

“A Place to Believe, Belong, and Become”



Christ's Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered and welcoming, Christian community committed to encouraging faith-filled living, deepening friendships, and life-changing discipleship.

Welcome! If you are new to worship in a Lutheran church, this introduction will help guide you through our worship service. The prayers, responses, and service music are printed in this bulletin. You will need to use the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) hymnals to sing the hymns. Our Sunday morning service is livestreamed on YouTube and your image may appear.

Communion - All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the gift of Holy Communion. Children who haven't received Holy Communion may also come forward for a blessing. You can either kneel or remain standing when you come to the altar. We offer both wheat and gluten-free wafers, and both wine and grape juice. If you would like to receive grape juice, please take a glass from the tray that has already been filled when you come forward. If you would like to receive a gluten-free wafer, please let Pastor Wayne know when he gives you the bread.

Children are always welcome! Please feel free to walk around in the rear area of our worship space if your child becomes restless. Rest rooms (with diaper decks) are located in the hallway to the right of the entryway. You can find cloth bags containing activities for children aged 3 and older in the back of our worship space. We ask you to please return the cloth bags and their contents (minus any artwork your child creates while you are worshipping) at the end of today's service.

CHRIST'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The 3rd Sunday of Easter

(Please take a moment to silence your electronic devices)

PRELUDE

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

Michael Burkhardt

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING OF CONCERNS

P: He is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Let us acknowledge before God and one another our continuing need for repentance and God's mercy.

P: Most Merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"Christ Is Risen! Alleluia"

ELW #382

GREETING

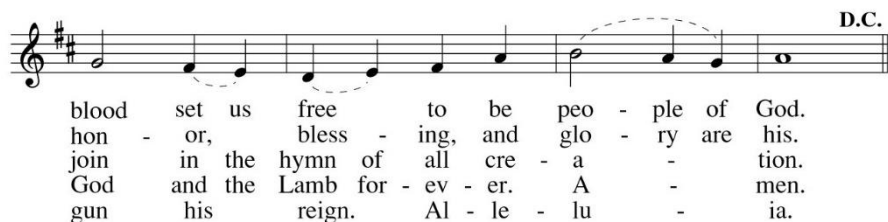
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

This Is the Feast of Victory



1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4. Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5. For the Lamb who was slain has be -



Text: Based on Revelation 5, © 1978, *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. by Augsburg Fortress
 Tune: FESTIVAL CANTICLE, Irregular with refrain; Richard Hillert, 1923–2010, © 1975, 1988, Richard Hillert

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19

And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And his name--by faith in his name--has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. "And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - CELTIC ALLELUIA

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48

As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Wayne Gillespie

(please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" (v. 1, 2, 5, and 7)

ELW #362

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen, and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

P: Lord in your mercy, (*after each petition*)

C: Hear our prayer.

TODAY, WE ARE INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS:

Jean Bottorf, Debbie Faust, Jim Flynn, Steve Gebhard, Bob Gustafson, Ronald "Gus" Gustafson, Kate Hall, Peggy Henry, Oren Keibler, John Magnus, Janice Matthews, Lara Eddy McClain, Charlie Meade, Taylor Niemetz, Lorri Nixon, Linda O'Donnell, Michael O'Donnell, Paul Rizzo, Andrea Schwartz Nutter, Sandy Shaffer, Sandy Tambellini

Praying for Our Mission Partners & Friends:

Phil Karl

Anna Mae & Oren Keibler

Joe & Gretchen Kelly and Family

Holly Kirsch

P: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love, through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C: Amen.



OFFERING to Support God's Work in Our Church and Beyond

This is a time in our service that we use to remember that all that we are, all that we have, and all that we do, is an offering to God.

You can scan the code to download and use our new app [**Christ's Lutheran (ELCA)**] to send your offering, place your offering in the offering plate that is passed at this time in our service, or send your offering to the church by mailing it to: **Christ's Lutheran Church, 5330 Old Logan Ferry Road, Murrysville, PA 15668**

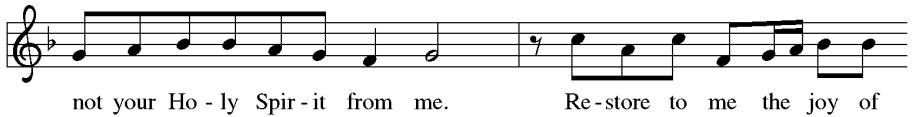


OFFERTORY

"Now the Green Blade Riseth"

Michael Burkhardt

CREATE IN ME



OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and eighth notes.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . (*concluding*)
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who
trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever
and ever.
Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

C: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION *(please be seated)*

(When Communion is finished, please stand)

COMMUNION

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C: Amen.

THE BLESSING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

“AARON’S BLESSING”

Pastor Wayne Gillespie

**May the Lord bless and keep you forever.
May the Lord always be by your side.
May the Lord make His face shine upon you,
and be gracious to you ev’ry day.
May the Lord give you peace on your journey.
May God’s love and peace fill your heart.
May the Lord bless and keep you forever.
May the Lord always be by your side.**

SENDING HYMN

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

ELW #392

THE DISMISSAL

- A.** Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
C. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Toccata”

John Weaver

Pastor

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Pastor Emeritus
Organist

Rev. Steven J. Myers
Kevin Clemens



We appreciate the continued commitment of our Readers, Worship Assistants, Reconcilers, Tech Team, Ushers, and many others who make our worship services happen. You can volunteer by signing up on our app by clicking on Weekend Worship Teams or by contacting the church office.

