

January 11, 2026

Baptism of Our Lord



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!

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

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,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
the Word who spoke life into being,
the Wind stirring the waters. **Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice,

**you call us to life in community,
but we have served our own interests
at the expense of our neighbors.
We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.
We say the right words,
but our hearts are far from you.
Turn us to seek your face.
Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,
that we may do justice, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

The former things have passed away,
 and new things God now declares:
 Like a spring of water that never fails,
 God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,
 and forgives your sin in † Jesus' name.
 May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,
 and bless you with the gift of peace. **Amen.**

Gathering Song

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized
ELW # 304



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you
 2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant
 3 Straight-way and stead-fast un - til death you then o-beyed the
 4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as
 true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's
 call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to
 signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may



ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.
 ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.
 give your life for all, to give your life for all.
 per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895–1984, alt.
 Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561
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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.

Our HOP, "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters," is considered a contemporary hymn written by Ruth Duck in 1987. The song uses powerful water imagery and is associated with baptism, the new creation in Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit. The words provide some divine guidance for life's journey. It focuses on spiritual cleansing. The tune comes from a 1844 publication from Philadelphia, "The Sacred Harp." Philadelphia musical institutions have long played an important role in the development of sacred music.

Hymn of Praise

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

ELW # 445



1 Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleansing waters flow.
 2 We who bring them long for nurture; by your milk may we be fed.
 3 Oh, how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways!



Num-ber them a-mong your peo-ple; bless as Christ blessed long a-go.
 Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread.
 To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise!



Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light.
 God, renew us, guide our footsteps; free from sin and all its snares,
 We your people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit-born.



Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.
 one with Christ in living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs.
 By your grace, our lives we offer. Re-create us; God, transform!

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

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

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, 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 reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

A reading from Isaiah, chapter 42.

- ¹ Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
- ² He will not cry out or lift up his voice
or make it heard in the street;
- ³ a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
- ⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth,
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
- ⁵ Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
- ⁶ I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,

a light to the nations,
7 to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

8 I am the LORD; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.

9 See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

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

Psalm 29

W & P # 144 | Thy Word

The congregation will sing the following response:

Refrain

F C⁷ F B^b C⁷ F B^b F

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory
thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

Response

- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD
bursts forth in lightning flashes.
- 8 The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

Response

⁹ The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.

¹¹ O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

Response

Second Reading

Acts 10:34-43

A reading from Acts, chapter 10.

³⁴ Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand in body or spirit.

Please be seated.

Children's Message

Pastor Axel Kaegler

A Moment of Prayer

**Holy, Holy, Holy
ELW # 473**



*San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te_a - do - ra.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.*



*Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de-cir: San - to_e-res Se - ñor.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.*

Text: Argentine traditional
Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional

The Message

Pastor Axel Kaegler

Please stand in body or spirit.



1 We are bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we are bap - tized in his death;
 2 In the wa - ter and the wit - ness, in the break - ing of the bread,
 3 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo - ry be to Christ the Son,



that as Christ is raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new life.
 in the wait - ing arms of Je - sus, who is ris - en from the dead,
 glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one;



And if we have been u - nit - ed in a dread - ful death like his,
 God has made a new be - gin - ning from the ash - es of our past;
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, glo - ry now re - sounds a - gain



we will all be re - u - nit - ed, for he lives.
 in the los - ing and the win - ning we hold fast.
 in a song that has no end - ing. . . . A - men.

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937

Music: OUIMETTE, John C. Ylvisaker

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Apostles' Creed

Let us name and proclaim the God who saves us, 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

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A brief silence.

Steadfast God, give courage to your servant church. Heal our divisions, and unite us in mission. Uphold our lay leaders, missionaries, pastors, bishops, and all who proclaim hope in a broken world. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Restoring God, cleanse the life-giving waters of rivers, seas, and springs. Create in us an urgent desire to preserve the beauty and bounty of your good creation. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Righteous God, you guide the nations. Reconcile warring enemies and end cycles of violent retribution. Defend the rights of prisoners, detainees, and all who flee from persecution. Sustain international aid workers and peacemakers. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Compassionate God, you care for all in distress. Provide safety and support for those seeking asylum or in need of shelter. Be near to the dying, and comfort all who are grieving or ill. We pray especially for Roseann, John, Sam, Charles, Grace, Jay, Bob, Jim, Mary Jane, Mark, Brice, Matt, the Engle family, the Rose family, the Nelson family, the Villeux family, and the Engstrom family. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Loving God, awaken the gifts of the Spirit in this congregation, that we may serve Christ by loving one another, our neighbors, and our enemies. We pray for travelers and those who are homebound. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Promising God, in baptism we die and rise with Christ. We give thanks for those who have gone before us, and we trust that we will join them in your everlasting peace. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.
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

"Et in Terra Pax"

Purifoy
(based on Luke 2:13-14)

*Et is terra pax, and on earth peace.
Gloria in excelsis, Glory to God in the highest!*

Please stand.

Offertory Hymn
Verse 3

In the Bleak Midwinter
ELW # 294



1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
2 Heav - en can - not hold him, nor . . . earth sus - tain;
3 What . . . can I give him, poor . . . as I am?



earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;
If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;



snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed,
if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;



in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
the Lord . . . God al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.
yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

Text: Christina Georgina Rossetti, 1830–1894
Music: CRANHAM, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934

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

May the triune God,
who has put a new song in your mouth
and tuned your heart for praise
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

The Sending Song

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

ELW # 310



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint - ing soul;
4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt.
Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702

Dismissal

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

Thanks be to God

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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.

