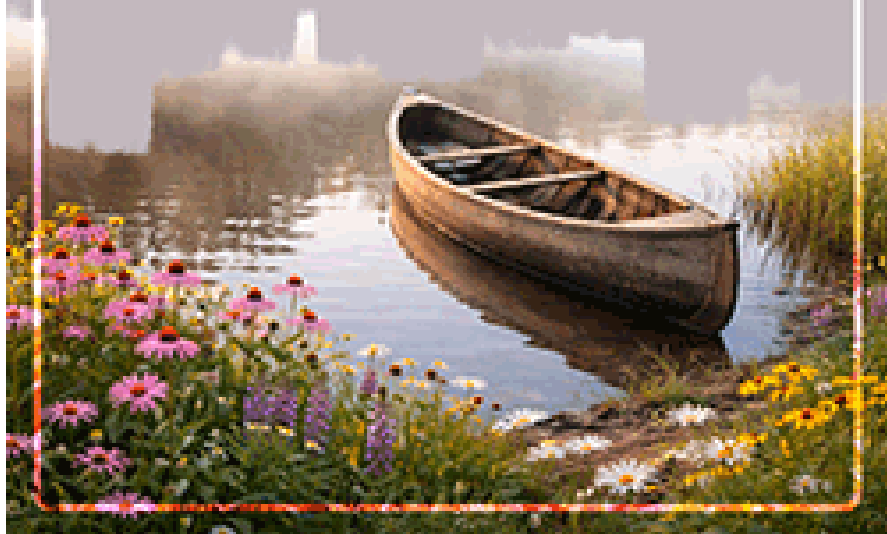


**Sunday, July 5, 2026**

# Rest *for the* Weary

Come to me, all you who  
are weary and burdened, and  
*I will give you rest.*  
Matthew 11:28, 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.***

## **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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**App: Christ's Lutheran (ELCA)**

# Sixth Sunday of Pentecost

*(Please silence your electronic devices)*

## PRELUDE

*Instrumental*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING OF CONCERNS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(please stand)*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, source of hope in every nation, rest for the weary, glory and peace to the ends of the earth.

**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: God of all mercy, we have sinned against you, our neighbors, and your creation. Within ourselves and our communities, our desire to do what is good is at war with the evil that dwells in us. We lament the evil that holds us captive. We repent of the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Rescue us, forgive us, and restore us for lives of compassion and courage through our Savior Jesus Christ. 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: You may share Christ's love and forgiveness with the people near you with a word, wave, a handshake or another sign of Christ's peace.

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*“Just a Closer Walk With Thee”*

ELW #697

### 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: Lord of all the worlds, guide this nation by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give to all living in these lands the blessings of well-being and harmony, but above all things give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### FIRST READING: PSALM 145:8-14 *(please be seated)*

A: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**C: Lord, you are good to all,  
and your compassion is over all your works.**

A: All your works shall praise you, O Lord,  
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

**C: They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your power,**

A: that all people may know of your power  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**C: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion  
endures throughout all ages.**

**You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving  
in all your works.**

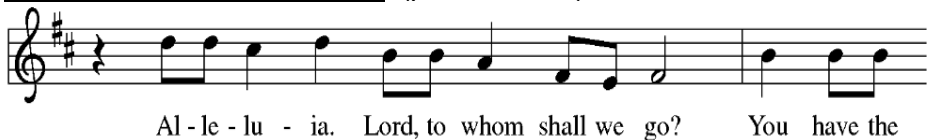
A: The Lord upholds all those who fall  
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

### **SECOND READING: 2 ROMANS 7:15-25a**

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

### **IMAGINATION TIME** with Pastor Sue

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *(please stand)*



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

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 11:16-19, 25-30**

Jesus spoke to the crowd saying: "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' "For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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)*

*"Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling"*

ELW #608

**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: Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

*A brief silence*

P: All your works praise you, O God. From the Arctic to the Caribbean, from the Atlantic to the western islands, these lands and waters have sustained its peoples over many centuries. As we take our part in creation's praise, revive our wonder at what you have fashioned, and enliven our will to ensure its health for future generations. Lord in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Holy Trinity, you show us the splendor of diversity and the beauty of unity in your own divine life. We come from many nations with many languages; make us a united people that delights in our many different gifts. As the United States of America marks its declaration of independence, conform our leaders to the image of Christ. Give them the authority of the spirit of wisdom, and curb every abuse of trust, so that both here and abroad, justice, humility, and peace may flourish. Lord in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: You are the Mother of exiles, O God. Extend your arms to all who are tired and poor, the tempest-tossed, all who yearn to breathe free. Embrace people seeking refuge; those incarcerated, detained, or disappeared; and neighbors fearing

those they once trusted. Give healing and hope to people in any oppression and need. Lord in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Gathering God, send your Spirit on the church you have called out from every nation. Knit us together into one body and heal the divisions we have caused. Overcome our timidity to witness and act in the public square when your purpose is being thwarted. Bless rostered and lay leaders with clarity and courage as they center your people in the gospel. 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: *Today we pray for:*

