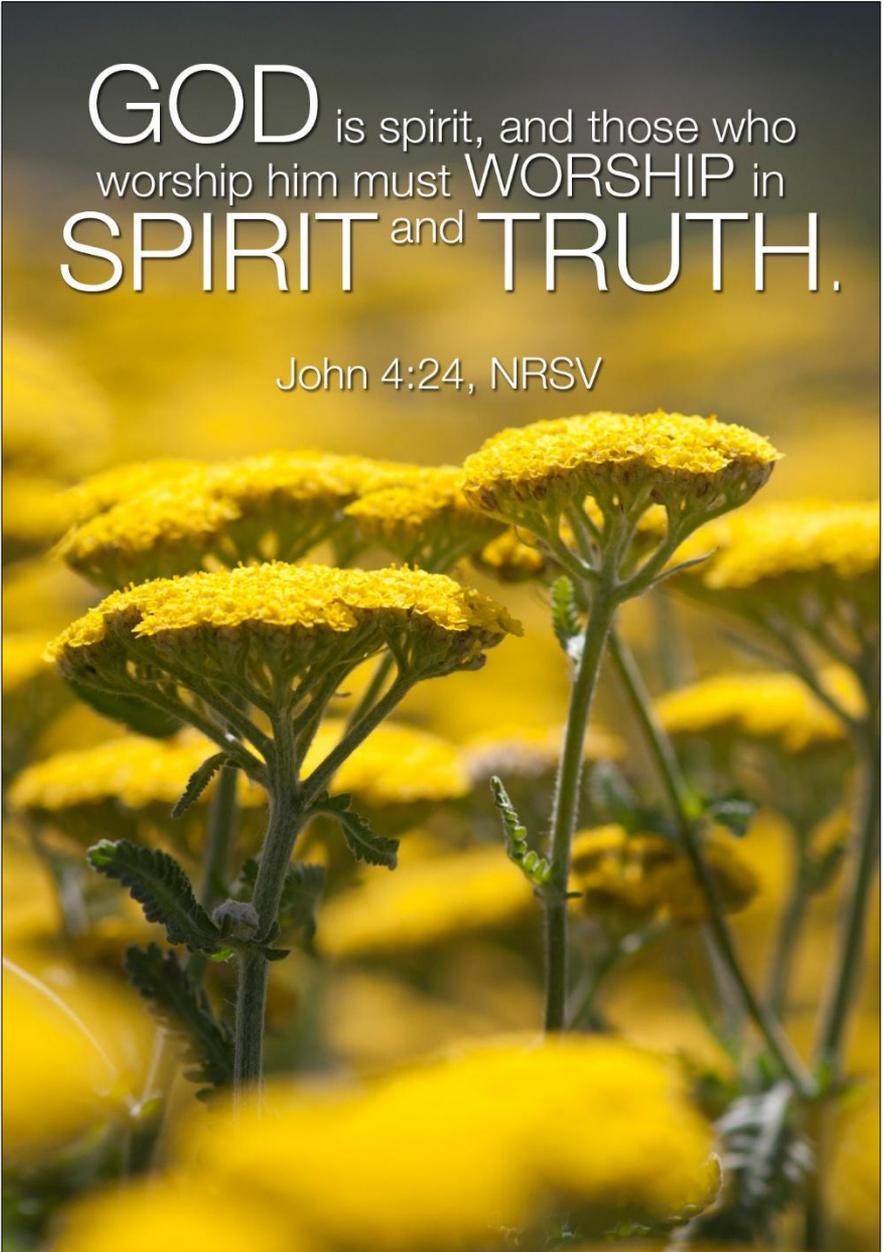


***Sunday, March 8, 2026***

**GOD** is spirit, and those who  
worship him must **WORSHIP** in  
**SPIRIT** and **TRUTH.**

John 4:24, NRSV



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

# **Third 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**

*"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

*ELW #807*

### **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: Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth 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: EXODUS 17:1-7**

The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. So they quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?" But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?" Then Moses cried out to the LORD, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD answered Moses, "Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the LORD saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

## **SECOND READING: ROMANS 5:1-11**

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

## 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 fourth chapter

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

### HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 4:5-42

So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?" Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water." He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." "I have

no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true." "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem." "Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth." The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he." Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, "What do you want?" or "Why are you talking with her?" Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?" They came out of the town and made their way toward him. Meanwhile his disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you know nothing about." Then his disciples said to each other, "Could someone have brought him food?" "My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. Thus the saying 'One sows and another reaps' is true. I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor." Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. And because of his words many more became believers. They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world."

