

# September 28, 2025

## Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



STEWARDSHIP  
*A Way of Life*

### **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!

Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those “at our gate,” visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.

### 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,  
whose name is majestic in all the earth,  
who rescues and heals in every time of trouble,  
who does all things well.

**Amen.**

Let us come before God, seeking forgiveness and life.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

Steadfast and saving God,

**have mercy on us.**

**We confess to you all the ways  
we turn from you and harm one another.**

**In your compassion,  
forgive our sins and heal our hurts.**

**Bring forth from us a harvest of righteousness,  
the fruits of gentleness and peacemaking,  
the sheaves of wisdom and justice;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

In the name of + Jesus, the Son of God,  
 receive mercy and find grace in your time of need.  
 Your transgressions are forgiven;  
 God's love is healing balm for your wounds.  
 Rejoice, for God raises you up to new life in Christ.  
**Amen.**

**Gathering Song**

**God of Grace and God of Glory**  
**ELW # 705**



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -  
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969  
 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

**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

# Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

## Verse 1

ELW # 712



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,  
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;  
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light  
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:  
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,  
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;  
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,  
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.  
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.  
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.  
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901-1984

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

Text © Oxford University Press

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world.  
Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only  
from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE WORD

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

### First Reading

**Amos 6:1a, 4-7**

A reading from Amos, chapter 6.

<sup>1a</sup> Woe to those who are at ease in Zion  
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.

<sup>4</sup> Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory  
and lounge on their couches  
and eat lambs from the flock  
and calves from the stall,

<sup>5</sup> who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp  
and like David improvise on instruments of music,

<sup>6</sup> who drink wine from bowls  
and anoint themselves with the finest oils  
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

<sup>7</sup> Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,  
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

The congregation will sing the following response:



From the full - ness of God have we



all re - ceived: grace up - on grace, peace up - on peace.

Text: John 1:16, adapt.  
Music: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup> I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

<sup>3</sup> Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

<sup>4</sup> When they breathe their last, they return to earth,

and in that day their thoughts perish.

**Response**

<sup>5</sup> Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,  
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

<sup>6</sup> who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;  
who keeps promises forever;

<sup>7</sup> who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those  
who hunger.

The LORD sets the captive free.

<sup>8</sup> The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those  
who are bowed down;

the LORD loves the righteous.

<sup>9</sup> The LORD cares for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of  
the wicked.

<sup>10</sup> The LORD shall reign forever,

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

**Response**

A reading from First Timothy, chapter 6.

<sup>6</sup>Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, <sup>7</sup>for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, <sup>8</sup>but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup>But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

<sup>11</sup>But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup>In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup>to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>16</sup>It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

<sup>17</sup>As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup>They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup>thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

## Gospel Acclamation

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah  
ELW # 172



Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

## The Holy Gospel

Luke 16:19-31

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

### Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said:<sup>19</sup> “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day.<sup>20</sup> And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores,<sup>21</sup> who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores.<sup>22</sup> The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.<sup>23</sup> In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side.<sup>24</sup> He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’<sup>25</sup> But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony.<sup>26</sup> Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’<sup>27</sup> He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house<sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’<sup>29</sup> Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’<sup>30</sup> He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’<sup>31</sup> He said to him, ‘If they

do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' ”

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

*Please be seated.*

**Children’s Message**

**Pastor Axel Kaegler**

**A Moment of Prayer**

**Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying**  
**ELW # 752**



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943

Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema

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**The Message**

**Pastor Axel Kaegler**

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

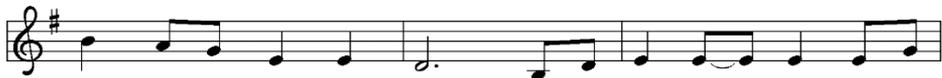
**Hymn of the Day**

**Canticle of the Turning**  
**ELW # 723**

**Please see the next page for the hymn.**



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .  
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a  
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
 work great . . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.  
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
 The hun - gry poor shall . . . weep no more, for the  
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

*Refrain*



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

## **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**

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence*

We pray for the church, that it would remain faithful to the gospel, always striving to serve the needs of those who are oppressed and rejecting the complacency that comes from wealth. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for creation, that the nations work together to protect and restore the earth, preserving the beauty of the planet for future generations and honoring the gift of your creation. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those in positions of authority, that they govern with justice and compassion, recognizing the dignity of all people and working to promote peace and prosperity for all. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for people in any need. We pray especially for Rachael, Vincent, Bob, Eleanor, Davis, Diane, Pam, Roseann, Virginia S, Virginia L, Nancy, Aleigha, Ben, Joanne, Ken, the Mundrick family and the Polis family. Give them your assurance and courage when the path forward is not clear. Liberate us from all that binds us, lift us up when we are bowed down, and show us your love. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation, that we would be strengthened to build a world where all can thrive. Incite us to advocate for fair wages and just policies, and guide us in building a community of mutual support. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

