

Sunday, March 22, 2026

*"I am the resurrection
and the life.
He who believes
in me will live..."*



John 11:25, NIV

**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.

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 the Pastor know when you are given 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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Office: 412-795-1212

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Website: www.christsmurrysville.org

App: Christ's Lutheran (ELCA)

Fifth Sunday in Lent

(Please silence your electronic devices)

PRELUDE

Instrumental

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING OF CONCERNS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love. For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you;

Gracious God, have mercy on us according to your steadfast love. For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word;

Gracious God, have mercy on us according to your steadfast love. For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit;

Gracious God, have mercy on us according to your steadfast love. For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdaining the living water Christ offers;

Gracious God, have mercy on us according to your steadfast love. For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world;

Gracious God, have mercy on us according to your steadfast love. For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life;

P: God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

ELW #631

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: Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through 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: EZEKIEL 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "Sovereign LORD, you alone know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.' " So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.' " So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army. Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' Therefore prophecy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.' "

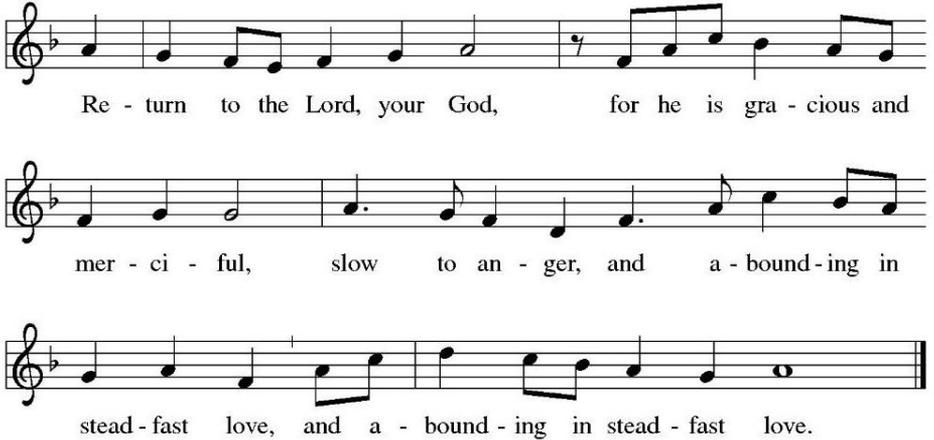
SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:6-11

The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will

also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

IMAGINATION TIME with Pastor Sue

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 11:1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to

him.” Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.” When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.” When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.” Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Pastor Sue Washburn

Encountering Jesus

(please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Christ, the Life of All the Living"

ELW #339

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: Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence,
let us pray for the world and its needs.

A brief silence

P: We pray for the church. Grant life and peace to all who gather in
your name. Breathe into us so that we may share your message
of forgiveness, hope, and love. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: We pray for creation. Renew landscapes that have dried up,
prosper the work of those who restore homes and habitats after
natural disasters, and sustain places where biodiversity thrives.
Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: We pray for the nations. Unbind leaders trapped by fear to act boldly for justice, free all who live in places of war and violence especially in the Middle East, Ukraine, and the countries that don't make our newsfeeds. Guide refugees and asylum seekers to safety. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: We pray for all people in need. Take away the stone of poverty that weighs down so many. Console any who weep and heal all who are sick. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: We offer our thanksgiving for all people who have died in faith. Give us faith to trust in your power to redeem and save, and bring us up from our graves to life in you. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

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

Lindsey Boyer, Randy Clouser, Joann Crosby, Nancy Feibig, Peggy Henry, Derwood Montgomery, Evan Pavloff, Rachel, Betty Reagan, Paul Rizzo, Lonnie Shurnia, Ron Spagna, Marianne Trainor, Sue Werner



**PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH MEMBERS AND
FRIENDS:**

David Willome The Wilson Family
Jessica Wimer Scott, Amy, Abby & Jacob Wineman

P: Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

C: Amen.

THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The congregation greets one another in the name of the Lord.

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 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



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: O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name.

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: Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

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

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

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

THE BLESSING

P: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, † bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

ELW #596

THE DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Instrumental

Intentional Interim Pastor
Pastor Emeritus
Organist
Pianist
Parish Administrator

Rev. Sue Washburn
Rev. Steven J. Myers
Joshua Beck
Nancy Finke Sheehan
Laura Vincenti

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

Christ's Lutheran Church will be receiving new members in June. If you'd like to join the church or would like to learn more about CLC before deciding to join, please pick up a New Member Questionnaire or Information Request in the Entryway.



