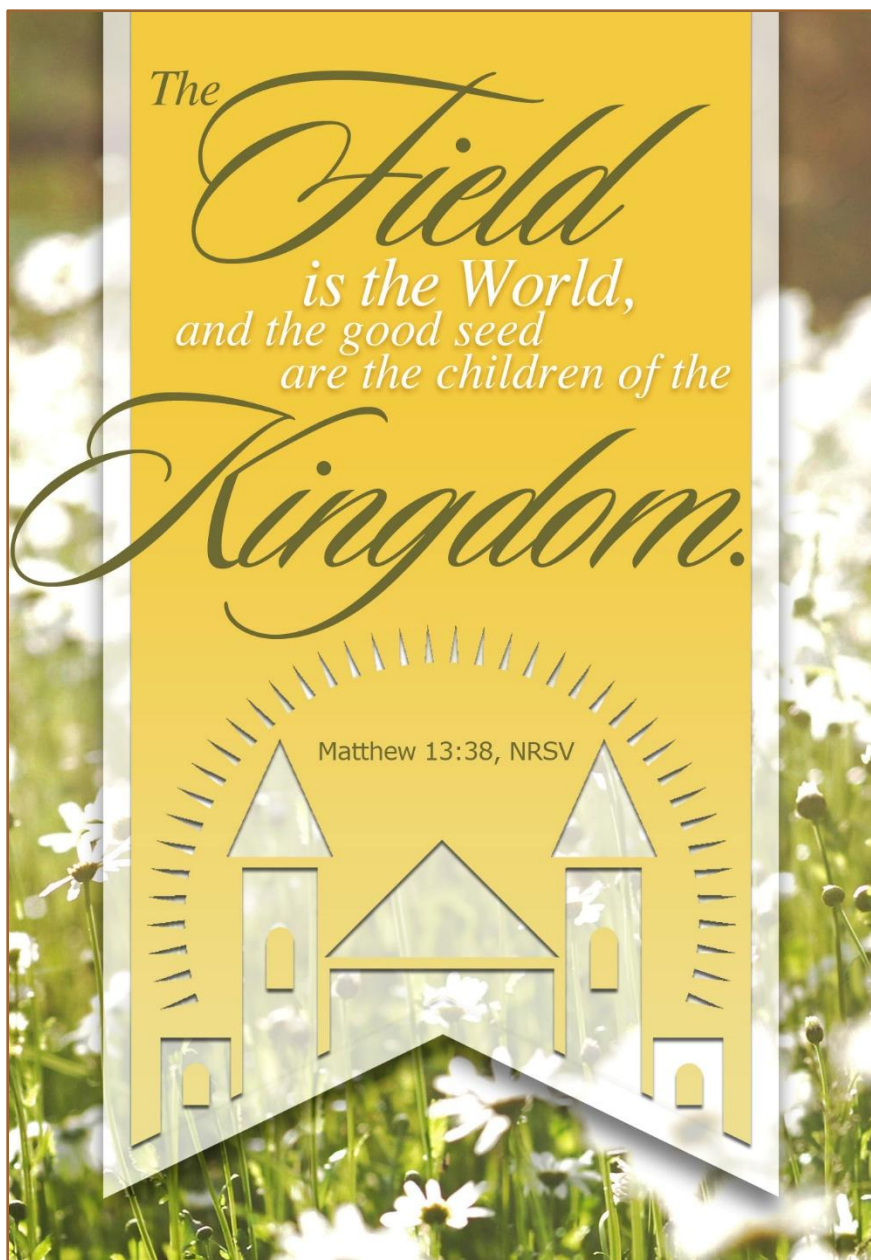


Sunday, July 19, 2026



**Christ's Lutheran Church
Murrysville, Pennsylvania**

"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.

ARE YOU VISITING? START HERE!

Welcome! If you are new to worship in a Lutheran church, this introduction will help guide you through our service. Here are some things to know!

There is a quiet space in the back of the sanctuary if you or your child needs less sensory input or a chance to stretch and move. There are also blue cloth bags with fidget toys and other activities in that space. Please return the bags and their contents (minus any artwork your child creates).

Restrooms (with diaper decks) and a nursery are down the hall on the right. The nursery is unstaffed but has a TV displaying the worship service.

