April 13, 2025 Palm 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!

Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus' compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God's redeeming love.

GATHERING

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

Acclamation

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest.**

Procession with Palms

Luke 19:28-40

²⁸ After he had said this, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.' ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying,

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" ³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Blessing of the Palms

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

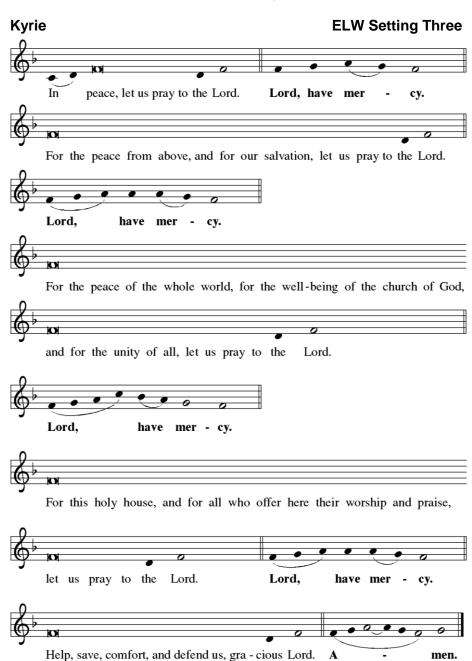
Procession with Palms

Hosanna, Hallelujah!



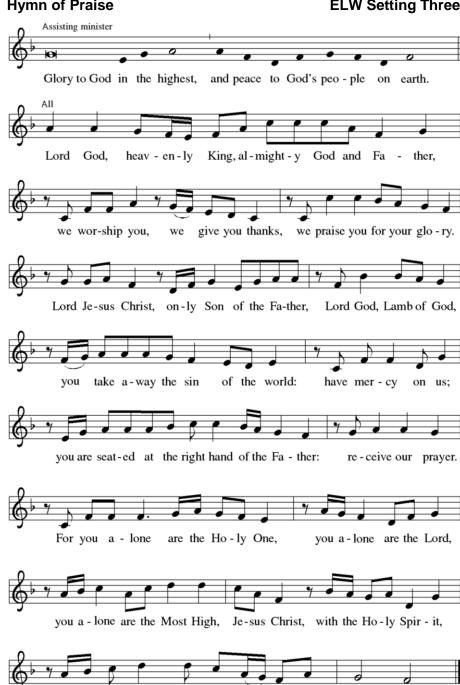
The Welcome and Announcements

Please stand in body or spirit.



Hymn of Praise

ELW Setting Three



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, 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, preaching, and song.

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from Isaiah, chapter 50.

⁴The Lord GoD has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.
⁵The Lord GoD has opened my ear,

and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me;

therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint,

and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

A reading from Philippians, chapter 2.

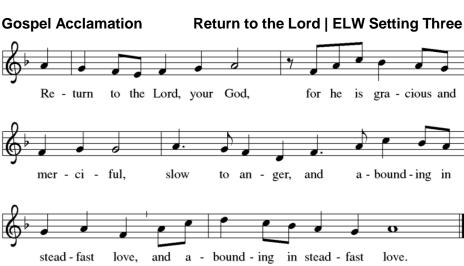
even death on a cross.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,
to that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

Please stand in body or spirit.



The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴¹As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, ⁴²saying, "If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. ⁴⁴They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God."

⁴⁵Then he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling things there; ⁴⁶and he said, "It is written,

'My house shall be a house of prayer'; but you have made it a den of robbers."

⁴⁷Every day he was teaching in the temple. The chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people kept looking for a way to kill him; ⁴⁸but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were spellbound by what they heard.

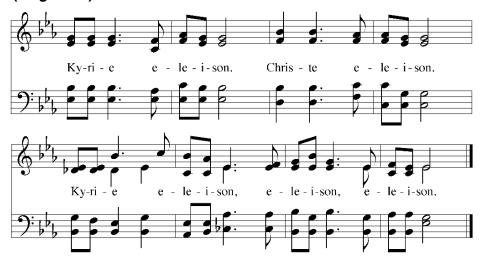
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Children's Message

Pastor Axel Kaegler

A Moment of Prayer (sing twice)

arr. Marty Haugen



The Message

Pastor Axel Kaegler

All Glory, Laud, and Honor ELW # 344







- 2 The com pa ny of an gels are prais-ing you on high; 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
- The mul ti tude of pil grims with palms be fore you went; you, be fore your pas sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
- 5 Their prais es you ac cept ed; ac cept the prayers we bring,



Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

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.

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.

