

# **February 23, 2025**

## **Seventh Sunday after Epiphany**

### **Sexagesima Sunday**



#### **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!

Mercy. Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of God's glory revealed in Christ.

### 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**

**All Creatures, Worship God Most High!**  
**ELW # 835**



- 1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and
- 2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
- 3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
- 4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor  
 grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,  
 throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in  
 grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:  
 clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -  
 care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:  
 fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Francis of Assisi, 1182–1226; tr. composite  
 Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623  
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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.**

## Hymn of Praise

## In All Our Grief

### Verse 1

ELW # 615



1 In all our grief and fear we turn to you.  
2 Help us to put a - side the an - gry word,  
3 You did not e - ven spare your on - ly Son.  
4 God, when we suf - fer all that we can bear,



O God, you know all that we think or do,  
the clen - ing fist, the wish and will to hurt.  
He lived our griefs and bore all e - vil done,  
then let us know that you in truth are near



you know the pain we put each oth - er through.  
Teach us the way in which love best is served.  
but through his cross, re - demp - tion has been won.  
and will not leave us lost in all our fear.

### Refrain



Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, grant us peace.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: FREDERICKTOWN, Charles R. Anders, b. 1929

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## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**A Word about Sexagesima Sunday**

**Pastor Axel Kaegler**

### THE WORD

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

**First Reading**

**Genesis 45:3-11, 15**

A reading from Genesis, chapter 45.

<sup>3</sup> Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

<sup>4</sup> Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup> And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup> For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup> God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup> So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup> Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. <sup>10</sup> You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup> I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’” <sup>15</sup> And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

*The congregation will sing the following response:*



<sup>1</sup> Do not be provoked by evildoers;  
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

<sup>2</sup> For they shall soon wither like the grass,  
and like the green grass fade away.

<sup>3</sup> Put your trust in the LORD and do good;  
dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

<sup>4</sup> Take delight in the LORD,  
who shall give you your heart's desire.

**Response**

<sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD,  
and see what God will do.

<sup>6</sup> The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light  
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.

<sup>7</sup> Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who  
succeeds in evil schemes.

<sup>8</sup> Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;  
do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.

**Response**

<sup>9</sup> For evildoers shall be cut off,  
but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

<sup>10</sup> In a little while the wicked shall be no more;  
even if you search out their place, they will not be there.

<sup>11</sup> But the lowly shall possess the land;  
they will delight in abundance of peace.

<sup>39</sup> But the deliverance of the righteous comes from you, O LORD;  
you are their stronghold in time of trouble.

<sup>40</sup> You, O LORD, will help them and rescue them;  
you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in  
you they seek refuge.

**Response**

A reading from First Corinthians, chapter 15.

<sup>35</sup> But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" <sup>36</sup> Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup> And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. <sup>38</sup> But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

<sup>42</sup> So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. <sup>43</sup> It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. <sup>44</sup> It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup> Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup> But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. <sup>47</sup> The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. <sup>48</sup> As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. <sup>49</sup> Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

<sup>50</sup> What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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

**Luke 6:27-38**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said: <sup>27</sup>“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup> If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you.

<sup>32</sup>“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup> If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what



credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. <sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. <sup>36</sup> Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup> “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup> give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

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.*



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;  
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;  
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.  
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com-forts and our cares.  
 and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
 and per - fect love and friend-ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.

Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

## Apostles' Creed

Let us confess our common faith using 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

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

*A brief silence.*

Surprising God, you call us to love our enemies and to show kindness in the face of cruelty. Let our actions be a shining witness of your overwhelming grace for all. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

As animals hibernate and fields lay dormant, let them be a reminder that life and faith are not static but always changing and growing. May we, with all creation, trust that the ending of one thing promises life in a new way. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for leaders and policymakers who work to reduce violence in our nations, cities, and towns. Give your wisdom and discernment amid heated arguments and differing viewpoints. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the victims of abuse and violence. Provide safe shelter and new beginnings to those experiencing domestic violence and dangerous situations. Enfold with love all who seek your healing care. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Empower our faith communities to be signs of your gracious love. Bless the local ministries of parish nursing and caregiving, that they will be a voice for those in need in our communities. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the enduring witness of those who have died before us. May their lives in you provide a witness of your everlasting grace. 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

## "Cantate Domino"

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*"Sing a song of joy to God, alleluia;  
Make a joyful noise and shout to God!"*

*Please stand.*

## Offertory Hymn Verse 1

## 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.**

## 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

The Spirit of the triune God

✠ bless you with joy,  
anoint you with compassion,  
and send you in love.