Thank you for making our Weekend Worship services possible!

MEETINGS IN APRIL

- April 14th @ 11:00 am - Congregational Life Mtg
- April 15th @ 6:30 pm - Worship & Music Meeting
- April 21st @ 6:30 pm - Council Meeting



If you are interested in joining one of our teams, please email the church office.



PARISH ADMINISTRATOR JOB OPENING

We are currently seeking qualified applicants who are interested in serving as our Parish Administrator. General Office Management and Administrative duties, requiring proficiency in Microsoft Office with emphasis on Word and Excel. Part time, 20 hours per week. This job description is posted on our church website and Facebook page. If you are interested in applying, or know someone that would be interested in this position, please send resumes to office@christsmurrysville.org Please be aware that we do not have someone in the office during regular office hours. Please email or call the Church Office to ensure that someone is in the office prior to coming to the church.



Join us on Saturday, April 27th (Rain Date May 4th) at 9:00 am to spruce up the outside of our beautiful church property. Weeding and edging flower beds, cutting off dead branches, spreading mulch, and general yard clean up. Many hands make light work, and your hands can help make a big difference! Please bring gloves and garden tools. Lunch and Fellowship will follow! Look for the sign-up sheet in the entryway or email the church office at office@christsmurrysville.org Please sign up by April 21st. Thank you for helping out!



Come join us for a night of Music, Entertainment, and Fellowship at Christ's Lutheran Church featuring:



Ring Pittsburgh, Friday May 3, 2024 at 7:30pm

Ring Pittsburgh is a community handbell choir founded in 2016 by James Rosetti, who serves as Music and Artistic Director. This ensemble of experienced musicians uses their unique musical art form to entertain and educate audiences across the Pittsburgh area. Please join us for an evening of Fun and Fellowship. For more information visit: www.ringpittsburgh.org



ATTENTION 2024 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

High School Graduation is an important and exciting time. We would like to recognize the students who will be graduating in 2024, as they move on with their future opportunities. Please let us know if you have a student who will be graduating this year. A photo and a summary of your graduate's plans and activities/interests can be submitted to the church office at office@christsmurrysville.org. The information will be posted on our church bulletin board. We're looking forward to congratulating these students!

SAVE THE DATES:



**CHRIST'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 24-28!
SEE YOU THERE!!!**



**CLC ANNUAL FLEA MARKET AND BAKE SALE:
Saturday June 1 ~ 8 am to 2 pm**

This year's flea market is rapidly approaching, so we hope you will keep this in mind as you do your spring cleaning! You may drop off your items beginning Thursday, May 23rd and Friday, May 24th during church office hours, 10 am to 3 pm, and Saturday May 25th and Sunday May 26th when you come to worship services. Tuesday, May 28th through Thursday, May 30th, you may drop off items from 9:15 am to 2 pm and from 6 to 8 pm. We will not be accepting items on Friday, May 31st, which will be strictly a workday for our volunteers! Please remember that the volunteers have to unload, sort and price your items, so please make sure your donated items are clean and usable.



Welcome to the NexTrex Recycling Challenge! Have you noticed two new plastic recycling bins at the church? Christ's Lutheran Church is now registered as part of the NexTrex plastic recycling challenge. We are part of a nationwide plastics recycling effort from the Trex company. Trex makes composite decking and other materials from recycled plastic. If we can collect 1,000 pounds of plastic in a 12-month period, the Trex company will give the church a Trex bench made from recycled plastic: Please bring your plastic items to the church and put them in the bins. The following items can be recycled (All plastic must be clean, dry, and free of food residue): Grocery bags, bread bags, bubble wrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ice bags plastic shipping envelopes, ziploc and other food storage bags, cereal bags, water bottle case overwrap, salt bags, pallet wrap and stretch film, wood pellet bags, and produce bags.

WEEKLY CALENDAR
April 14, 2024 – April 19, 2024

Sunday 4/14

9:00 am
10:00 am
11:00 am
7:30 pm

PRAY FOR OUR CONGREGATION

Little Pantry Sunday

Children & Adult Sunday School
Sunday Morning Worship
Congregational Life Meeting
Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

Monday 4/15

5:30 pm
6:30 pm
8:00 pm

GIVE THANKS FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS

Kindermusik
Worship & Music Meeting
Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Tuesday 4/16

9:00 am
9:30 am
3:30 pm
5:30 pm

PRAY FOR OUR COUNCIL MEMBERS

Sewing Group
Kindermusik
Pastor's Book Club
Kindermusik

Wednesday 4/17

9:30 am
5:30 pm

PRAY FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Kindermusik
Kindermusik

Thursday 4/18

9:30 am
6:30 pm

PRAY FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE

Kindermusik
Church Council Meeting

Friday 4/19

PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES - EVANGELISTS

Saturday 4/20

8:30 am
6:00 pm

OUR CONGREGATION AS WE WORSHIP

Men's Breakfast
Saturday Evening Worship

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