General info:

- The prayers, responses, and service music are printed in this bulletin. Just follow along!
- Words for the longer songs (hymns) are in the red pew books. The hymn numbers are in the bulletin and look like this ELW #.
- All baptized Christians are welcome to come forward for Holy Communion. Children who haven't received Holy Communion may also come forward for a blessing. Please take an empty cup for wine or grape juice on your way forward. We serve both wheat and gluten-free wafers. If you would like to receive a gluten-free wafer, please let the Pastor know.
- Our Sunday morning service is livestreamed on YouTube. Your image may appear. Can't make it to worship? Find us here: <https://www.youtube.com/@christslutheranchurchmurry443>
- We do receive an offering or donation as part of the service. There is a QR code in the bulletin or an envelope in the pew.

CHRIST'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

(Please silence your electronic devices)

PRELUDE

Instrumental

*Please use this time to silently prepare
your hearts and minds for worship*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING OF CONCERNS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(please stand)*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, [God] who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

(Please take a moment in silence for confession.)

P: Let us bring every burden to God.
Compassionate God,

C: 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.

P: In the name of God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. In this time of reconciliation, we experience peace with God through the forgiveness of sins, we share this same peace with one another as a way of showing love and forgiveness to our neighbors.

PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always,

C: And also with you.

P: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"O Holy Spirit, Root of Life"

ELW #399

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.

KYRIE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: 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.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: PSALM 86:11-17 *(please be seated)*

A: Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

**C: I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
and glorify your name forevermore.**

A: For great is your love toward me;
you have delivered me from the pit of death.

**C: The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people seeks my life;
they have not set you before their eyes.**

A: But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

**C: Turn to me and have mercy on me;
give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid.**

A: Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may
see it and be put to shame;
because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

IMAGINATION TIME with Pastor Sue

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(please stand)*



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:24-30, 36-43

[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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

MESSAGE *(please be seated)*

Pastor Sue Washburn

HIStory/OURstory: Wheat and Weeds

HYMN OF THE DAY *(please stand)*
"For the Fruit of All Creation"

ELW #679

PREPARATION FOR BAPTISM *(please be seated)*

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Ps: I present Lennon Ray Magnotti for baptism.

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

Ps: We do.

P: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that your child may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

P: Do you promise to help Lennon grow in the Christian faith and life?

Ps: We do.

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Lennon in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

S: We do.

A: People of God, do you promise to support Lennon and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

C: **We do.**

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: **I renounce them.**

A: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

A: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: **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.**

A: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: **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.**



PRESENTATION OF LENNON RAY MAGNOTTI

ACCLAMATION OF BAPTISM

A: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Welcome to the family of God!

C: Blessed be God, the source of all life, the word of salvation, the spirit of mercy. Alleluia!

P: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Lennon with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(please stand)*

P: Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence

P: God our source, protect your church from those who sow weeds among the wheat. Where we trade grace for judgment, restore us, and where we get lost among the complexities of life, guide us. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God our creator, sustain creation in places not easily seen; the depths of oceans, microscopic plants and animals, galaxies beyond our own. May we share earth's dedication to hope for what we do not yet see. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God our storyteller, may our stories intersect with your big story. May we grow and bear fruit in a world that seems at times to be full of weeds. Thank you for your teachings and parables that guide us as we grow. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God our teacher, thank you for all those who have volunteered for vacation Bible school. Guide our preparations as we look forward to sharing your stories with the children that you have entrusted to us for care and nurture. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Sustainer of faith, we pray for Christ's Lutheran Church as it discerns your call for future ministries. Guide the leadership of

the church to seek your vision first. Inspire everyone to share in the new thing God is doing. Be working in the heart and mind of the next pastor as you prepare them to lead this congregation. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God our rock, be a source of constancy for those whose lives have been uprooted by war, eviction, global climate change, unemployment, harassment, false witness to their character, or illness or injury. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: *Today we pray for:*

Judy Bernardini, Randy Clouser, Kristin DeMarco, Pearl Elliott, David Favero, Chris Fox, Chuck G., Joseph Grabowski, Sr., Peggy Henry, Lisa Lehman, Tom M., John Magnus, Derwood Montgomery, Michael O'Donnell, Evan Pavloff, Jeff Pope, Betty Reagan, Paul Rizzo, Kathy Schultz, Ron Spagna, Marianne Trainor, Terri Veltre, Sue Werner, and the family the friends of Stephen Paulovitch



P: Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

OFFERING *(please be seated)*

P: Our offering is an act of worship, a demonstration of our love for God. The Apostle Paul says: "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." Thank you for your gifts, tithes, and offerings.

