May 25, 2025 Rogate 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!

Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

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.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of

the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.

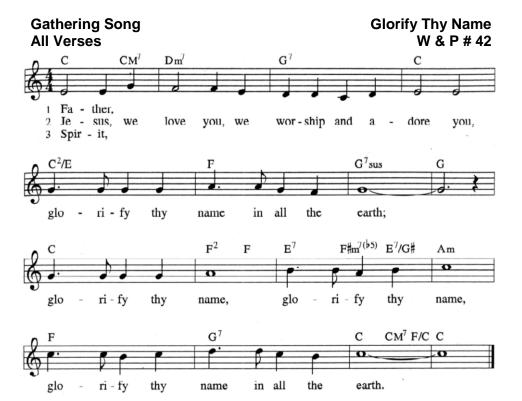
Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. **Amen.**



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 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise Verses 1 and 4 ELW # 834 mor - tal, ble, God 1y Im in vis - i on wise, 2 Un rest - ing, un hast - ing, and si - lent as light, life thou small: To all. giv - est, to both great and Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light; in light in ac ces - si ble hid from our eyes, rul - est might; nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou in life in all life thou liv - est, the true of all; an - gels thine dore thee, all veil - ing their sight; a bless - ed, of most most glo - rious, the An - cient Days, jus - tice like high thy moun-tains soar - ing a bove blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree. we would all laud we ren - der: oh. help us to see al to - rious, thv great name we praise! might - y, vic thv clouds which are foun-tains of good - ness love.

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt. Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

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Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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Please be seated.

THE WORD

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

First Reading Acts 16:6-15

A reading from Acts, chapter 16.

⁶They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. ⁷When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; ⁸so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. ⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

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



ELW # 388 | Be Not Afraid





Text: Matthew 28:5; Taizé Community

Music: BE NOT AFRAID, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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- ¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us: may the light of God's face shine upon us.
- ² Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.
- ³ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise vou.
- ⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.

Response

- ⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁶ The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.
- ⁷ May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

Response

Second Reading

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

A reading from Revelation, chapters 21 and 22.

¹⁰ And in the spirit one of the angels carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²² I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵ Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

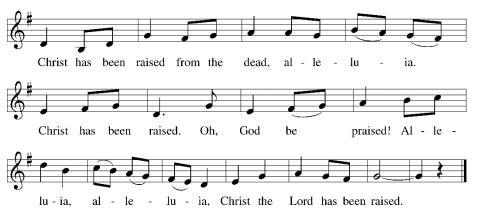
^{22:1} Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever

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

Please stand in body or spirit.

Gospel Acclamation

Christ Has Been Raised DATH # 66



Text: Ray Makeever

Music: CHRIST HAS BEEN RAISED, Ray Makeever

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The Holy Gospel

John 14:23-29

The holy gospel according to St. John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²³ Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵ "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

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

The Children's Message

Pastor Axel Kaegler

Cradling Children in His Arm A Moment of Prayer **ELW # 444** Cra-dling chil - dren in his Je gave his bless - ing. arm, sus our babes a wel-come warm is yet ad - dress - ing. Take them, Lord, give life - ing a - new the in liv wa ters!

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The Message

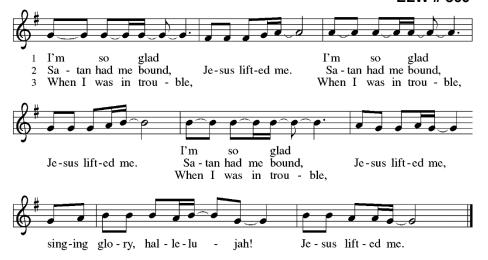
Pastor Axel Kaegler

sons and daugh-ters!

Please stand in body or spirit.

Hymn of the Day

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me ELW # 860



Text: African American spiritual Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

Nicene Creed

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Resurrection God, Creator of life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God our Maker, unite your people with communities of faith throughout the world. Build cooperation between people of different faith traditions. Bless our non-Christian neighbors. Help us to learn and grow into deeper relationships. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all creation, bless this earth with fresh water, clean air, and rich soil. Especially this Rogation Sunday, nurture growing crops. Encourage communities developing sustainable farming practices. Help us to live in balance and harmony with your good creation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of justice, reconcile nations and communities suffering from violence and conflict. Father, protect refugees, asylum-seekers, and all who flee their homes seeking safety and security. Make all nations safe for both migrants and residents. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of love, sustain all who are in need, especially individuals and families struggling with trauma or addiction. Support caregivers, nurses, doctors, counselors, and social workers. Come alongside all who are ill or struggling. We pray especially for Dave, Kailee, Kameron, Dorothy Ann, Liam, Liam's family, Bob, Davis, Jerry, Rachael, Cindy, Joanne, the McGowan family, the Mundrick family, and Linda. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of compassion, this Memorial Day weekend, we remember all who have died in military service. Soothe loved ones who mourn, and strengthen support systems for veterans and their families. Bring peace among nations, that war and conflict around the world might cease. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of eternal faithfulness, we give you thanks for all your saints raised to new life in Christ. Gather us, with them, into the peace only you can give. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of mystery, we commend these and all our prayers to you. Your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world. In the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.

