

# November 9, 2025

## Twenty-Second 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!

We worship on the first day of the week because Jesus was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord's day. Our God is the God of the living.

### 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.

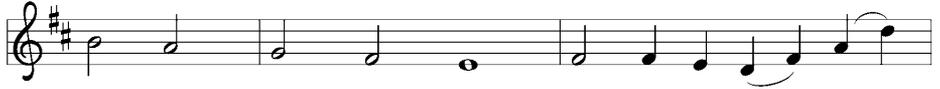
**Amen.**

**Gathering Song**  
Verses 1-3, 8

**I Know that My Redeemer Lives!**  
ELW # 619



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to  
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,  
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort  
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

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| <p>5 He lives to bless me with his love;<br/>             he lives to plead for me above;<br/>             he lives my hungry soul to feed;<br/>             he lives to help in time of need.</p>                       | <p>7 He lives and grants me daily breath;<br/>             he lives, and I shall conquer death;<br/>             he lives my mansion to prepare;<br/>             he lives to bring me safely there.</p> |
| <p>6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;<br/>             he lives and loves me to the end;<br/>             he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;<br/>             he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!</p> | <p>8 He lives, all glory to his name!<br/>             He lives, my Savior, still the same;<br/>             what joy this blest assurance gives:<br/>             I know that my Redeemer lives!</p>    |

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–1799, alt.  
 Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

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

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your prais-es.  
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  
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## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, 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

**Job 19:23-27a**

A reading from Job, chapter 19.

<sup>23</sup> “O that my words were written down!  
O that they were inscribed in a book!  
<sup>24</sup> O that with an iron pen and with lead  
they were engraved on a rock forever!  
<sup>25</sup> For I know that my vindicator lives  
and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;  
<sup>26</sup> and after my skin has been destroyed,  
then in my flesh I shall see God,  
<sup>27a</sup> whom I shall see on my side,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 17:1-9**

**DATH # 18 | From the Fullness of 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> Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed to my cry;  
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
- <sup>2</sup> Let my vindication come forth from your presence;  
let your eyes be fixed on justice.
- <sup>3</sup> Examine my heart, visit me by night,  
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
- <sup>4</sup> I have not regarded what others do;  
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.

**Response**

- <sup>5</sup> My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path;  
and my feet do not slip.
- <sup>6</sup> I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;  
incline your ear to me and hear my words.
- <sup>7</sup> Show me your marvelous lovingkindness,  
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those  
who rise against them.
- <sup>8</sup> Keep me as the apple of your eye;  
hide me under the shadow of your wings,
- <sup>9</sup> from the wicked who assault me,  
from my deadly enemies who surround me.

**Response**

**Second Reading**

**2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17**

A reading from Second Thessalonians, chapter 2.

<sup>1</sup>As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, <sup>2</sup>not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already

here. <sup>3</sup> Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. <sup>4</sup> He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. <sup>5</sup> Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

<sup>13</sup> But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup> For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

<sup>16</sup> Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, <sup>17</sup> comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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>27</sup> Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus <sup>28</sup> and asked him a question: “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. <sup>29</sup> Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; <sup>30</sup> then the second <sup>31</sup> and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. <sup>32</sup> Finally the woman also died. <sup>33</sup> In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

<sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, <sup>35</sup> but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. <sup>36</sup> Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup> And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. <sup>38</sup> Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

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

ELW # 638 | Blessed Assurance



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

## **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**

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

God our Redeemer, bless your church universal and its leaders. Set all hearts on you from generation to generation in anticipation of Christ's return. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of life, we give thanks for the fruits and grains of the harvest, for rivers and streams, for all that is made of rock and iron. Renew the earth's natural resources and the lands from which they come. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of justice, we give thanks for the service of our veterans and pray for those needed support for wounds of any kind. Strengthen those charged with the governance and protection of vulnerable populations. Bring an end to war throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God who leads us belief and truth, we give thanks that you are always and already here. Nurture and support those who are unsteady in mind, unsafe in spirit, or unwell in body. We pray especially for Rachael, Pam, Roseann, Joanne, Ken, Marlene, Marge, and Eleanor. Comfort those who suffer from trauma and exposure to traumatic events. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God who gathers us together, we give thanks for our pastors and deacons, teachers and musicians, administrators, and building caretakers. May they find joy in leadership as we grow in faith together. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of the saints, we give thanks for all who have died in faith. Uplift us as we honor their memory and await your coming glory. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**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.*

*"When Israel was in Egypt's land, let my people go.  
Oppressed so hard they could not stand, let my people go.  
Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt land,  
Tell old Pharaoh to let my people go."*

*Please stand.*

### Offertory Hymn Verses 1 & 2

### We Give Thee but Thine Own WOV # 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 love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,  
God the Son save you,  
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.