You can place your offering in the offering plate that is passed at this time in our service,

You can scan this QR code to our online giving page,

You can use our app to send your offering,

or mail your offering to the church:

Christ's Lutheran Church

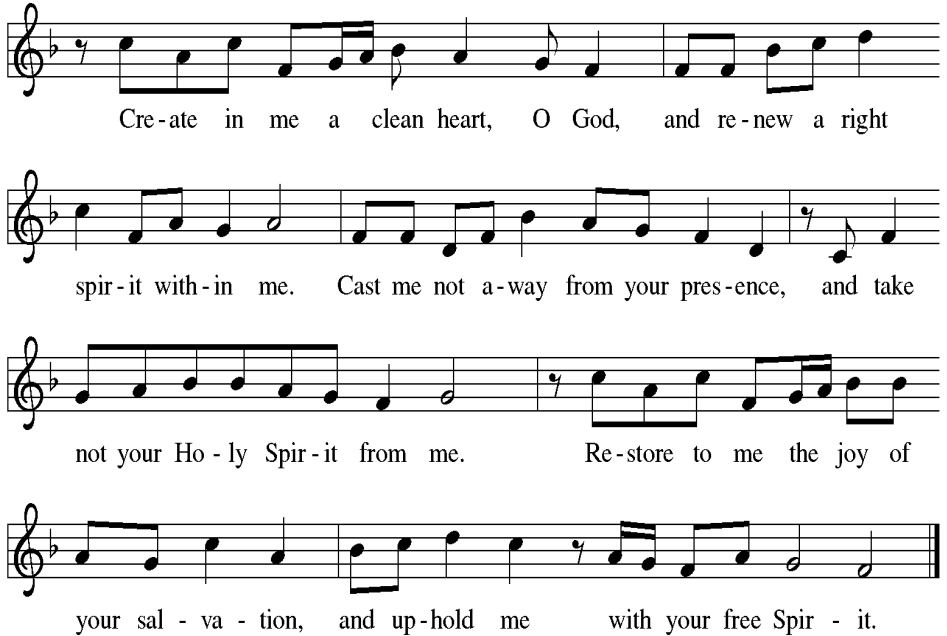
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THE OFFERTORY

Instrumental

OFFERTORY RESPONSE *(please stand)*



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven 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.

The musical notation is written on four staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn, the second and third staves contain the second line, and the fourth staff contains the third line. The notation includes various note values (quarter, eighth, and half notes) and rests, with some notes beamed together. The final note of the fourth staff is a whole note, indicating the end of the phrase.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us now pray together as Jesus taught us.

C: 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.

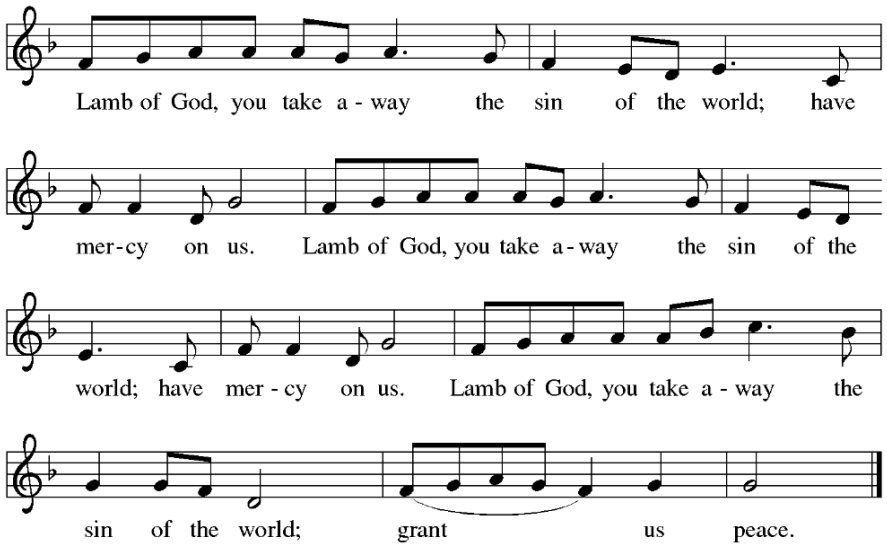
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Heaven has come near.

Come, share in the feast!

C: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the gift of Holy Communion. You may come forward and take an empty cup for wine or a filled cup of grape juice to the altar. If you are unable to come forward, please let us know and we will come to you. When Communion is finished, please stand.

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

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C: **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

A: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Instrumental

Pastor	Rev. Sue Washburn
Pastor Emeritus	Rev. Steven J. Myers
Organist	Joshua Beck
Pianist	Nancy Finke Sheehan
Laura Vincenti	Parish Administrator

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Pastor Sue’s Community Hours

Pastor will be holding drop-ins in community locations. Stop by to say hi, to chat, to ask theological questions or any kind of questions! Feel free to bring your friends along...

