

**March 9, 2025**  
**Invocavit Sunday**

FIRST SUNDAY IN  
**LENT**



**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!

These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

### 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,  
Who brings us safely through the sea,  
Who gives us water from the rock,  
Who leads us into the land of milk and honey.  
**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
**Have mercy on us.**

For self-centered living,  
and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness:  
**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

For longing to have what is not ours,  
and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:  
**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

For misuse of human relationships,  
and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others:  
**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

For jealousies that divide families and nations,  
and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:  
**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God,  
and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:  
**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

For hurtful words that condemn,  
and for angry deeds that harm:  
**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ,  
and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:  
**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

In the mercy of almighty God,  
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,  
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

Through the Holy Spirit God cleanses us  
and gives us the power to proclaim  
the mighty acts of the one who called us  
out of the darkness into his marvelous light.  
As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,  
and by his authority,  
I therefore declare to you  
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,  
In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son,  
And of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## Gathering Song

## I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

ELW # 611



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.  
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889

Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

## Greeting

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

**And also with you.**

Behold, now is the acceptable time;  
**now is the day of salvation.**

Gather us, O God, around the cross of Christ,  
**and make it for us the tree of life.**

May the fruits of this tree feed the hungry,  
**and may its leaves heal the nations.**

## Hymn of Praise

### Verse 2

## Glorify Thy Name

W & P # 42



1 Fa - ther,  
2 Je - sus, we love you, we wor - ship and a - dore you,  
3 Spir - it,



glo - ri - fy thy name in all the earth;



glo - ri - fy thy name, glo - ri - fy thy name,



glo - ri - fy thy name in all the earth.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, 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.*

THE WORD

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

First Reading

Genesis 3:1-21

A reading from Genesis, chapter 3.

<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" <sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; <sup>3</sup>but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; <sup>5</sup>for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

<sup>8</sup>They heard the sound of the Lord GOD walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord GOD among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the Lord GOD called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup>He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." <sup>11</sup>He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" <sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." <sup>13</sup>Then the Lord GOD said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." <sup>14</sup>The Lord GOD said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,  
cursed are you among all animals  
and among all wild creatures;  
upon your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman,

and between your offspring and hers;  
he will strike your head,  
and you will strike his heel."

<sup>16</sup>To the woman he said,  
"I will greatly increase your pangs in childbearing;  
in pain you shall bring forth children,  
yet your desire shall be for your husband,  
and he shall rule over you."

<sup>17</sup>And to the man he said,  
"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife,  
and have eaten of the tree  
about which I commanded you,  
'You shall not eat of it,'

cursed is the ground because of you;  
in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life;

<sup>18</sup>thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;  
and you shall eat the plants of the field.

<sup>19</sup>By the sweat of your face  
you shall eat bread  
until you return to the ground,  
for out of it you were taken;  
you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return."

<sup>20</sup>The man named his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all  
living. <sup>21</sup>And the Lord GOD made garments of skins for the man and  
for his wife, and clothed them.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation will sing the following response:*

Dm
G
Dm
Bb
C
F
A

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name. —

Dm
G
Dm
Bb
C
Dm

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

<sup>9</sup> Because you have made the LORD your refuge,  
and the Most High your habitation,

<sup>10</sup> no evil will befall you,  
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.

<sup>11</sup> For God will give the angels charge over you,  
to guard you in all your ways.

<sup>12</sup> Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.

**Response**

<sup>13</sup> You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;  
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

<sup>14</sup> I will deliver those who cling to me;  
I will uphold them, because they know my name.

<sup>15</sup> They will call me, and I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

<sup>16</sup> With long life will I satisfy them,  
and show them my salvation.

**Response**



A reading from Romans, chapter 10.

<sup>8b</sup> “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” that is, the word of faith that we proclaim; <sup>9</sup> because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup> The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Return to the Lord  
ELW Setting Three**

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and

mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in

stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup> If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.'"