The holy Trinity bless you ✚  
and grant you a faithful and courageous heart  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Today's Music: Our Sending Song, "To God Be the Glory," was first published in 1875 with lyrics by Fanny Crosby. We are reminded to shift our focus from "human recognition to divine praise, a powerful declaration of faith." It was used as part of the Billy Graham crusades beginning in 1954 and quickly gained popularity in the United States. The text for our HOD, "Blessed Assurance," was also written by Fanny Crosby who was blind from infancy. This song reflects her deep faith and assurance in Christ. This also became popular in American churches and resonates with many believers, offering comfort and encouragement.*

# The Sending Song

# TFF # 264 | To God Be the Glory



1 To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done;  
2 Oh, per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood;  
3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,



so loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
to ev - 'ry be - liev - er the prom - ise of God;  
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

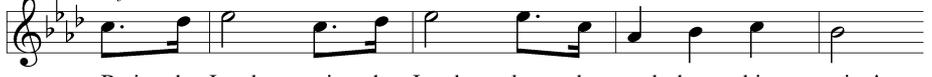


who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,  
the vil - est of - fend - er by grace may be - lieve,  
but pur - er, and high - er, and great - er will be



and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.  
that mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceive.  
our won - der, our vic - t'ry, when Je - sus we see.

## *Refrain*



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice!



Oh, come to the Fa - ther, through Je - sus the Son,



and give him the glo - ry, great things he has done.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: TO GOD BE THE GLORY, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the harvest. **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.*

Marlene Foody

Ken Hartman (friend of Wes Craig)

Marge Holmes

Rachael Rinders (friend of the Kaegler Family)

Eleanor Rothenheber

Pam Schilling (friend of the Kelly Family)

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

*The flowers on the altar today  
are dedicated by Earl & Allison Uehling  
in honor of all our veterans!*

### Online Giving

*To make an offering to support the work of Christ's Lutheran Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, you may use this QR code to access our site for secure online giving.*



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Closer	Sue Frantz
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Upcoming Altar Guild: November 16 Linda Daniels, Stephanie Staerk  
November 23 Sue Frantz

## 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
	11:30 am	Coffee Hour (narthex)
<b>Monday</b>	9:30 am	Monday Morning Men
	10:00 am – 6:00 pm	PBJ Collection (chapel)
	11:00 am	CLC Yarners (200)
	7:30 pm	BS Troop 1 (PH)
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 am – 10:45 am	PBJ Collection (PRESCHOOL)
	6:00 pm	Lions/Tigers (203/204)
	7:00 pm	Council Meeting (200)
	7:00 pm	Webelos (203/204)
	7:00 pm	AOLs (PH)
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 am	Bible Study (200)
	7:00 pm	AA (PH)
<b>Thursday</b>	11:30 am	60 Plus (PH)
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 pm	AA (200)
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 am	Men's Group (Halligan's)

Build your own

# Advent Wreath

with fresh greenery and a weekly devotion

Sunday November 30th at 9 am in Parish Hall



Christ's Lutheran Church – Oreland, PA

# Advent Calendar 2025

Nov. 30

9 am DIY Live Advent Wreath

10:30 am Advent 1 Worship

Dec. 6

8am-12  
Breakfast  
with Santa

Dec. 7

10:30 am  
Advent 2  
Worship

Dec. 12

4-7 pm  
Advent  
Prayer  
Center

Dec. 13

4-7 pm  
Advent  
Prayer  
Center

Dec. 14

10:30 am Advent 3 Worship  
with full-Choir Lessons and Carols! Bring your friends!  
4-7 pm Advent Prayer Center

Dec. 18

7 pm  
Caroling  
(Indoors!)

Dec. 21

9 am Pageant Rehearsal with  
costumes

10:30 am Advent 4 Worship

Dec. 24

4 pm Family Christmas Eve  
Service with Pageant

8 pm Candlelight Christmas  
Eve Service

