

# October 12, 2025

## Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



### **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!**

It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.

### **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

## Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven ELW # 864



- 1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib-ute bring.
- 2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.
- 3 Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
- 4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais-es sing.  
God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.  
but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.  
Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847; alt. Walter R. Bouman, 1927–2005  
Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

## 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.**

*Today's Music: Our choir sang it as an arrangement last week and today we sing it as our hymn of praise. "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" was written by Rick Founds in 1989 while thinking about the "cycle of redemption." Since the 1990's, it has been one of the most popular Christian songs, reported as the most popular song used in churches every year from 1997 to 2003.*

## Hymn of Praise

## Lord, I Lift Your Name on High ELW # 857



Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praise.

I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heav-en to earth to show the way, from the earth

to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave,

from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

Text: Rick Founds, b. 1954  
Music: Rick Founds

LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME  
PM

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, 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

**2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c**

A reading from Second Kings, chapter 5.

<sup>1</sup> Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. <sup>2</sup> Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup> She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease."

<sup>7</sup> When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

<sup>8</sup> But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." <sup>9</sup> So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. <sup>10</sup> Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." <sup>11</sup> But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! <sup>12</sup> Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. <sup>13</sup> But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" <sup>14</sup> So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. <sup>15a, b, c</sup> Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

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! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

<sup>2</sup> Great are your works, O LORD,  
pondered by all who delight in them.

**Response**

<sup>3</sup> Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,  
and your righteousness endures forever.

<sup>4</sup> You cause your wonders to be remembered;  
you are gracious and full of compassion.

<sup>5</sup> You give food to those who fear you,  
remembering forever your covenant.

<sup>6</sup> You have shown your people the power of your works  
in giving them the lands of the nations.

**Response**

<sup>7</sup> The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;  
all of your precepts are sure.

<sup>8</sup> They stand fast forever and ever,  
because they are done in truth and equity.

<sup>9</sup> You sent redemption to your people and commanded your  
covenant forever; holy and awesome is your name.

<sup>10</sup> The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all who practice this have a good understanding.  
God's praise endures forever.

**Response**

A reading from Second Timothy, chapter 2.

<sup>8</sup> Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, <sup>9</sup> for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup> The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

<sup>12</sup> if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

<sup>13</sup> if we are faithless, he remains faithful—  
he cannot deny himself.

<sup>14</sup> Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. <sup>15</sup> Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

**Gospel Acclamation  
(Sing Twice)**

**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 according to St. Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>11</sup> On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup> they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” <sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? <sup>18</sup> Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

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

## We Come to You for Healing, Lord ELW # 617



1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of  
2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and  
3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through  
4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through  
5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in



bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your  
reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -  
nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of  
days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of  
our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our



Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.  
mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.  
faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.  
pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.  
nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1764–1824

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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**

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, you lead your people to faith. Remind the church that your word flows into the world. By your Spirit, teach the church to share the word of God for the sake of the world. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Creating God, you provided cleansing and healing waters for Naaman. Water the earth's lands in parched places. Restore clean water to all communities, and guide the work of all who advocate for safe and abundant water supplies. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Righteous One, you bring justice and wholeness throughout the world, and your righteousness endures forever. By your spirit, guide leaders of all nations and lands to right relationship with you and with one another. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Merciful God, you know the needs of your people. Show mercy to those suffering in the world. Comfort those in need of your healing. We pray especially for Rachael, Pam, Roseann, Virginia S, Virginia L, Nancy, Aleigha, Ben, Joanne, Ken, Marlene, Marge, and Willie. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Life-giving God, you free us by your word. Help us, by your Spirit, to be transformed to live in your word of freedom honestly and uprightly in our teaching, preaching, and serving. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Holy God, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith. Guide us to trust in the baptismal promise of resurrection in Christ. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **Laying On of Hands**

Sisters and brothers, I invite you to come and receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God.

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake,  
send your Holy Spirit upon your servant,  
drive away all sickness of body and spirit;  
make whole that which is broken;  
deliver *her/him* from the power of evil;  
and preserve *her/him* in true faith,  
to share in the power of Christ's resurrection  
and to serve you with all the saints now and evermore.  
**Amen.**

*Please stand.*

## **Blessing**

Almighty God, who is a strong tower to all,  
to whom all things in heaven and on earth bow and obey,  
be now and evermore your sure defense,  
and help you to know that the name given to us for health and salvation is the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.  
**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 "Stand Up and Bless the Lord"**

**Pethel**

*"Stand up and bless the Lord, ye people of His choice.  
Stand up and sing, stand up and shout,  
our Lord and God adore.*

*Please stand.*

Offertory Hymn  
Verses 1 and 2

We Give Thee but Thine Own  
ELW # 686



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,  
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring.  
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.  
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ - like thing.  
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

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

Offering Prayer

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

## Now Thank We All Our God

ELW # 839



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,  
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won-drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;  
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,  
the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,



who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way  
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,  
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

## 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

Marlene Foody

Ken Hartman (friend of Wes Craig)

Marge Holmes

Willie Kohlhepp (friend of Dottie Busillo)

Rachael Rinders (friend of the Kaegler Family)

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  
Lynn & Bill Harkins in celebration of their grandson,  
Will Nynick's birthday*

**AND**

*by Ross & Sue Frantz, Brian & Victoria Devaney,  
and Will & Pamela Walters in celebration of  
Chris Reynolds' 95<sup>th</sup> birthday!*

### Online Giving

*To make an offering to support the work of Christ's  
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Closer	Sue Frantz
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Upcoming Altar Guild: October 19 Sue Frantz, Bonnie Zieger

## This Week at CLC!

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 11:30 am	Family Tables (chapel) Choir Rehearsal 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 pm	Monday Morning Men PBJ Collection (chapel) CLC Yarners (200) BS 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) Webelos (203/204) AOLs (PH)
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 am 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Bible Study (200) Bear Cubs (203/204) Wonderful Wednesday (Zieger Home) AA (PH)
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 pm	AA (200)
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast (Halligan's)



**Holiday  
Craft Fair**

Over 20 Unique Local Crafters - Raffle Baskets - Food for Sale  
Proceeds of Raffle Baskets & Food Sale go to Willow Grove Baptist Food Pantry

**November  
1st, 2025**  
9 AM to 2 PM

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The poster features a green background with a white dotted border. It includes illustrations of orange leaves, two white shopping bags, a decorated green Christmas tree with red ornaments and gold lights, and a red star.





# Advent Prayer Center

sign up online: [tiny.cc/prayercenter25](https://tiny.cc/prayercenter25)  
or sign up in church Narthex

4pm-7pm  
Friday December 12  
Saturday December 13  
Sunday December 14

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*Come immerse yourself in the quiet waiting, watching and wondering of Advent*