KIDS!

Join us for a Palm Sunday parade in worship. We'll shout Hosanna and wave our palm leaves as we celebrate Jesus!

March 29 after the egg hunt!

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All kids are welcome to join! We'll meet in the back of the church at 9:45 on Sunday.

The Kiski Valley Community Band

presents

Springtime Sounds

Saturday, April 25th 7:30 pm

A free concert hosted by **Christ's Lutheran**

Donations will benefit:

The Kiski Valley Food Bank and
the Plum Food Pantry



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES



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|---------------------------|---------|----------|
| Maundy Thursday * | April 2 | 7:00 pm |
| Good Friday * | April 3 | 7:00 pm |
| Easter Worship (Saturday) | April 4 | 6:00 pm |
| Easter Worship (Sunday) * | April 5 | 10:00 am |

**livestreamed at christsmurrysville.org*

LENTEN LEARNING

Discernment and Prayer

Mondays from 1-2PM March 9 - 30

Christian discernment and prayer has taken many forms throughout the centuries.

Discover new ways to grow closer to God!



Saturday, April 4 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 5 11:15 am

WANTED: Paper folders to help CLC prepare for Easter!

Origami is easy to do and a great project for kids. We're looking for a whole bunch of butterflies, birds and cranes to decorate one of our bulletin boards.

YouTube has lots of video instructions. Help yourself to color paper and get folding. Drop your origamis in the basket in the church entryway labeled "Adrienne's Origami." We'll need them by March 29th.





Pipes, Peals, Piano and Pizza
 Featuring our organist Joshua Beck!
Sunday, March 22, 2026 4:00pm
First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Greensburg

Christ's Lutheran Church's Annual
EASTER EGG HUNT
SUNDAY, March 29th
9 AM – 10 AM
 CANDY, SNACKS, CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES
 Bring a basket or bag, bring a friend, and come join the fun!
 Ages 1-15



**Stay
 for Palm
 Sunday
 worship at
 10**





Donations of individually wrapped fun size and small candies for the Easter Egg Hunt would be appreciated. A basket for donations is in the church entryway by the office.



Volunteers, hop on into the fun of the Hunt!
 Sign up on the sheet in the entryway



**YOUTH GROUP
BOWLING**

NESBIT'S LANES
MARCH 22ND 12-2 PM
\$18/PERSON PIZZA AND SOFT DRINKS INCLUDED
RSVP BY 3/15 - AWINEMAN@OUTLOOK.COM

AGES 13-18 BRING A FRIEND!



**DINING
to DONATE**

Thursday, March 26th! ALL DAY



THE ***OFFICIAL EVENT FLYER*** IS ON
THE BACK COVER OF THIS BULLETIN



There will be no

Sunday SCHOOL

On Easter Sunday, April 5th

Ladies Brunch Saturday, March 28th 11:00 am



Ladies of the church - Please join us for food & sistership on the **4th Saturday of each month** for all of us to enjoy our time together.

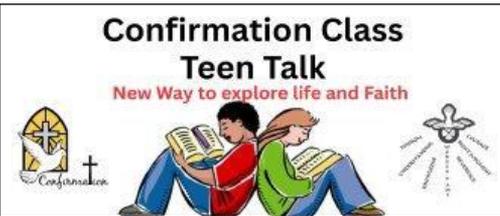
Any tasty treat you'd like to share is appreciated.

Kindly register so we know how many to prepare for: Register on our website or via our app, or sign-up on the sheet in the entryway.

When Thrivent donors direct their Choice dollars through the Thrivent Choice program, members can recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes some of its grant dollars among thousands of NPOs and congregations. **Christ's Lutheran is an eligible recipient.**



2025 Choice dollar allocations must be made by **March 31, 2026**. *Please consider Christ's Lutheran as your designee.*



**Rescheduled to
Sunday, April 12th
6:00 pm**

Thank you for continuing to bring your plastic bags for recycling!

All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue.



Please check the sticker on the front of the recycling bin for the list of what plastics cannot be recycled.

Receive Important CLC Information Via Text

If you would like to receive notifications of CLC services and events on your smart phone:

- Download the CLC app on your smart phone
 - ~ Scan the QR code to be taken to our app download page
 - ~ Or search Christ's Lutheran (ELCA) in your app store
 - ~ Or, in your browser, follow this link: <https://get.theapp.co/rdgs> to our app download page
- Update your profile in the app with your mobile phone number as the prime number - a land line phone number will not work



- Make sure that you have not turned off the notifications in Settings on your Smartphone. The default is enabled.

