

October 11, 2026

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



Christ's Lutheran Church
700 East Pennsylvania Avenue
Oreland, Pennsylvania

Regular Worship Schedule 10:30 am

*Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church
connects individuals to God, each other, and the community.*

Welcome to Worship at Christ's Lutheran Church!

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

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,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.**

Turn our hearts back to you.

**Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.
Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ✠ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

Gathering Song ELW # 553 | Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies



- 1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
- 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;
- 3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ-teous-ness, a - rise, tri - umph o'er the shades of night;
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer-cy's beams I see,
fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day - spring from on high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815

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.

Please be seated.

Welcome to Confirmation

Presentation

Dear friends, we gather today with these people who have been called by God's Spirit to inquire into the Christian faith and life. Together, let us welcome them to this community of faith in Jesus Christ.

A sponsor presents each person.

I present _____ to begin their Confirmation and Affirmation of Baptism.

The presiding minister asks each person presented:

What do you ask of God's church?

Response: To hear God's word with you.

What do you seek from God's word?

Response: Faith and fullness of life.

The presiding minister continues:

Grace and mercy are given to all who call upon God's name.

We pray that God may bring you to Christ in baptism.

I invite you to join with this assembly to hear the word of God.

Will you be faithful in learning the way of Christ?

Each person responds: I will, and I ask God to help me.

The presiding minister addresses the sponsors and the assembly.

People of God, will you help these people hear the gospel of Jesus Christ within this household of faith?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

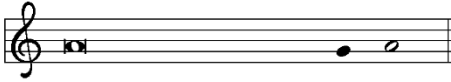
The presiding minister addresses those who have been presented.

_____, gather with this community of faith and hear the word of God with us.

Please stand.

Kyrie

ELW Setting Four



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



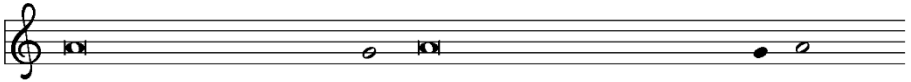
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



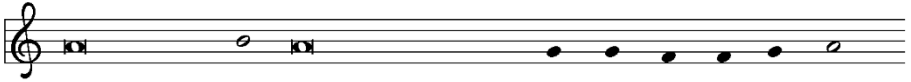
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.

A - men.

Glory to God

ELW Setting Four



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, 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

Isaiah 25:1-9

A reading from Isaiah, chapter 25.

¹ O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

² For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of foreigners is a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.

³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

⁵ the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain

the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;
⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,

“See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might
save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

Lord God, You Love Us

The congregation will sing the following response:

Lord God, you love us, source of com - pas - sion.
Toi, tu nous ai - mes, sour - ce de vie.

Text: Taizé Community

Music: Jacques Berthier

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¹ The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

² The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.

³ You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall
fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Response

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. **Response**

Second Reading

Philippians 4:1-9

A reading from Philippians, chapter 4.

¹ My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown,
stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation (sing twice)

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah
ELW # 172



Music: Caribbean traditional

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand

and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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

Please be seated.

Children’s Message

Pastor Axel Kaegler

A Moment of Prayer

O Lord, Hear My Prayer
ELW # 751

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The melody is primarily in the Treble clef, while the bass clef provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves, with some words in italics. The score consists of two systems, each with a Treble and Bass staff. The first system includes the lyrics: 'O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me. or The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.' The second system includes the lyrics: 'O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me. The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.'

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.
or *The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.*

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

Text: Psalm 102:1–2; Taizé Community, adapt.

Music: HEAR MY PRAYER, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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The Message

Pastor Axel Kaegler

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
Amen.

Please stand.

Hymn of the Day

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending ELW # 678



- 1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and end - less store:
- 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
- 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con - ferred;



na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door,
all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the church made one.
ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel word.



gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise;
Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone;
O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call,



thank - ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
born with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
heal - ing, teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Text: Robert L. Edwards, 1915–2006

Music: RUSTINGTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

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Please be seated.

Sign of the Cross

Those being welcomed and their sponsors come before the assembly:

A sponsor for each person being welcomed traces a cross on the person's forehead as the presiding minister says:

As you begin this journey, receive the ✙ sign of the cross, a sign of God's endless love and mercy for you.

The assembly responds:

Praise to you, O Christ, the wisdom and power of God.

A Bible is presented to each person being welcomed.

The presiding minister blesses those who are being welcomed. At the conclusion of the prayer, the people respond.