<sup>9</sup> Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup> for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,  
to protect you,'

<sup>11</sup> and

'On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

<sup>12</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"<sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## The Children's Message

Becca Shelor

### A Moment of Prayer

Jesus, Remember Me  
ELW # 616

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The musical notation is for a two-part setting in B-flat major (two flats). The treble staff begins with a G4 half note, followed by a quarter rest, then an A4 quarter note, a Bb4 quarter note, and a whole rest. The bass staff begins with a G3 half note, followed by a quarter rest, then an A3 quarter note, a Bb3 quarter note, and a whole rest. The melody continues with eighth and sixteenth notes in the treble staff and corresponding bass notes in the bass staff.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

This block contains the second system of the musical notation, continuing the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It concludes with a double bar line in both staves.

Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community

Music: REMEMBER ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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## The Message

Pastor Axel Kaegler

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

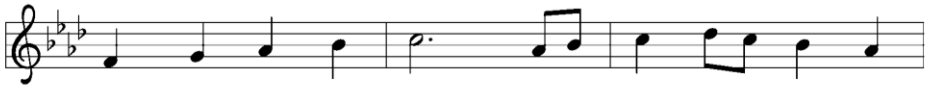
## Hymn of the Day

## O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

ELW # 319



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you  
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your  
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and  
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance  
faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your  
fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -  
all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.  
skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.  
ny our - selves that we may know God's love.  
Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838–1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davison, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816

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## 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**

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, speak your word anew among your church. Strengthen it to withstand the temptation to turn inward in fear or complacency. Embolden church institutions to turn from self-preservation toward the self-giving love of Jesus. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Mothering God, speak the word of life into wilderness places and fertile fields. Grant wisdom to your people, that we may quell the urge to strip lands of their resources and instead preserve first fruits for future generations. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Almighty God, speak a word of wisdom to people in positions of power: mayors, councils, and tribal leaders, legislators, judges and juries, presidents, and monarchs. Help them discern your voice and follow your guidance, resisting the temptations of the evil one. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Steadfast God, speak words of courage to your people in the wilderness. Protect migrants and refugees on perilous journeys, that they find safe refuge and a portion in the bounty you have given humanity to share. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Loving God, speak gently to all who are alone. Bless lay ministers, home communion teams, and others who attend to those who are overlooked, vulnerable, or lonely, that all find belonging in your love. We pray for all who are ill. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Living God, we give thanks for all the faithful who have crossed the threshold from death to life. Guide us who are living to learn from their wisdom and follow their example. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.  
**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**

**"Where Are the Shepherds Now?"  
Williams/Stevens**

*"Where are the shepherds? Where are the wise men?  
Where are the angels now? Can you tell me where?  
As Christ is nailed on a cross of shame,  
a crown of thorns pressed on His brow;  
Where are the shepherds now?"*

*Please stand.*

## Offertory Hymn

## Create in Me a Clean Heart WOV # 732

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and  
take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the  
joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff ends with a repeat sign, and the fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12

Music: FRANCKE, J.A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

## 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**

God our tender parent,  
God the crucified one,  
God the reconciling Spirit,  
✠ bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**



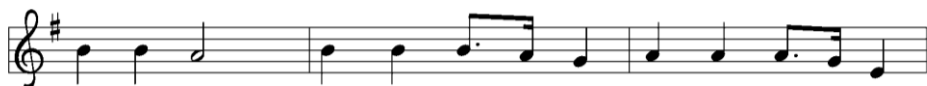
## The Sending Song

## What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

ELW # 774



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,  
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

*Refrain*



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1929

Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

**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  
Shirley 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)  
Bob Paul (friend of Ross & Sue Frantz)  
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)

*The flowers on the altar today are dedicated by Linda & Rick Daniels  
in celebration of Mom, Nancy Heilemann's, birthday!*

## **Family Table**

Family Table will meet on the following Sundays in March at 9:15 am in Parish Hall: March 9, March 16, March 23, March 30

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.

## **Coffee Hour – Beginning Today!**

Please join us immediately following the Sunday service on the second Sunday of every month for Coffee Hour!

## **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.**

## **60 Plus**

Our 60 Plus Adult group will be gathering for lunch on **Thursday, March 13th** at 11:30 AM in the Parish Hall.

Our own Wes Craig will be talking to us about the Pennsylvania National Guard. Wes served as the Adjutant General of Pennsylvania from February 2011 to January 2015. In this cabinet level position, he was the commander of the Pennsylvania National Guard.