We remember in thanksgiving the faithful departed. Inspire us by their example to love and serve our neighbors, and bring us to eternal life. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.  
**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.*

*“The Lord is my shepherd and I shall not want,  
He makes me to lie down in green, green pastures.”*

*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.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12  
Music: FRANCKE, J.A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

**Offering Prayer**

Our God is a generous God,  
**providing manna in the wilderness.**

Our God is a steadfast God,  
**with us even unto the end of the age.**

Our God is a God of newness and calling,  
**inviting us to honor new visions  
and embrace new dreams.**

Israel was fed with manna from heaven.  
Elijah was sustained by bread and meat brought by ravens.  
The disciples traveled with a common purse,  
sharing their gifts with one another.

Christ invited those gathered at the Feast of the Five Thousand  
to witness a generosity beyond what they could imagine.  
The ancient church shared all things in common,  
believing that the call to communal spiritual growth  
is also a call to give back to God what God has given us.

In keeping with this history and heritage, trusting that God provides us  
with everything we need to do, what we are called to do, and be who  
we are called to be, we gather our offering - the first fruits of our labor.  
We commend them to God, the source of our blessings and hope.

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

Generous God, you invite us to live generous lives,  
trusting that you have given us to each other to work together:  
**We are better together.**

In service to our neighbor, in love for all creation,  
and in proclamation of your good news for all:  
**We are better together.**

Bless these gifts we've gathered,  
give us generous hearts,  
honest commitment to the call you've placed before us,  
and sincere trust that we can rely on your grace and sufficiency  
as we continue to serve you and your people.  
**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 God of righteousness,  
who gives justice to the oppressed,  
who gives food to the hungry,  
who sets the prisoners free,  
✠ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

# The Sending Song

# God Be with You Till We Meet Again

ELW # 536



- 1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
- 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
- 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con-found you,



with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;  
dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

### *Refrain*



Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828–1904

Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833–1896

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

**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.*

Ben Clark

Bob Harkins (Bill Harkins' brother)

Ken Hartman (friend of Wes Craig)

Vincent Kerper (friend of the Fittipaldi Family)

Davis Phelps (Marda Craig's brother)

Diane Polis

Rachael Rinders (friend of the Kaegler Family)

Eleanor Rothenheber

Pam Schilling (friend of the Kelly Family)

Virginia Staerk, Virginia Landis, Nancy Staerk, Aleigha Sokolowski

(members of the Staerk Family)

Joanne Wendte (sister-in-law of Lynnmarie Harkins)

*The flowers on the altar today have been sponsored by  
Jim & Mary Jane Brenneman in honor of  
son, Steve and wife, Elaine's 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary  
and  
by Clyde & Shirley Engle in celebration of  
Deb & Bill Quaco's wedding anniversary!*

### Online Giving

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Closer	TBD
Assisting Minister next Sunday	Elise Seyfried

Upcoming Altar Guild: October 5 Consy Finney

**This Week at CLC!**

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Family Tables (chapel)
	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 am	Worship at CLC and online
<b>Monday</b>	9:30 am	Monday Morning Men
	10:00 am – 6:00 pm	PBJ Collection (chapel)
	7:30 pm	BS Troop 1 (PH)
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 am – 10:45 am	PBJ Collection (chapel)
	7:00 pm	Pub Theology (Tannery Run)
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 am	Bible Study (200)
	6:00 pm	Bear Cubs (203/204)
	7:00 pm	Trivia Night (Tannery Run)
	7:00 pm	AA (PH)
<b>Friday</b>		SET UP FALL FEST
	8:00 pm	AA (200)
<b>Saturday</b>	noon – 4:00 pm	FALL FESTIVAL



700 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Oreland

# Tenth Annual Community Fall Festival

Rain or Shine

Free Family Fun  
for Everyone

**October 4, 2025**  
**12:00 - 4:00 PM**

Games and Prizes

Chippy the Clown

Pumpkin Decorating

Mini Golf on the Go

Pony Rides

Live Music

Sand Art

Face Painting

Bring a  
non-perishable  
item for the  
Willow Grove  
Baptist Food  
Pantry

**Bake Sale\*\* - Food\*\* (\$5 a Plate)**

plate includes: hot-dog, tator-tots,  
baked beans, chips and a beverage

\*\*All proceeds will be donated to the  
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