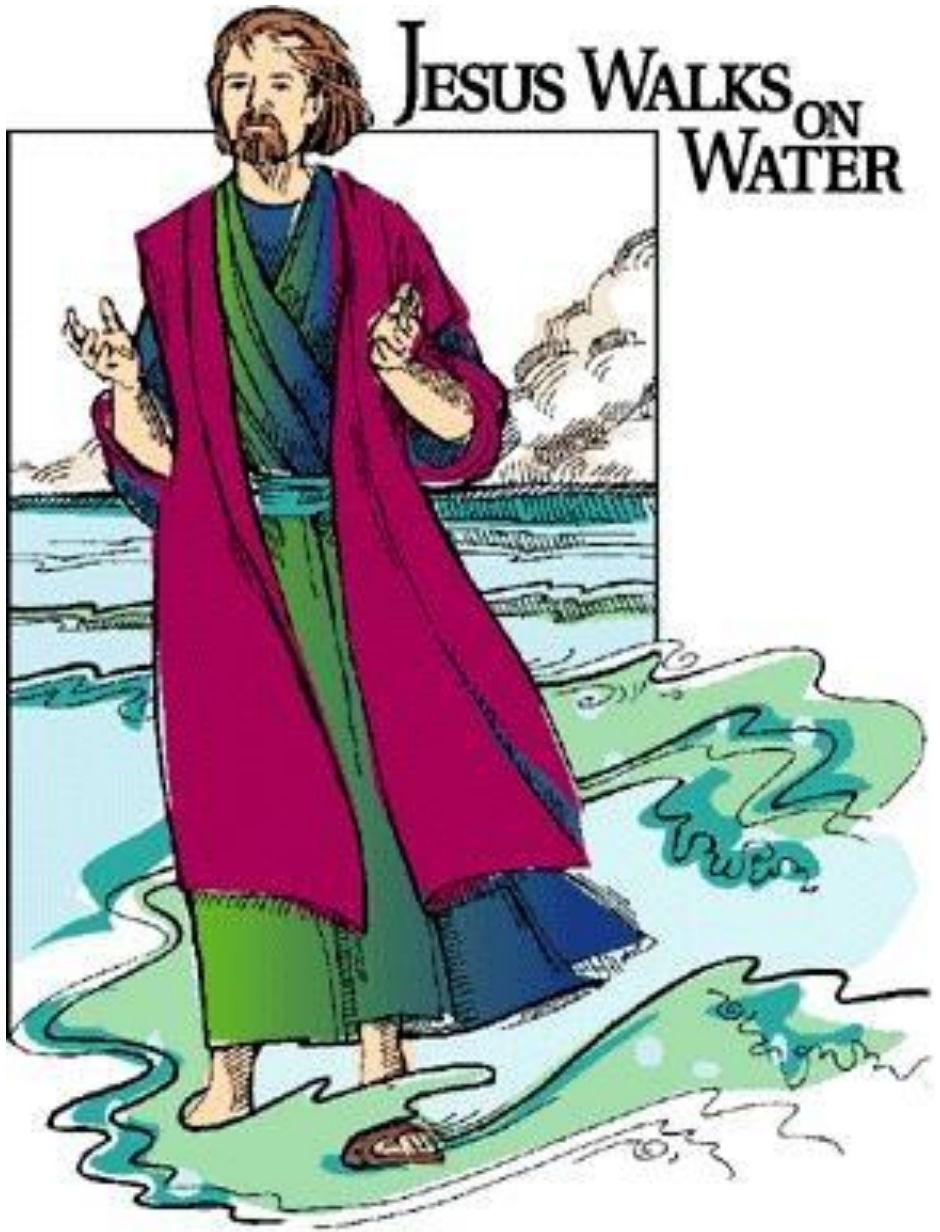


Sunday, August 2, 2026



***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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Tenth 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: Let us confess our sin to God.

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.

C: 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.

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.

OPENING HYMN

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

Verse:

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice with us and sing
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Oh, burning sun with golden beam
And silver moon with softer gleam

Chorus:

Oh, praise Him! Oh, praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Repeat Verse and Chorus

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: O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: PSALM 105:1-6 *(please be seated)*

A: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's name;
make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples.