Amen.

Becca: God brings you in peace and joy to fullness of life in Christ and calls you into a deeper confirmation of your faith, nourished by the waters of baptism.

The assembly responds:

May the God of all grace, who has called you to glory, support you and make you strong.

Please stand.

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

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

Holy God, we remember your promise of unity on your holy mountain. Empower the World Council of Churches and all those working across religious difference, that the world may know your undivided love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We remember your promise of green pastures and quiet waters. Preserve all places of natural beauty and restore our relationship with the land. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We remember your promise to not abandon us amid storm and disaster. Renew all communities facing disaster and give your courage to those leading relief efforts. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We remember your promise to wipe away every tear. Heal and console all who are sick or suffering. We pray especially for Pat, Patty, the Bach family, the Curtis and Davenport families, the Orrik family, and the Duncan family. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We remember your promise of a banquet open to all people.
Challenge this congregation to open wide our doors and welcome everyone to the table. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We remember your promise to swallow up death forever. We give thanks for those who have gone before us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; 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.

Today's Music: *Our choir anthem today is based on Revelation 19. The song was created during a Sunday evening communion service in 1985. Jeffrey LaValley was serving as the minister of music at the New Jerusalem Baptist Church in Flint, Michigan. During the service, the pastor threw his bible onto the organ and it opened to Revelation 19:1. He told LaValley to spontaneously sing it. LaValley began singing the first melody that came to mind and sang the first verse over and over. The moment was captured by the church's sound man. LaValley later expanded the melody and worked to flesh out the lyrics. Most people would say it was a God moment. The song celebrates praise, salvation, and the reign of God.*

Musical Offering

"Revelation 19"

LaValley

"Hallelujah! Salvation and glory,
Honor and power unto the Lord our God.

For the Lord is omnipotent;
The Lord, our God, He is wonderful"

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

The God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.

Amen.

The God of grace
✠ bless you now and forever.



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



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The Sending Song

Sent Forth by God's Blessing
ELW # 547

Please see the next page for the hymn.

Dismissal

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
Thanks be to God.

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con-fess-ing,
 2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing to God ev-er-liv-ing,

the peo-ple of God from this dwell-ing take leave.
 the tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face—

The sup-per is end-ed. Oh, now be ex-tend-ed,
 our faith ev-er shar-ing, in love ev-er car-ing,

the fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
 em-brac-ing God's chil-dren, the whole hu-man race.

The seed of Christ's teach-ing, re-cep-tive souls
 With your feast you feed us, with your light now

reach-ing, shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
 lead us; u-nite us as one in this life that we share.

Your grace shall in-cite us, your love shall u-nite us
 Then may all the liv-ing with praise and thanks-giv-ing

to give work for your king-dom and an-swer your call.
 give hon-or to Christ and his name that we bear.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.

Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune

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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.

Bach Family
Pat Hallman
Patty Dijenno

The flowers on the altar today have been sponsored by
the Frantz, Devaney, and Walters Families
In celebration of
Chris Reynolds' 96th birthday!

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	George Vermeire
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Upcoming Altar Guild: October 18	Sue Frantz, Carol Christensen
October 25 (Reformation)	Linda Daniels

This Week at CLC!

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 (narthex)
Monday	9:30 am	Monday Morning Men
	10:00 am – 6:00 pm	PBJ Collection (chapel)
	11:00 am	CLC Yarners (200)
	7:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop 1 (PH)
Tuesday	9:00 am – 10:45 am	PBJ Collection (chapel)
	7:00 pm	Council Meeting (200)
	7:00 pm	AOL Scouts (204)
Wednesday	10:00 am	Bible Study (200)
	6:00 pm	Lion, Tiger, Wolf Cubs (200)
	7:00 pm	AA (PH)
Thursday	6:30 pm	Terrific Thursday (Frantz Home)
	7:30 pm	Troop 1 General Selection Meeting (204)
Friday	8:00 pm	AA (200)
Saturday	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast (Halligan's)

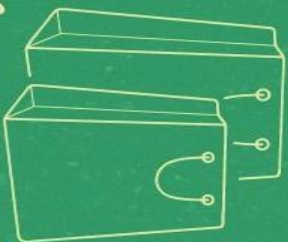


Holiday Craft Fair

Over 25 Unique Local Crafters - Raffle Baskets - Food for Sale
Proceeds of Raffle Baskets & Food Sale go to Willow Grove Baptist Food Pantry

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9 AM to 2 PM

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