Bob

John A. (friend of Mike Messer)

Jim Brenneman

Mary Jane Brenneman

Matt Cirigliano (friend of Pastor Kaegler)

Grace Griffin (daughter-in-law of Glenn & Robin Griffin)

Jay Griffin (Glenn Griffin's brother)

Brice Hickey (Penelope Daniels' dad)

Mark Lance (Stephanie Staerk's cousin)

Charles Piantieri (husband of Diane Piantieri)

Sam Weiss (friend of Ross & Sue Frantz)

*The flowers on the altar today have been sponsored by
Don & Judy Berger in celebration of children!*

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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| Senior Pastor | Reverend Axel Kaegler | |
| Director of Spiritual Formation | Becca Shelor | |
| Director of Music | Ken Selinger | |
| Administrative Assistant | Lorraine Pfeiffer | |
| Preschool Director | Sally Mead | |
| Sexton | Pete Carr | |
| Assisting Minister | Wes Craig | |
| Soundboard | Diane Polis | |
| Livestream | Rick Daniels, Don Hallman, John Melnick, Paul Zieger | |
| Counter(s) | Tim and Deb Hilbert | |
| Closer | TBD | |
| Assisting Minister next Sunday | Adele Kelly | |

This Week at CLC!

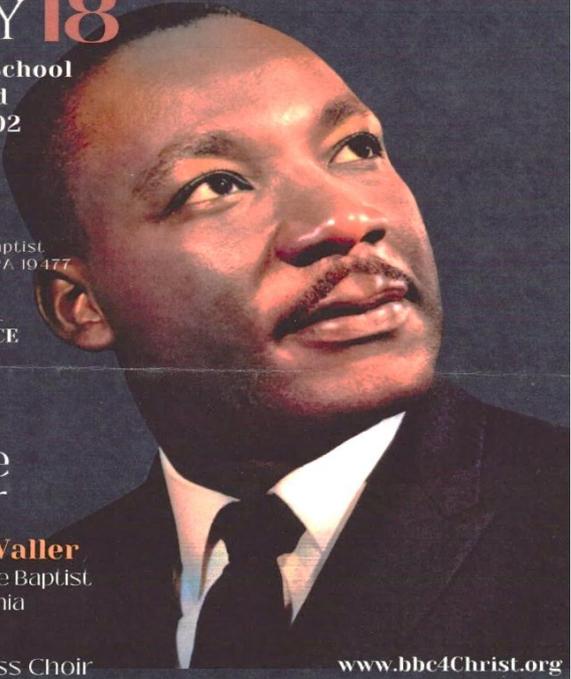
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| Sunday | 9:00 am | Family Tables (chapel) |
| | 9:00 am | Choir Rehearsal |
| | 10:30 am | Worship at CLC and online |
| | 11:30 am | Coffee Hour (lobby) |
| Monday | 9:30 am | Monday Morning Men |
| | 10:00 am – 6:00 pm | PBJ Collection (chapel) |
| | 11:00 pm | CLC Yarners (200) |
| | 7:30 pm | BS Troop 1 (PH) |
| Tuesday | 9:00 am – 10:45 am | PBJ Collection (chapel) |
| | 5:00 pm | AOLs (PH, kitchen) |
| | 6:00 pm | Lions/Tigers (203/204) |
| | 7:00 pm | Council Meeting (200) |
| | 7:00 pm | Webelos (203/204) |
| Wednesday | 10:00 am | Bible Study (200) |
| | 7:00 pm | AA (PH) |
| Friday | 8:00 pm | AA (200) |
| Saturday | 8:00 am | Men's Breakfast (Halligan's) |
| | 11:00 am | Clyde Engle Service (visitation begins at 10:00 am) |

Please Note: Unfortunately, Wissahickon High School's auditorium is no longer available for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Service of Remembrance on January 18th.

Following are the changes:

The Solidarity Walk will begin at 3 pm from the Wissahickon High School parking lot and go to Bethlehem Baptist Church.

The Remembrance Service will begin at 4 pm at Bethlehem Baptist Church, not the high school.



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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
Service Of Remembrance

SUNDAY
JANUARY 18

Wissahickon High School
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Events

SOLIDARITY WALK
Starting From Bethlehem Baptist
712 Penllyn Pike Springhouse, PA 19477
3pm

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE
Wissahickon High School
4pm

**Keynote
Speaker**

Rev. Dr. Alyn E. Waller
Pastor, Enon Tabernacle Baptist
Church, Philadelphia

featuring
Enon Tabernacle Mass Choir

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Monday January 19th
10 am - 12 pm
Parish Hall
Christ's Lutheran Church - Oreland

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY OF SERVICE



Make the holiday an especially meaningful one for you and your children! Work with your child/children on a variety of fun service projects, designed for their smaller hands. Snacks will be provided.

ADMISSION IS FREE!
WE ASK THAT YOU BRING AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- **Money for Lutheran World Relief**
- **Non-perishable grocery items for food bank (no glass and please check expiration dates)**

This event is designed for families - please plan to stay and experience this Day of Service with your child/children.

All ages welcome!

RSVP BY WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14TH
to director-spiritualform@christs-oreland.org