**C: Sing to the Lord, sing praises,
and speak of all God's marvelous works.**

A: Glory in God's holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice

**C: Search for the strength of the Lord;
continually seek God's face.**

A: Remember the marvels God has done,
the wonders and the judgments of God's mouth,

**C: O offspring of Abraham, God's servant,
O children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 10:5-12

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.

IMAGINATION TIME with Pastor Sue

VBS ANTHEM

(please stand)

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 14:22-33

[Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE *(please be seated)*

Pastor Sue Washburn

HYMN OF THE DAY *(please stand)*

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

ELW #773

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

We say together what Christians have believed for centuries.

A: Please join me in affirming our faith together

**C: 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 *(please stand)*

P: With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence

P: We pray for the servants of your gospel in every place, that your word may be heard. Where your voice is scorned and your people persecuted, strengthen the church in its faithful witness. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For this world you have created, that all life may flourish. Preserve biodiversity in all its variety and help ecosystems to survive the extremes of a changing climate. Move our hearts with compassion to join in this work. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For leaders of towns, states, nations, and organizations, and all who are in positions of authority, that they lead with justice and integrity. Teach us to respond with Christlike mercy to all who are afraid or in danger Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For this congregation and its ministries, that they reflect your love and life amid a turbulent world. Guide council members, elders, and other church leaders with your still, calm voice. 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. We pray for bishops, candidacy committees, those preparing for

seminary, those awaiting call as deacons or pastors, and all who seek to lead your disciples in any way. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For all who struggle amid the storms of life, that they find peace and hope in your loving presence. Comfort any who are lonely and grieving and all who suffer (*especially* Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: *Today we pray for:*

Robert Bante, Judy Bernardini, Cheryl,
Randy Clouser, Kristin DeMarco, Pearl
Elliott, Joel Erwin, David Favero, Chuck G.,
Joseph Grabowski, Sr., Peggy Henry,
James Holt III, Lisa Lehman, Tom M., John
Magnus, Derwood Montgomery, Michael
O'Donnell, Jeff Pope, Betty Reagan, Paul Rizzo, Kathy
Schultz, Ron Spagna, Marianne Trainor, Terri Veltre, Sue
Werner, Amy Wineman, and the family and friends of
Stephen Paulovitch



P: We give thanks for the faithful who have gone before us. Guide us in our earthly journey, that we may one day join them in your eternal kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

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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.

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

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

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.

SENDING HYMN

“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”

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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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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Sunday, August 16th at 10:00 AM

All children are welcome; this event is not limited to Christ's Lutheran members. School supplies, food, fun and a blessing for the school year!

Please register so we know how many to prepare for:

- from the homepage on our website, christsmurrysville.org
- via email: office@christsmurrysville.org
- by phone: 412-795-1212
- or sign up on the sheet in the Entryway

Please help us gather school supplies for the Blessing of the Backpacks

Based on the first letter of your last name...
please drop off your donation into the box in the entryway by
Saturday, August 15th. Thank you!

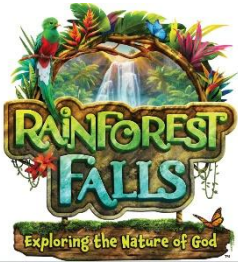
A - E	1" Binders, Filler Paper, Pink school erasers
F - J	Highlighters, Rulers (6")
K - O	Pocket folders, Glue sticks
P - S	Colored pencils, #2 pencils, Ball point pens (Blue or black)
T - Z	Soft-sided pencil cases, Crayons (24 pack)

Items not distributed will be put into the Little Pantry

**We had Great Time at
Vacation Bible School**

This week was so joyful, with over 30 kids learning, playing and celebrating God! For many of them, this was their first ever time visiting Christ's Lutheran.

There are too many people to thank in this space but check out CLC's August newsletter for more info and lots of pictures.



It's Dine to Donate time!

**Wednesday, August 19th
Max & Erma's in Monroeville**

Flyers are on the table in the Entryway

If you placed **outdoor VBS signs**, can you please collect them and return them to the church. That's our responsibility, plus we'd like to hold on to the metal stands, and we hope to reuse the signs at some point. Thanks!