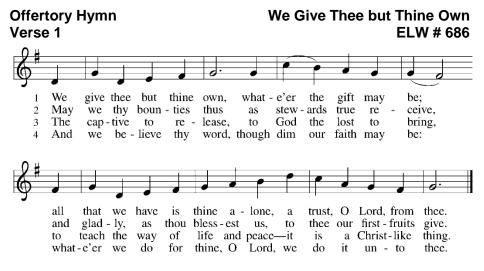
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Musical Offering

Soloist: Bob Bortz

Christ has broken down the wall, Let us join our hearts as one. Through love's pow'r all is reconciled. We're accepted as we are."

Please stand.



Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt. Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, Cantica Lauda, 1850

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Risen One. you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. 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 triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

Amen.

The Sending Song

Faith of Our Fathers ELW # 812

Please see the next page for the hymn.

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!



Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863, alt.

Music: ST. CATHERINE, Henri F. Hemy, 1818-1888; James G. Walton, 1821-1905, refrain

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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)
Linda Daniels
Kailee and Kameron (friends of the Uehlings)
Dorothy Ann King (Robin Griffin's mom)
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)
Cindy Ross
Joanne Wendte (sister-in-law of Lynnmarie Harkins)

The flowers on the altar today are dedicated by Don & Pat Hallman in celebration of the June 3 wedding anniversaries of the Hallmans, Brennemans, and Ziegers!

Family Table

Family Table will meet at 9:15 am in Parish Hall on the following dates:

Sunday, May 25 (no class) Rogation Intergenerational Event (PH) Sundays, June 1 and June 8

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 **Tuesday, May 27** at 7:00 pm at Tannery Run Brew Works, 131 E Butler Avenue, Ambler. RSVP to Pastor Kaegler at clcseniorpastor@christs-oreland.org.

Please note: Our May gathering takes place on Tuesday.

Trivia Team

The Saints & Sinners placed 4th out of a crowded field of 27 teams. Can you answer the last question of the evening? Out of the following five animals, which two are NOT marsupials? kangaroo, wombat, lemur, platypus, koala See answer below!

The Saints & Sinners have been challenged by Pastor Rachel and the newly formed trivia team from St. John's in Blue Bell, hereafter known as St. Jawn.

The Saints & Sinners and St. Jawn are looking forward to the next challenge on **Wednesday**, **June 4** at Tannery Run, 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.

Answer to trivia question above: Lemurs and platypuses are **NOT** marsupials.

Coffee Hour

Would you like to host a Coffee Hour? We share fellowship after the Sunday morning service on the second Sunday of each month. If interested, please contact JenMorrissy at jenmorrissy@gmail.com with any questions about hosting or to schedule a Sunday that works for you or your group.

Please join us next on June 8!

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 12 minor prophets.

Summer Altar Flowers (July and August)

We're giving members the opportunity to share their own garden flowers (potted or in vases) to display alongside the altar. If you would like to display your flowers, please see the "Summer Sundays Flower Host" sign-up sheet in the narthex or contact Becca.

Men's Group

Where is your peace?

We shared our last breakfast before summer break. A lively group as always. Topic what is or was a moment when you found your peace? Wonderful thoughts. A walk along the shore at sunrise; welcoming troops back from deployment with a prayer; holding a young son at night to go outside and say goodnight to the stars and the moon and laying between the stereo speakers with a favorite record playing.

Other topics included antenna tv, too many stats in baseball, Gaelic football, sticky wickets and the growing competition between Wawa, Sheetz and Royal Farms.

We will gather again in September so in the meantime I hope you all have a great summer. And remember; wherever you go, that's where you are.

Peace

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 198 PBJ sandwiches this week!

FAITH IN ACTION

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.

Community Garden

The growing season started Apr 14 and ends Oct 28. We have wood chips, mulch, compost, and gardening tools for your use. The irrigation system is now on.

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

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. **New requests for Manga and comic books!**

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.

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. **V**olunteers cook and/or drive down to the church with us to help serve a meal.

Our next UniLu date is **December 16th**, so please add that your calendar if you'd like to participate.

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.

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 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).

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This Week at CLC!		
Sunday	9:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am	Choir Rehearsal Rogation Intergenerational Event (PH) Worship at CLC and online
Monday	10:00 am – 6:00 pm	Memorial Day – Church Offices Closed PBJ Collection (chapel)
Tuesday	9:00 am – 10:45 am 10:00 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	PBJ Collection (preschool) Family Stages (PH) Lions/Tigers (203/204) Pub Theology (Tannery Run) AOL Scouts (200) Bear Cubs (203/204) Webelos (PH)
Wednesday	10:00 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm	Bible Study (200) Family Stages (chapel) AA (PH)
Friday	8:00 pm	AA (200)
Saturday	4:00 pm	Pack 88 Blue & Gold Banquet (PH)

Summer Worship Schedule

Worship at 10:30 am continues through June 8.



Our summer schedule will begin on **Fathers Day**, **June 15** with worship at 9:30 am.

COMING UP THIS SUMMER!!





