 pm 8:00 pm	Pinewood Derby Weigh-in (PH) AA (200)
Saturday	9:00 am	Pinewood Derby (PH)

THE SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD - ELCA &
AFRICAN DESCENT LUTHERAN ASSOCIATION
PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER INVITE YOU TO

MLK DAY

POSTPONED
due to anticipated snowfall.
Rescheduled to
Sunday, Feb. 2nd at 3pm

Annual Memorial Service

Theme:
**We have been here before
Beloved, now what?**

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

*An offering of items for hygiene kits or
complete hygiene kits will be received.*

HYGIENE KIT CONTENTS

- 1 - Toothbrush
- 1 - Toothpaste (any size)
- 3 - Moist Towelettes
- 1 - Bottle Shampoo (12oz or smaller)
- 1 - Bottle Conditioner (12oz or smaller)
- 1 - EZ Towel Tablet (or small washcloth)
- 3 - Sanitary Napkins
- 1 - Deodorant Stick
- 1 - Bar Soap
- 1 - Comb

Combine all in a drawstring or large ziplock bag



**THE REV. DR. MONA FITCH-ELLIOTT,
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NEW JERSEY SYNOD**



Christ's Lutheran Church
ORELAND, PA

Women's Retreat featuring Marie Monville

"I know what it's like to face the unthinkable. My life changed in an instant when my first husband, Charlie, committed the Amish schoolhouse shooting. It shattered my world, but amid that darkness, I found a strength I didn't know I had and a faith that carried me through." - Marie
mariemonville.com

SATURDAY, APRIL 5TH 2025

9 AM - 12 NOON

CHECK IN OPENS AT 8:30 AM

FREEWILL OFFERING AT THE DOOR



To RSVP, or for more information, contact
director-spiritualform@christs-oreland.org.

Or RSVP using the QR Code above