**Amen.**

# The Sending Song

# I Love to Tell the Story

ELW # 661



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

*Refrain*



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911

Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Live in hope.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Your Prayers Are Invited**

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

Margaret Anne "Anne" Abbott (mother of Elisa Tull's friend)  
Don Berger  
Chuck Brucker (cousin of Karen Greulich, 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 Hill (friend 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)  
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)  
Joanne Wendte (sister-in-law of Lynnmarie Harkins)  
Nik Zitomer (Diane Polis' nephew)

***We remember in prayer*** the family and friends of Rose Hill (friend of Shirley & Clyde Engle) who died on February 15. May her loved ones be comforted by the promise and hope of the resurrection.

We pray for all those affected by the SPS Technologies fire that took place in Jenkintown on Monday evening, February 17.

*The flowers on the altar today are dedicated by Sherri Edwards  
in memory of Ann and Duck Edwards  
on their 73<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary  
AND  
by Chris Reynolds in memory of Joan Reynolds.*

### **UniLu Feast Incarnate Thank You!**

Thanks to everyone who contributed to University Lutheran's Feast Incarnate on Tuesday, Feb 18th. The menu of tator tot casserole, rolls, roasted broccoli, and chocolate chip cookies was abundant and very well received. Our next opportunity to provide dinner will be on **April 15th**. If you would like to join the team of cooks or contribute in another way, please contact Sue Ross and Allison Uehling. Please see "Faith in Action" on page 18 for more information.

### **Family Table**

Family Table will meet on the following Sundays in February at 9:15 am in Parish Hall: 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.

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

### **Spring Craft Fair**

Community and Outreach is having a Spring Craft Fair on **Saturday, March 1st** from 9 AM to 2 PM! There will be a great selection of cookies, wood crafts, Cricut crafts, candles, crochet animals, jewelry, embroidery, paintings, sewn items, blown glass and many other unique handmade items. There will also be raffle baskets and food available for purchase. All money raised through that will go towards the Willow Grove Baptist Food Pantry. Make sure you save the date as this is a craft show you won't want to miss!

### **Ash Wednesday**

The season of Lent begins with **Ash Wednesday on March 5**. Our **Service of Holy Communion** with the Imposition of Ashes will be held at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary.



## **Midweek Lenten Prayer and Worship**

This year we continue our Lenten tradition of the Holden Evening Prayer in our chapel for our midweek services on **March 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 9 at 7:00 pm**. The theme this year will be "The 1700th Anniversary of the Council of Nicaea".

**March 12:** Buildup to Nicaea

**March 19:** The Father and Creation

**March 26:** The Son and Salvation

**April 2:** The Holy Spirit and Spirituality

**April 9:** Post Nicaea Developments

## **Trivia Team**

Can you name the five ingredients in a Take 5 bar? If you can, then you would have helped take the Saints & Sinners to another first place win! As it was, the team came up with four of the five ingredients and finished the night in 6<sup>th</sup> place - foiled once again by the last question!

The team is looking forward to the next challenge on **Wednesday, March 12** 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](mailto:djmelnick328@verizon.net).

**Please note: The next Trivia Night will be on the SECOND Wednesday.**

## **Men's Group**

Men's Breakfast Meeting wrap-up for February 15: Record number of attendee's at the meeting, thanks to all who joined us. Topic was Faith Victories which gave us the chance to share some interesting stories, all driven by strong faith. Our discussion also included fat wallets, not taking life too seriously, egg thefts and an important life lesson that humpback whales can't swallow a human being. Good to know.

Our next get together will be **Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**. Hope you will plan to attend. RSVP to Jon Rasmussen: [jprasmussen9@gmail.com](mailto:jprasmussen9@gmail.com).

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

## 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.

### 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.

#### Willow Grove Food Pantry Collection

A box is located in the back of the Narthex by the "Giving Place" for donations of nonperishable items.