Randy Clouser, Joel Erwin, Pearl Elliott,  
David Favero, Chris Fox, Joseph  
Grabowski, Sr., Peggy Henry, Lisa Lehman,  
John Magnus, Derwood Montgomery,  
Michael O'Donnell, Evan Pavloff, Jeff Pope,  
Betty Reagan, Paul Rizzo, Kathy Schultz,  
Ron Spagna, Marianne Trainor, and Sue  
Werner



P: We remember those who have lived and died to ensure the freedoms of this country we share: people in the armed services, peace officers, advocates, and activists. Yoke us, together with those who have gone before us, and with saints of every tribe and nation, into the holy city you have prepared. Lord in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into your mercy, O God, we entrust our restless hearts and all our cares, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**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  
5330 Old Logan Ferry Road  
Murrysville, PA 15668*



**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: Blessed are you, O God, for waves of grain and harvesters, fruitful vines and winepresses, for our labor and our rest, for the gifts of your hand in this land. Transform us and what we offer into the banquet of your compassion, serving your love without limits through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

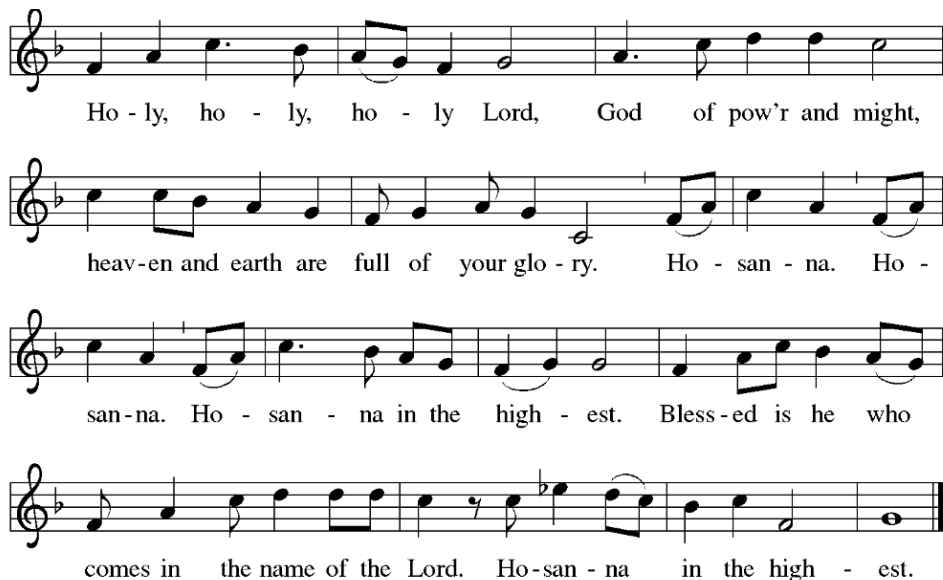
C: **We lift them to the Lord**

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.**

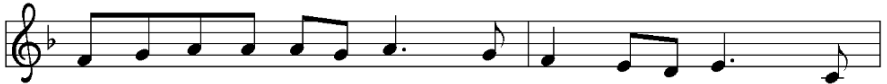
## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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: We thank you, God of heaven and earth, that you fill our deepest need with the very gift of Jesus Christ, broken and poured out for us. Pour us out into a broken world. Channel our common life toward the common good, following the way our Savior leads 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**

*“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”*

*ELW #888*

### **THE DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Seek liberty and justice for all.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

*Instrumental*

Pastor  
Pastor Emeritus  
Organist  
Pianist  
Laura Vincenti

Rev. Sue Washburn  
Rev. Steven J. Myers  
Joshua Beck  
Nancy Finke Sheehan  
Parish Administrator

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS



Linda Forschner & Clayton Abel  
were married at Christ's Lutheran on  
Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Our best wishes Mr. & Mrs. Abel!