Guide your church this Holy Week as we follow in the servant way of Jesus. Protect those who face hostility or oppression for their faith. Humble those who would use faith to dominate others and reinforce their own power. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Make your creation a living witness to Christ's passion and resurrection: in waving palms, shouting stones, fragrant vineyards, murmuring wheat, and revealing fire. Make us attentive to your holy presence in the world, that we may care for the earth you love. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Let your face shine upon the leaders of nations and let the same mind be in them as was in Christ Jesus, so that those with the most power may humble themselves to serve the most vulnerable. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Sustain the weary with a word. Grant perseverance to political prisoners and to any who are exploited, unjustly accused, or wrongly convicted. Abide with all who are in jails, detention centers, or prisons. Console all who experience times of trial or suffering. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Give strength to those who will lead worship during Holy Week: pastors and deacons, altar guilds and sacristans, musicians and assisting ministers, ushers, and office staff. Instill in them awe and joy, that their service may reflect the love of Jesus. God, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

We give thanks to you for our beloved dead, trusting that as the cross of Jesus led to the empty tomb, so you welcome those who have died into the paradise of your presence. 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.

Musical Offering

"Lift Up Your Voice"

Burrows

Danny Melnick, Trumpet

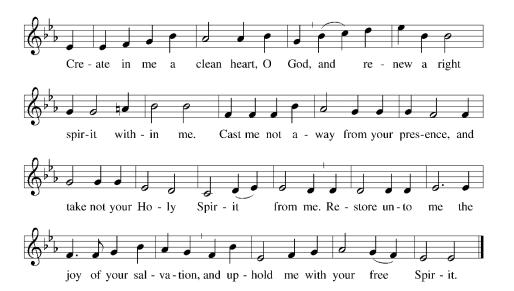
"Lift up your voice, rejoice and sing, for the coming of the King. Lay down your cloaks and palms before Hlm, Open your hearts, O come adore Him. Lift up your voice and greet the day. Love, our King, is on the way."

Please stand.

Offertory Hymn

Create in Me a Clean Heart | WOV # 732

Please see the hymn on the next page.



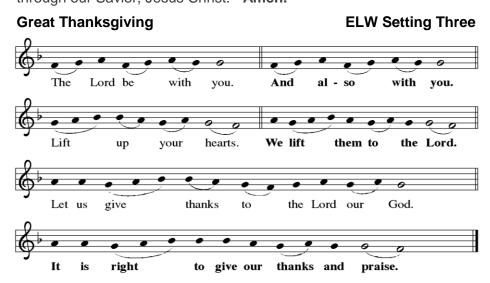
Text: Psalm 51:10-12

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

Offering Prayer

Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world.

As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

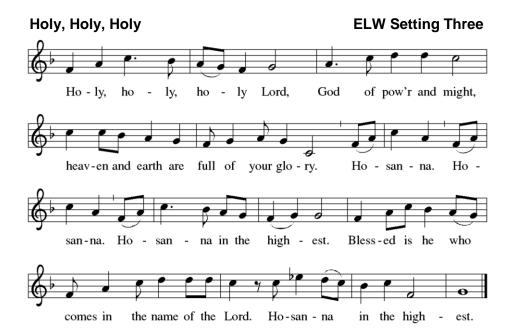


Preface

ELW Setting Three



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Words of Institution

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

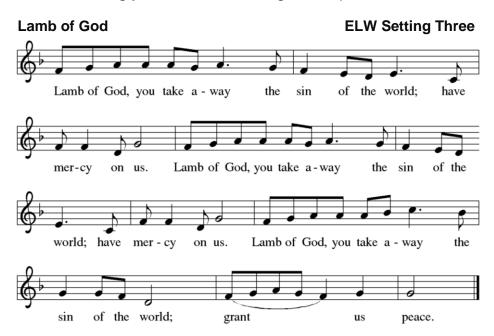
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

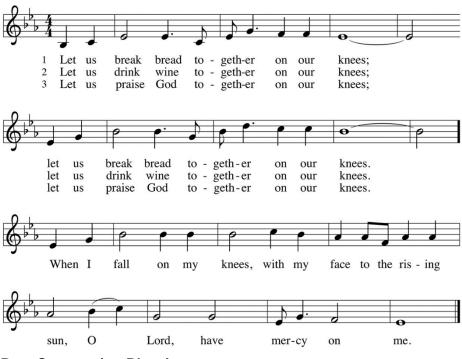
Invitation to Communion

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.



Communion Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together ELW # 471



Post Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**



Prayer after Communion

Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Blessing

Introduction to Holy Week

Pastor Axel Kaegler

The Sending Song

Go to Dark Gethsemane **ELW #347**



- all who feel the to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, tempt - er's pow'r; the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of
- Fol low life ar - raigned;
- Cal-v'ry's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a dor ing at feet,
- Ear ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;



your Re-deem-er's con-flict see. the worm-wood and the gall! mark that mir - a - cle of time,

Watch with him one bit - ter hour: Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained! God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete. sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en a - way? him



turn not from his griefs a - way; Shun not suf-f'ring, shame, or loss; fin-ished!" hear him cry; is Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. learn from Je - sus Christ to pray. learn from him to bear the cross. learn from Je - sus Christ to die. Say - ior, teach us SO rise.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854 Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820-1901

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God!

