

June 28, 2026

Fifth 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!

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

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 compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."
In the name of God,

Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love.
Amen.

Today's Music: Our Gathering Song today is "All Are Welcome" by one of our favorite composers, Marty Haugen. He writes contemporary hymns and liturgical music for the Lutheran church. He holds a B.A. degree in psychology from Luther College and a degree in pastoral studies from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. His first job was as a worship leader in a Catholic parish in Minnesota. He began composing in response to the poor quality of some of the music he was required to lead. This hymn was written for the opening of a church building but quickly found use more generally and appears in both Catholic and Protestant hymnbooks. This song takes on the image of building a house. He further develops it with a focus on "radical hospitality where all are to be welcomed in the name of Christ."

Gathering Song

**All Are Welcome
ELW # 641**

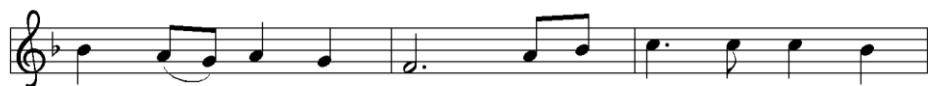
Please see the next page for the hymn.



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Refrain
Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen

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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.

Hymn of Praise (verses 1 and 4)

Just As I Am, Without One Plea ELW # 592



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y_a con - flict,
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry



shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
man - y_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871

Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, 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

Jeremiah 28:5-9

A reading from Jeremiah, chapter 28.

⁵ The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, ⁶ and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD and all the exiles. ⁷ But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸ The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹ As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

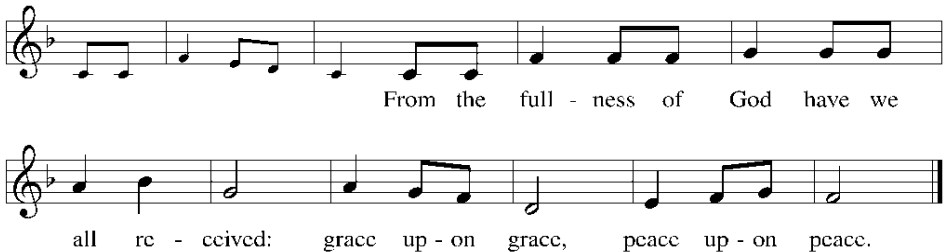
Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

DATH # 18 | From the Fullness of God

The congregation will sing the following response:



- ¹ Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
- ² For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.
- ³ I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- ⁴ I will establish your line forever,
and preserve your throne for all generations.

Response

- ¹⁵ Happy are the people who know the festal shout!
They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.
- ¹⁶ They rejoice daily in your name;
they are jubilant in your righteousness.
- ¹⁷ For you are the glory of their strength,
and by your favor our might is exalted.
- ¹⁸ Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD;
our king to the Holy One of Israel.

Response

Second Reading

Romans 6:12-23

A reading from Romans, chapter 6.

¹² Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Matthew 10:40-42

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the twelve: ⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

The Children's Message

Pastor Axel Kaegler

A Moment of Prayer

Cradling Children in His Arm ELW # 444

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and gentle, with a mix of quarter and half notes. The lyrics are written below each staff, aligned with the notes.

Cra-dling chil - dren in his arm, Je - sus gave his bless - ing.

To our babes a wel-come warm he is yet ad - dress - ing.

Take them, Lord, give life a - new in the liv - ing wa - ters!

Keep them al - ways near to you as your sons and daugh-ters!

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Johannes H. V. Knudsen, 1902–1982
Music: GAUDEAMUS PARITER, Johann Horn, 1490–1547
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The Message

Pastor Axel Kaegler

Please stand in body or spirit.

Hymn of the Day

Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak ELW # 676



1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in
2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the
3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the
4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -



liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that
pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that
til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and



let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.
they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.

Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810–1856

Apostles' Creed

Together let us confess our common faith in 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 together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

Faithful God, establish your church to offer welcome and proclaim your peace. Nourish us so we can proclaim your hope to the world. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Creator God, bring life to places experiencing drought, deforestation, and pollution. Help us to cultivate and care for the natural world around us. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Loving God, bring an end to conflict and division. Sustain the work of prophets in our time, and work through world leaders to foster understanding, justice, and peace. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Provider God, give your children what they need physically, emotionally and spiritually. We pray especially for Marie, Nancy, Darleen, Gary, Carolee, Charles, Barry, Marge, Jake, the Noerr family, the Lyons family and the Robinson family. Bless caregivers as they show God's hospitality through their generous service. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Living God, lead us from death to life. Inspire new ministries and endeavors, renew established ones, and strengthen our welcoming presence to our neighbors. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Eternal God, we remember the faithful departed of this community and of the wider church and world. We give thanks for saints of all times and places. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through 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 **"Oh, How Good It Is"**
Getty, Getty, Holmes, Townend, arr.Spacht

Soprano I – Debbie Melnick & Becca Shelor

Soprano II – Kim Menard, Jen Melnick, Janet Engstrom, Karen Sease

Altos – Mary Jane Brenneman, Linda Daniels, Kathy Steen

Please stand.

Offertory Hymn

Give Thanks TFF # 292

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,

give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,

give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am

rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And

now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am

rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Last time

Text: Henry Smith

Music: GIVE THANKS. Henry Smith

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Offering Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Gracious God, you have been faithful to our ancestors, bringing us throughout time to this very day

Beyond our divisions, you remind us that we are all kindred in your eyes

We are better together.

You have given us all we need to trust in your abundance, to live generous lives, and recognize that your good work is done best in communion with you and one another

We are better together.

And so 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, help us to remember all you have done, give us vision for all we can do, honest commitment to the call you've placed before us, and sincere trust that we can rely on your grace and sufficiency Let us be your people, and serve the world in love as you first loved us.

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

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.



A - men, a - men, a - - - men.



WORDS and MUSIC: Alex. PD

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The Sending Song

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing ELW # 807



- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
- 2 Here I raise my Eb-en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

Dismissal

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

Your Prayers Are Invited

We hope you will add the following people to your personal prayers. Those who are listed for 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.

Captain Jake Arentzen, USAF (friend of Wes Craig)
Bach Family
Carolee Herzberg (friend of Karen Greilich)
Marge Holmes
Darleen Pappas (friend of Bob Kelly)
Charles Piantieri
Nancy Renner
Barry Spindler (Robin & Glenn Griffin's brother-in-law)
Marie Wilson (member of 60 Plus)
Gary Woodruff (friend of Pastor Kaegler)

**The flowers on the altar today have been sponsored
by Earl & Allison Uehling
in celebration of Abby and Shan's first anniversary!**

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	Wes Craig
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Upcoming Altar Guild: July 5	Marty Frantz
July 19	Sue Frantz

This Week at CLC!

Sunday	9:30 am	Worship at CLC and online
	10:30 am	RIC History Lecture (PH)
	12:00 pm	Poppin' Playground (play yard)
	1:00 pm	Elementary Craft Corner (200)
Monday	9:30 am	Monday Morning Men
	10:00 am – 6:00 pm	PBJ Collection (chapel)
Tuesday	9:00 am – 10:45 am	PBJ Collection (chapel)
	7:00 pm	Pub Theology (Tannery Run)
Wednesday	10:00 am	Bible Study (200)
	10:00 am	Family Stages (chapel)
	7:00 pm	Trivia Night (Tannery Run)
Friday	10:00 am	Family Stages (chapel)
	8:00 pm	AA (200)



SUMMER

July events



11 AM – 12 PM

Lower Elementary Craft Corner (K-3rd)



5:30 PM-7:30 PM

Middle and High School Boardgames



11 AM – 12 PM

Poppin' Playground Party (baby-K)

1 PM – 2 PM

Upper Elementary Youth Group (2nd-5th)



9:30 AM

Family Choir Sings in Worship

Questions? Contact Becca at:
director-spiritualform@christs-oreland.org

Reconciling in Christ

Summer Educational Series



June
Sunday the 28th
10:30 am

LGBTQ+ History
with Kathryn Steen

July
Sunday 19th
1 pm

LGBTQ+ Representation and the Bible
with Rev. Daniel Eisenberg

August
Sunday the 23rd
10:30 am

LGBTQ+ Awkward Questions
with Becca Shelor



Summer Altar Flowers

Share your beautiful blooms or plants from home with our congregation.

Sundays in July, August and the first Sunday in September.

Sign up in the Narthex!