Wednesday, July 22nd from 10 am to Noon Dunkin
3980 William Penn Highway, Murrys ville

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**Pastor Sue’s Drop-In Office Hours     *Fridays from 10 am to 12 pm***

***Please feel free to stop by to talk about what’s on your mind.***  
You can also schedule time with Pastor Sue by using this link to her calendar, where you can set up a specific time and location:  
<https://calendar.app.google/HfC4jyoazNMnGwnW6>



# OLDER WISER LUTHERAN SENIORS

We're proud to be honoring this elite group of Christ's Lutheran members **age 80 and older** at our OWLS Recognition Luncheon in October.

*But the deadline is quickly approaching to make sure you're included.*

If you've turned 80 in the last two years, or will be turning 80 between now and December, please let us know so we can be sure to invite you.

And those of you who are, or will soon be, age 90 are **HOOT OWLS!** Please let us know that you've reached this milestone.

This is a wonderful time to get reacquainted with other OWLS and meet new members of the gang. We guarantee a good meal, many laughs, time to reminisce, and a warm feeling of friendship.

Even if you have been invited to the OWLS luncheon in the past, feel free to check with the office to make sure you're on the list. [office@christsmurrys ville.org](mailto:office@christsmurrys ville.org) or 412-795-1212.

We are so looking forward to welcoming and celebrating **YOU** this October!

# AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup> IS VBS CELEBRATION SUNDAY!!!



Join us as our VBS children share some of their favorite songs during our 10 AM worship service, and celebrate all they've learned throughout the week.

The Millie's Homemade Ice Cream truck will be on site after the service, *so stick around* and purchase a Millie's cone, one of Pittsburgh's most *highly rated treats*.

## BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH

All children are welcome; this event is not limited to Christ's Lutheran members.



School supplies, food, fun and a blessing to start the school year!



Look for more info coming soon!

**Mission Study Focus Groups**

Join us to share your thoughts about the communities outside of Christ's Lutheran and how our church is impacted by what's happening around us. **Your Voice is Important** during this information gathering portion of CLC's Interim process.

- Tuesday, July 28 @ 10:00 am In-person

Wednesday, August 5 @ 6:30 pm ONLINE ONLY

Wednesday, September 9 @ 6:50 pm ONLINE ONLY



Scan the QR code to register, or signup on the form in the Entryway

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Ladies' Brunch: Saturday, July 25th 11:00 – 1:00

Please join us for food & sistership on the **4th Saturday of each month** when we can enjoy our time together. Young ladies are welcome, too!

Any tasty treat you'd like to share is appreciated.

Kindly register so we know how many to prepare for: on our website, on our app, or on the sign-up sheet at church

We look forward to seeing you!

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VBS is coming up quick! Make sure your kids, grandkids, nieces & nephews, and the kids in your neighborhood are coming for the fun. Scan the QR code to register, there are also paper registration forms available. Need information emailed to forward to others? Contact the office at [office@christsmurrysville.org](mailto:office@christsmurrysville.org) or 412-795-1212.



**Our church office is open:**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

**9 am-12:00 pm, 12:30 pm-2:30 pm**

The office is closed on Wednesday.

## **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**July 19<sup>th</sup> – June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

***Keep our Ministry and Community in Your Prayers Each Day This Week***

### **Sunday 7/19**

***The volunteers of the Worship Team, who contribute their time to assist in our services***

10:00 am

Sunday Worship

*live streamed at [christsmurrys ville.org](http://christsmurrys ville.org)*

7:30 pm

Narcotics Anonymous

### **Monday 7/20**

***Those who work for world peace***

8:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous

### **Tuesday 7/21**

***The members of our Support Team, who provide oversight for the administrative, technical and financial functions of our church***

9:00 am

Stitched With Love

9:30 am

Kindermusik

6:30 pm

Support Team meeting

### **Wednesday 7/22**

***Those who struggle with depression and mental illness***

10:00 am - noon

Pastor Sue Community Office Hours - Dunkin

10:00 am

Kindermusik

6:00 pm

Backyard Bible Study

### **Thursday 7/23**

***Parents and those serving in parenting roles***

9:30 am

Kindermusik

### **Friday 7/24**

***Pastor Sue, as she prepares her sermons and leads us in worship***

10:00 am - noon

Pastor Sue Drop-In Office Hours

### **Saturday 7/25**

***First responders***

11:00 am

Ladies' Brunch

6:00 pm

Saturday Worship

### **Sunday 7/26**

***Josh Beck and Nancy Sheehan, our church musicians***

10:00 am

Sunday Worship

*live streamed at [christsmurrys ville.org](http://christsmurrys ville.org)*

7:30 pm

Narcotics Anonymous