Online Giving

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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.

Dave Clothier (friend of Bob Kelly)
Shirley Engle
Kailee and Kameron (friends of the Uehlings)
Liam and Family (Karen Bennion's family)
Bob Paul (friend of Ross & Sue Frantz)
Davis Phelps (Marda Craig's brother)
Jerry Polis
Rachael Rinders (friend of the Kaegler Family)
Joanne Wendte (sister-in-law of Lynnmarie Harkins)

The flowers on the altar today are dedicated by The Polis Family in celebration of Logan's and Liam's birthdays and by Kim Righter for the Joy of the Season!

Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, April 13 Palm Sunday 10:30 am Thursday, April 17 Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm Friday, April 18 Good Friday 7:00 pm Sunday, April 20 Easter 10:30 am

Family Table

Family Table will meet on the following Sundays in April at 9:15 am in Parish Hall: April 13 and April 27

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

Please join us in the lobby **TODAY** for Coffee Hour immediately following the 10:30 am service.

We look forward to sharing fellowship with Coffee Hour on the second Sunday of every month!

Men's Group

Our next meeting will be at CLC on **Saturday**, **April 19**th at 10 AM to do food prep and setup for the Easter Breakfast. The next day is Easter Sunday, April 20th, and the Men will be hosting this joyous event which starts at 9 AM.

Easter Breakfast

The Men's Group will be hosting Easter Breakfast on the morning of **April 20** in Parish Hall at 9:00 am and we hope you will plan on joining us for a hearty breakfast and good fellowship before the Easter service.

Please contact the church office if you plan to attend. 215-886-4612 OR clcsecretary@christs-oreland.org.

We need to get a firm headcount by TODAY, so if you are planning to attend please let us know as soon as possible.

Wonderful Wednesday

Our next Wonderful Wednesday gathering will take place on **Wednesday, April 23** at 6:30 pm at the home of Wes and Marda Craig, 1615 Brent Road, Oreland.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Consy Finney cwfinney1@comcast.net by Sunday, April 20.

PLEASE NOTE: Our April Wonderful Wednesday gathering takes place on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

Pub Theology

Our next gathering will take place on **Thursday**, **April 24** at 7:00 pm at Iron Hill Brewery, 1460 Bethlehem Pike, North Wales, PA 19454. RSVP to Pastor Kaegler at clcseniorpastor@christs-oreland.org.

Trivia Team

Our team faced some tough questions during the last challenge and held a steady 5th place until the last round where they finished in 7th place. They weren't quite able to put a list of famous paintings in the correct chronological order of their creation. However, they found that their knowledge of rivers and characters from The Simpsons helped them out during the April event.

Will the Saints & Sinners be challenged by a trivia team from St. John's in Blue Bell? Pastor Rachel is working on it!

The Saints & Sinners are looking forward to the next challenge on **Wednesday**, **May 7** 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.

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 Amos.

FAITH IN ACTION

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 or Allison Uehling at auehling@comcast.net.

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 120 PBJ sandwiches this week!

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.

FAITH IN ACTION

CLC Community Yarners

Following is the Yarners schedule for Winter/Spring 2025:

Mondays: April 21; May 5, 19

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

Community Garden

The growing season starts Apr 14 and ends Oct 28. We have wood chips, mulch, compost, and gardening tools for your use. The irrigation system will be turned on by May 17.

Please contact Jerry Beil at ghbeil2@gmail.com with any questions.

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.

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 clcseniorpastor@christs-oreland.org to join this ministry! Training, prayer and fellowship will be provided.

Puzzle Exchange

Research shows that puzzles help adults improve memory, enhance problemsolving 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 clcseniorpastor@christs-oreland.org or call the office at 215-886-4612.

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.

CLC Evening Meditations

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

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

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).

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!

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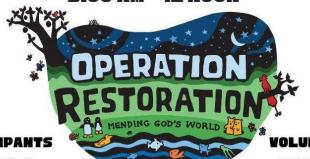
Marty Frantz
Assisting Minister next Sunday

Wes Craig

This Week at CLC!

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Sunday	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)
Monday	9:30 am 10:00 am – 6:00 pm 10:00 am 6:30 pm 7:30 am	Monday Morning Men PBJ Collection (chapel) Family Stages (chapel) Community Garden Club (200) Boy Scout Troop 1 (PH)
Tuesday	9:00 am - 10:45 am	PBJ Collection (chapel)
Wednesda	y 10:00 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Bible Study (200) Wolf Cubs (203/204) AA (PH)
Thursday	7:00 pm	MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE
Friday	7:00 pm 8:00 pm	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE AA (200)
Saturday	10:00 am	Men's Group (PH)

MONDAY JUNE 23RD- FRIDAY JUNE 27TH 2025 9:00 AM - 12 NOON



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