Once a month, or more if needed, we will drop off any donations to the pantry. Please consider bringing a nonperishable item to church with you each time you attend. Together we can help our brothers and sisters in need. Any questions please email Jen at [community@christs-oreland.org](mailto:community@christs-oreland.org).

#### University Lutheran Feast Incarnate

We look forward to supporting the weekly hospitality ministry serving meals for approximately 120 people affected by HIV/AIDS and others in need of food in the local community. Volunteers cook and/or drive down to the church with us to help serve a meal.

The next time we have the opportunity to provide dinner will be on **Tuesday, April 15**. If you would like to join the team of cooks or contribute in another way, please contact Sue Ross at [joyfulsross@gmail.com](mailto:joyfulsross@gmail.com) or Allison Uehling at [auehling@comcast.net](mailto:auehling@comcast.net).

## **FAITH IN ACTION**

### **Community Garden**

Hi Gardeners! Welcome to a new year of gardening.

It is now time to start planning your garden.  
The growing season starts Apr 14 and ends Oct 28.

If you are able to join us this year, please fill out the form found in the weekly e-news and mail it into CLC before March 15<sup>th</sup> or contact Jerry Beil at ghbeil2@gmail.com.

Again this year only one plot per person unless we have vacancies.

When all plots are assigned after 3/15, I will send out a request for 2nd plots.

Please email Jerry if you had a plot last year, but are unable to join us this year.

We have wood chips, mulch, compost, and gardening tools for your use.  
The irrigation system will be turned on by May 17.

Hope to see you in the spring! Jerry

### **CLC Community Yarners**

Following is the Yarners schedule for Winter/Spring 2025:

Mondays: February 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  
269 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](mailto:clcseniorepastor@christs-oreland.org). Training, prayer and fellowship will be provided.

### **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!

### **Home Visits**

If you or someone you know would like Pastor Kaegler to visit, please contact him at [clcseniorepastor@christs-oreland.org](mailto:clcseniorepastor@christs-oreland.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@christs-oreland.org](mailto:clcpreschool@christs-oreland.org).

## **Digital Sound Board**

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

## **CLC Evening Meditations**

Booklets, printed with the prior month's meditations, may be found in a labeled container in the narthex. You are encouraged to pick up one or more copies to read at home and to share with family, friends and neighbors. If you'd like the Tuesday and Thursday meditations delivered to your inbox, please contact the church office. [clcsecretary@christs-oreland.org](mailto:clcsecretary@christs-oreland.org).

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

### **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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Counter(s)	Sue Frantz
Closer	TBD
Assisting Minister next week	Elise Seyfried

**Sunday Altar Flowers**

Roses are red, violets are blue, and the altar flowers are for you!

Just a reminder that the flowers come courtesy of sponsorship by congregational members... maybe you have an occasion or a person's memory to celebrate that would be enhanced with a splash of color and plant life?

Consider sponsoring the altar flowers on a special day. Contact the church office or fill out the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

. One or both are available each Sunday at \$30 apiece. Thank you!

### **This Week at CLC!**

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (202) Family Table (PH) Worship at CLC and online
<b>Monday</b>	9:30 am 10:00 am – 6:00 pm 11:00 am 7:30 am	Monday Morning Men PBJ Collection (chapel) CLC Yarners (200) Boy Scout Troop 1 (PH)
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 am – 10:45 am 1:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	PBJ Collection (chapel) Synod Generosity Team (200) Lions/Tigers (203/204) AOL Scouts (200) Bear Cubs (203/203) Webelos (PH)
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Bible Study (200) AA (PH)
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 pm	Pub Theology (Iron Hill)
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 pm	Spring Craft Fair Set-up AA (200)
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 am	Spring Craft Fair (PH)

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

# *Spring* **Craft Fair**

**March 1, 2024 · 9am to 2pm**

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

**Over 20 different crafters  
Raffles · Food to purchase**

All money from raffles and food sales will be  
donated to the Willow Grove Food Pantry.  
Bring cash - No ATM on site

There will be a collection of non-parishable  
food items to be donated to Willow Grove  
Baptist Food Pantry