If you have any questions or need assistance, any member of council can help you, or contact the church office at 412-795-1212 or office@christsmurrysville.org

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Churches and their members are a favorite target of phone scammers, and there has been an uptick in scammers spoofing church phone numbers and using AI to recreate a familiar voice.

Even if you receive a call from someone that sounds like someone from CLC or comes from a phone number that IDs as Christ's Lutheran or Pastor Sue, please know that neither our Pastor nor staff will call and ask you to share contact or personal information about other members of our church. This could include information you may know about someone because you worship or volunteer together, or information you'd look up in a church directory or other CLC resources.



Nor will Pastor Sue (or other staff) call or text to ask you to buy a gift card or go to a bank for her. This is a scammer favorite!

**Stay safe!**



### CLC's Prayer Circle

Ann Rockette is our Prayer Circle Coordinator. You can send your prayer request through CLC's website or app or by phoning or emailing the office: 412-795-1212, [office@christsmurrysville.org](mailto:office@christsmurrysville.org)

**Do you want to be part of our ministry of prayer?** Contact the office to be added to the list of those notified of requests for prayers.



# & *bake sale*

## **Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> 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:

- Thursday, May 28 and Friday, May 29 between 9 AM and 2:30 pm.
- Saturday May 30 and Sunday May 31 when you come to worship services.
- Monday, June 1, Tuesday, June 2 and Thursday, June 4 from 9 AM to 2:30 PM **and** from 6-8 PM.

We are not accepting flea market items on Friday, June 5, as this is strictly a workday for our volunteers. Please remember that volunteers must unload, sort and set up your items. Please make sure *your donated items are clean and usable*.

Please remember that **we cannot accept the following** due to the difficulty or cost of disposing of them if they do not sell; hazardous materials including automotive oil and lubricants, paints and aerosols, household cleaners, TVs, computers and related items, clothing, boots and shoes, large furniture or large exercise equipment such as weight benches, treadmills and ellipticals. Baby car seats and bike helmets have expiration dates, please check dates before donating, as we cannot sell them past expiration.

**Baked goods can be dropped off Friday, June 5**, during regular church office hours. Pre bagged cookies in either 1/2 dozen or dozen amounts, brownies, mini loaves of breads or cakes are great sellers.

Signup sheets for flea market and bake sale volunteers are in the Entryway. Help with set-up, day of sale or cleanup is welcome and appreciated!!

*Thanks for your support!*

**Love to Puzzle?** Join other puzzle lovers for fun and fellowship as we build together. [office@christsmurrysville.org](mailto:office@christsmurrysville.org) or 412-795-1212 for puzzle group dates and times.

Or, the puzzle is in the downstairs social hall. Drop in at any time to work on it!





**PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING TO HEIFER INTERNATIONAL DURING LENT**

Heifer is a non-profit organization in its 82nd year whose mission is to end hunger and poverty in a sustainable way while caring for the Earth. They are currently in 19 countries, including the US, and in four continents. Charity Navigator rated Heifer 4 of 4 stars with a 98% rating.

Since Dan West started the program in 1944 after working with refugees of the Spanish Civil War, 59.8 million households have been helped. In 2025 Heifer helped 1.4 million households.

Heifer's program is not just a handout. They support and invest in local, small-scale farmers and in their communities to end food insecurity. People are taught to become self-reliant and to make living incomes. Heifer starts with a seed investment of livestock or agriculture and mentors farmers to build businesses, then to gain access to markets. About 2/3 of the participants are women who reinvest up to 90% of their incomes back into their families. In 2025 total sales were \$51 million. Some of the profits can be used to build schools to educate their children and to buy medicine.

Heifer has 12 cornerstones including Passing the Gift in which at least one animal or assets must be passed along to other families. Knowledge and training are also passed along so the recipient becomes the donor. Spirituality is another cornerstone in which the love of Jesus is shared by serving others.

Last year, we donated \$1,217, which was DOUBLED by matches from businesses and individuals. Our donation will be MATCHED again this year! **CLC has given \$41,807 since 1992.** You can make a tax-deductible donation by writing a check to Christ's Lutheran and writing "Heifer" on the memo line or by using our church's website or app.