Men, join us on the second Saturday of each month at 8:30 am when we serve up a traditional breakfast and spend time in fellowship. Our next **Men's Breakfast** will be on **August 8th** at 8:30 am in the downstairs social hall. **No RSVP, you're welcome anytime.**

CHRIST'S LITTLE PANTRY WEEKEND August 8th & 9th – Thank you to



everyone who has been contributing to our Little Pantry. The food in the Pantry goes quickly and we have been replenishing almost daily. Scan this QR code or contact the church office a list of our current needs,

We appreciate your support, **but PLEASE DO NOT DONATE ANY CANNED VEGETABLES OR BEANS AT THIS TIME!**

Caring Hearts & Hands serves homebound CLC members and friends. Our next meeting will be at **9:30 AM, Thursday, August 13th**, when we will be packing and delivering our box lunches to those on our care list. Come join the fun!

If you or someone you know could benefit from our outreach, or if you have questions, please call Romaine Miller at 412-996-4915.

Final Focus Group Opportunities

Wednesday, August 5 @ 6:30 pm ONLINE

Wednesday, September 9 @ 6:50 pm ONLINE

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



Pastor Sue’s Community Drop-In Hours

In August, you can find Pastor Sue at the McDonalds on Rt. 286 in Holiday Park for her time to chat one-on-one with anyone who wants to stop by. Drop-Ins are on Wednesdays from 10 am to 12 noon.

August 5th, 19th and 26th (no Drop-In Hours on August 12th).

Or talk privately with Pastor Sue during her office hours at the church on Fridays from 10 am to 12 noon (no office hours on August 14th).

Calling all craft vendors!

Are you, or someone you know, a maker of handmade crafts, home décor, gifts, jewelry, soaps, woodwork, body care products, or other artisan goods?

CLC’s Fall Craft Show and Bake Sale is on Saturday, October 3rd. Vendor tables are \$20 (\$25 with electric). Show off your craftsmanship and sell your goods. Registration forms are available by contacting the church at office@christsmurrys ville.org or 412-795-1212.

CLC’s Outreach Team

This is the Team that works on projects and events inside our church and outside in our community. The goals of our Team are to serve our congregation and to build our presence in our community, with a focus on inviting people visit our wonderful church.

Our Team needs a few **new members** to help plan and execute our projects. And the Team needs a **chairperson** to lead and guide us in our activities. For more information, contact the church office at 412-795-1212 or office@christsmurrys ville.org

Kick Off Weekend September 19th & 20th

Christ’s Lutheran will be kicking off a new season of fun, friends and faith with meaningful sermons, community service projects, Sunday School, a Blessing of the Pets in October, and more opportunities that will help you feel connected and encouraged.

Plan to be with your church family & friends at the Tailgate Picnic!

Our church office is open: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
9 am-12:00 pm, 12:30 pm-2:30 pm

WEEKLY CALENDAR

August 2nd – August 9th, 2026

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

Sunday 8/2

All who faithfully serve our congregation

10:00 am

Sunday Worship

live streamed at christsmurrysvalle.org

10:00 am

VBS Celebration Sunday & Millie's Ice Cream

7:30 pm

Narcotics Anonymous

Monday 8/3

Those who donate to our annual Coat and Toy Drives, which benefit Plum Food Pantry families

8:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday 8/4

Those who donate yarn (new or from the thrift store) to support our Prayer Shawl Ministry and the knitting and crocheting of items for cancer patients and others in need

9:00 am

Stitched With Love

6:00 pm

Girl Scouts

Wednesday 8/5

All who donate school supplies in support of CLC's Blessing of the Backpacks distribution

9:00 am

Property Committee Meeting

10 am – noon

Pastor Sue's Community Drop-In Hours

6:30 pm

Mission Study Focus Group - Online

Thursday 8/6

Those who bring eyeglasses, printer cartridges and cell phones to pass on to the Lion's Club to support their services to our communities

Friday 8/7

Those who bring their pop tops from canned goods in support of Ronald McDonald House

10:00 am - noon

Pastor Sue Drop-In Office Hours

LITTLE PANTRY WEEKEND

Saturday 8/8

Those who bring their plastics to be recycled, keeping plastic out of landfills and oceans

8:30 am

Men's Breakfast

6:00 pm

Saturday Worship

Sunday 8/9

Those who donate food and paper products to our Little Pantry

10:00 am

Sunday Worship

live streamed at christsmurrysvalle.org

7:30 pm

Narcotics Anonymous