This is pizza month! So leave your brown bag at home. 60 Plus in March is all about food, fellowship and a great program.

So come enjoy pizza and learn about the PA National Guard from its former leader and our own Wes Craig.

## **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.

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

## **Wonderful Wednesday (Terrific Tuesday in March!)**

Wonderful Wednesday becomes **TERRIFIC TUESDAY** at Elise and Steve Seyfried's house, 122 Apel Avenue, Oreland on **Tuesday, March 18** at 6:30 pm.

Who says you can't have fun in Lent? Not us! Join us for a Tuscan Chicken dinner, fellowship and a short, lively spiritual program!  
RSVP to Consy Finney cwinney1@comcast.net by Sunday, March 16th

## **Pub Theology**

Our next gathering will take place on **Thursday, March 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.

## Red Cross Blood Drive

Our next blood drive will be held in Parish Hall on **Tuesday, April 1** from 2 pm – 7 pm. Registration is through [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

For any questions, please contact Sue Frantz.

## 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.

### 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. **V**olunteers 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: 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

### **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@christis-oreland.org.

## **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 continued support of this program,  
CLC donated 226 PBJ sandwiches this week!  
These, along with Jarrettown Methodist's 309,  
meant 535 sandwiches were delivered to the  
Bread Drop for those in need.**

### **Visitation Ministry**

Our 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.

## **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 11:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (202) Family Table (PH) Worship at CLC and online Coffee Hour (lobby)
<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 Community Yarners (200) Boy Scout Troop 1 (PH)
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 am – 10:45 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	PBJ Collection (chapel) Lions/Tigers (203/204) Council Meeting (200) Bear Cubs (203/204) Webelos/AOL (PH)
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 am 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Bible Study (200) Holden Evening Prayer (chapel) Trivia Night (Tannery Run) AA (PH)
<b>Thursday</b>	11:30 am	60 Plus (PH)
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 pm	AA (200)
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast (Halligan's Pub)

### **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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**Easter Flower Order Form**  
**Deadline for orders is Sunday, April 6**  
**Please print your information**

**Please check M (in memory of) or C (in celebration of):**

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\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check one:**

\_\_\_\_ Give the flowers to someone in need.

\_\_\_\_ I'll pick up my plant(s) after Easter Sunday service or make arrangements with the church office.

**Dedicated by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

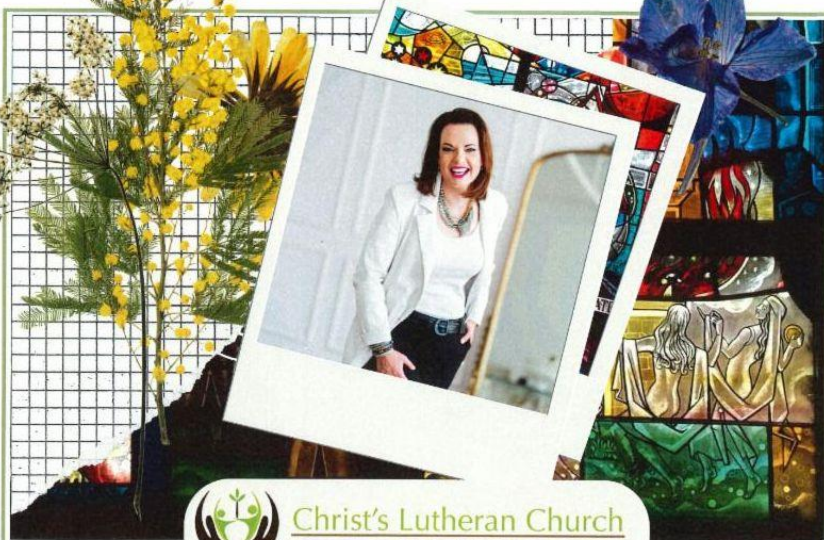
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**Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**



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Sexton	Pete Carr
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Soundboard	Diane Polis
Livestream	Rick Daniels, Don Hallman, John Melnick, Paul Zieger
Counter(s)	Betty Messer
Closer	TBD
Assisting Minister next week	Don Hallman



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# Women's Day 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](http://mariemonville.com)

ALL WOMEN WELCOME!  
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  
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