## **MAKE NOISE FOR MISSION! This Weekend**

On the first weekend of each month your donation of your loose change will benefit our sister church, Trinity Lutheran on the North Side. Collection cans will be located on the offering table and up front by the baptismal font. So, gather up your change and let's all make some NOISE!!!



**Missed last week? No worries, join us on Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> – remember to bring your own chair**

On **July 9<sup>th</sup>**, **Caring Hearts & Hands** will be meeting at 9:30 am in the downstairs fellowship hall. Along with organizational topics, we will be planning August's box lunch.

We always look forward to having more volunteers! Also, if you or someone you know could benefit from our outreach of Caring, or if you have any questions, please call Romaine Miller at 412-996-4915.

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 **July 11<sup>th</sup>** at 8:30 am in the downstairs social hall. **No RSVP, you're welcome anytime.**

## **Mission Study Focus Groups**

## **Your Voice is Important!**

Thursday, July 16 @ 10:00 am In-person  
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 sign up on the form in the Entryway

## **CHRIST'S LITTLE PANTRY WEEKEND - NEXT WEEKEND**

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!**

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**Stitched With Love** - Our knitting/crocheting group meets Tuesdays from 9 to 11 am in the downstairs social hall. Stich the projects at hand, or bring your own project to work on. Want to learn to stitch? We can teach you! For information, contact Leslie Sill at [nonnasill@comcast.net](mailto:nonnasill@comcast.net).  
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### **Pastor Sue's Community Hours**

Pastor will be holding drop-in hours in community locations. Stop by to say hello, to chat, to ask theological questions or any kind of questions! Bring friends along to meet Pastor Sue.

***Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>***

***Pastor will be at Groove Coffee, from 10 am to Noon  
4453 William Penn Highway, Murrsville  
Near Shop 'n Save, on the opposite side of Rt 22)***

Stay tuned for more dates and locations coming soon.

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**Ladies' Brunch: Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> 11:00 – 1:00**

Please join us for food & sistership on the ***4<sup>th</sup> 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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**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>

Hey Kids, it's me, Howle! Me and all my friends are looking forward to seeing you at VBS!!!

Dottie

Tango

Seymour

Caper

Tia and her baby

**RAINFORREST FALLS**  
Exploring the Nature of God

July 27 – 30  
9 am – noon

Click or scan to register

***Paper registration forms available in the Entryway.***

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Attention all **OWLS**, otherwise known as Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors, an elite group of people **age 80 and older**. We would like to invite you to our OWLS Recognition Luncheon in October, but we can't invite you if we don't know who you are!

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

Even if you have been invited to the OWLS Luncheon in the past, please feel free to check with the office to make sure you're still on the list. You can reach the office at [office@christsmurrysville.org](mailto:office@christsmurrysville.org) or 412-795-1212.

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**VBS Celebration Sunday!**  
**& Millie's Ice Cream!**  
**August 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 10AM**

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

Stay after the service!  
Millie's Ice Cream Truck will be on-site with ice cream available for purchase. Bring your family, invite a friend, and come support our amazing kids!

**RAINFORREST FALLS**  
Exploring the Nature of God



**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 5<sup>th</sup> – June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

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

**NOISE FOR MISSION WEEKEND**

**Sunday 7/5**

***Parents and those in parenting roles as they guide their children through the summer months***

10:00 am Sunday Worship

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

7:30 pm

Narcotics Anonymous

**Monday 7/6**

***Those in recovery from drug and alcohol abuse***

8:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous

**Tuesday 7/7**

***CLC's Knitters and Crocheters who stitch with love prayer shawls, baby blankets and other gifts for those in and outside of our congregation***

9:00 am

Stitched With Love

9:30 am

Kindermusik

**Wednesday 7/8**

***Those gathered to study and celebrate God's Creation at the CLC fire pit***

10:00 am

Kindermusik

6:00 pm

Backyard Bible Study

**Thursday 7/9**

***The ministry of Kindermusik***

9:30 am

Kindermusik

9:30 am

Caring Hearts & Hands

**Friday 7/10**

***Anyone needing our prayers***

10:00 am - noon

Pastor Sue Drop-In Office Hours

**LITTLE PANTRY WEEKEND**

**Saturday 7/11**

***Those who prepare the food and share the fellowship at CLC's monthly Men's Breakfast***

8:30 am

Men's Breakfast

6:00 pm

Saturday Worship

**Sunday 7/12**

***Our Little Pantry donors, and those we feed***

10:00 am

Sunday Worship

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

7:30 pm

Narcotics Anonymous