You can find more information at [heifer.org](http://heifer.org) or from the bulletin board in the entryway. Thank you for your consideration and generosity.



Deadline for the weekly bulletin:  
**End of the day on Wednesdays**

Drop off your article at the office or email it to  
[office@christsmurrysville.org](mailto:office@christsmurrysville.org)



**REMINDER: Our church's exterior doors are locked at the beginning of services.**



## CHRIST'S LITTLE PANTRY

*Are you, or someone you know, experiencing food insecurity?*

*If you need food, "Take what you need."*

*If you have extra food to share, please "Leave what you can."*

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU** to everyone who has been contributing to the success of our Little Pantry. The food in the pantry goes quickly and we have been replenishing the pantry almost daily.

As food insecurity continues, variety is important in choosing the items that people can find in the Little Pantry. We are asking you to focus on cereal and other breakfast items, complete pancake mixes (made with water), syrup, peanut butter, jelly, soup, tuna & other canned meats, fruit (canned or in individual packs), lunchbox foods and baby food. Please remember, when you bring your donations to the church, you can put your items directly into the Little Pantry or leave them in the grocery cart in our entryway.



You can also support the Little Pantry with a cash donation that's clearly marked, "Little Pantry."

NOTE: we've learned that special permits from the State and Health Department are needed have any type of fresh food (fruit, veggies, eggs, potatoes, etc.) into the pantry, so we can no longer accept fresh food.

Please remember that our Little Pantry may provide the only food a family has to meet its needs — protein is very important.

Please continue to support this ministry, knowing that your generosity will help families right here in the Plum & Murrysville area.

## **Create a Lasting Legacy**

Are you considering a special gift or an estate gift to Christ's Lutheran Church?



Gift planning services are available at no cost to you through the services of the ELCA Foundation and our Regional Gift Planner, Ryan Ebner.

Ryan can assist you with establishing a comprehensive estate plan that provides for your family and the ministries you care about.

See the "Legacy and Special Gifts" brochure in the rack outside of the office for more information. You can contact Ryan at (814)-823-3285 or [ryan.ebner@elca.org](mailto:ryan.ebner@elca.org).

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

March 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> 2026

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

## Sunday 3/22

9:00 am  
10:00 am  
12:00 pm  
7:30 pm

### *The youth of our church*

Sunday School  
Morning Worship  
YOUTH GROUP BOWLING EVENT  
Narcotics Anonymous

## Monday 3/23

1:00 pm  
5:00 pm  
8:00 pm

### *Those who join in our service via livestream*

Lenten Learning  
Kindermusik  
Alcoholics Anonymous

## Tuesday 3/24

9:00 am  
9:30 am  
10:00 am  
10:00 am  
5:00 pm  
6:00 pm  
6:30 pm

### *Teachers, aides and school support staff*

Stitched With Love  
Kindermusik  
Congregational Life Team Meeting  
Outreach Team Meeting  
Kindermusik  
Girl Scouts  
Support Team Meeting

## Wednesday 3/25

10:00 am

### *The ministry of Heifer International*

Kindermusik

## Thursday 3/26

### **ALL DAY**

9:00 am

### *The success of our church's efforts to increase our revenue*

#### **APPLEBEE'S DINING TO DONATE**

Kindermusik

## Friday 3/27

4:00 pm  
5:30 pm

### *Joyce Perrone, as she works with dogs and their handlers to learn and improve scent work skills*

Scent Training for Dogs  
Scent Training for Dogs

## Saturday 3/28

11:00 am  
6:00 pm

### *The women of our congregation*

Ladies' Brunch  
Palm Saturday Evening Worship

## Sunday 3/29

9:00 am  
9:00 am  
9:45 am  
10:00 am  
7:30 pm

### *Pastor Sue Washburn as she prepares to lead our congregation through the Easter Season*

Easter Egg Hunt  
Sunday School for Adults  
Kids Palm Sunday Parade  
Palm Sunday Morning Worship  
Narcotics Anonymous



# DINING to DONATE



Join us for a fun night at Applebee's all  
while raising money for

**Christ's Lutheran Church**

Thursday - March 26, 2026

All Day

4920 William Penn Highway

Murrysville, PA - 15668

Available **TO GO** with code **DoinGood**

*Doin' Good in  
the Neighborhood*  
Applebee's

*For dine-in and To Go orders placed over the phone, guests must show **THIS EVENT FLYER**, either paper or electronic, to server at time of order or To Go Specialist at order pickup.*