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

**MESSAGE**

Pastor Sue Washburn

***Crossing Boundaries***  
*(please be seated)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"I heard the Voice of Jesus Say"*

*ELW #332*

**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*

O God, when suffering arises, preserve your church. Give to pastors, deacons, bishops, and all servants of your gospel the endurance that produces character and the hope that will never disappoint. Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: When the waters run dry, sustain this earth. Send water to places languishing with drought, and bring relief to places damaged by floods. Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: When quarrels ensue, soften our hearts. Quell hostilities between nations and peoples, and reconcile all humans across the lines of race, class, nationality, moral conviction, religion, and all else that divides or oppresses. Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: When your people thirst, satisfy their needs. Send water and food to all who need nourishment. Grant welcome to all who are excluded. Show your mercy to any in need including those whom we name in our hearts. Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: When we gather to worship, send us your Spirit. Renew our hearts through the joyful noise we make and bless the work of our church musicians Joshua Beck, Nancy Finke Sheehan and Barth Tamenne. Thank you for all those who volunteer each week in ministry as we seek to serve you. Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: O God, when death draws near, we rejoice in the promise of life with you. We remember all who have entered eternal rest, and we pray that you bring us the hope of sharing in your glory. Hear us, O God. Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**TODAY, WE ARE INCLUDING**

**THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS:**

Joel Erwin, Pearl Elliott, Nancy Feibig, Lisa Homberg, Peggy Henry, Lisa Lehman, John Magnus, Derwood Montgomery, Evan Pavloff, Betty Reagan, Paul Rizzo, Lonnie Shurnia, Ron Spagna, Barth Tamenne, Marianne Trainor, Sue Werner, family & friends of Shirley Daum, family & friends of Richard Harvanek



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

Jack, Paula & Julie Wasko

Bob & Sue Walters

Reverend Sue Washburn & Matt Thornton

Eric Waxbom

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

**C: Amen.**



## 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

## 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**

*"Glorious Things of You Are Spoken"*

*ELW #647*

## **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

## “Coffee & Conversation” with Pastor Sue



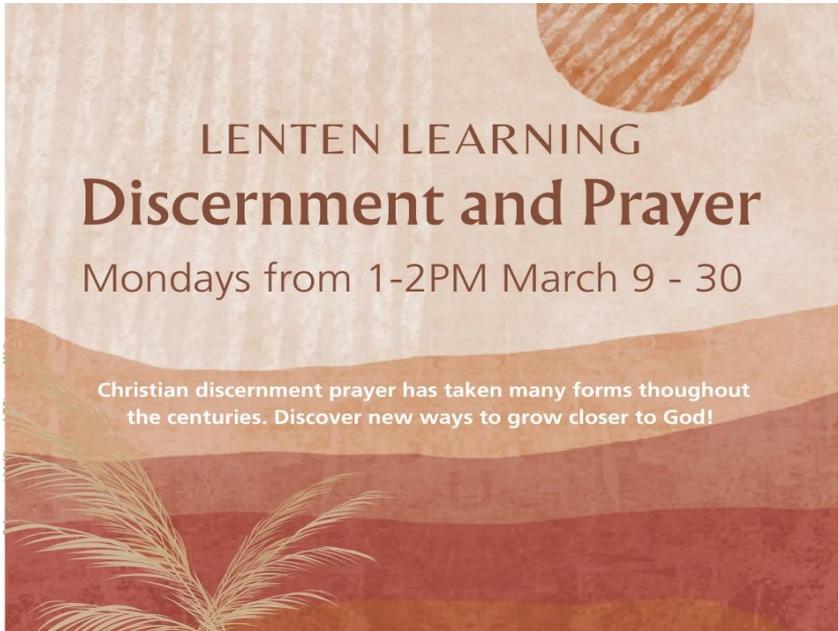
Drop by to join Pastor Sue for coffee & casual conversation, open house style in her office. There's no agenda – it's an opportunity to chat with Pastor Sue, and for her to learn a bit about what makes CLC tick!

March 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am

March 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am

March 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am

*in Pastor's office*



Jesus told us it's important for us to lift each other up in prayer. There are Prayer Partner requests that haven't yet been taken from the basket. If you dropped your own request into the basket and haven't drawn someone to pray for, the basket is on the table in the Entryway.



If you've already selected someone and want to add an additional person to your prayer list, feel free to draw a request from the basket.

## Easter Flowers



We are taking orders for Spring flowers to adorn our sanctuary during Easter Services. The deadline for placing your order is **Sunday, March 8th**. Pick up order envelopes in the church entryway, complete the form and enclose your check, then drop it into the offering plate.

If you're not able to pick up an order envelope, feel free to contact the church office to place your order: 412-795-1212 or [office@christsmurrysville.org](mailto:office@christsmurrysville.org), or use the order form below.

### Christ's Lutheran Easter Flowers

Given By: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ CLC Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory Of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor Of: \_\_\_\_\_

LILIES	\$12.00 each	# _____	total \$ _____
TULIPS	\$11.00 each	# _____	total \$ _____
DAFFODILS	\$11.00 each	# _____	total \$ _____
HYDRANGEA	\$22.00 each	# _____	total \$ _____
TOTAL FOR ORDER			\$ _____

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES – 2026

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



*\*streamed online on YouTube*



**Saturday, April 4**

**7:00 pm**

**Sunday, April 5**

**11:15 am**

# Christ's Lutheran Church **EASTER EGG HUNT**

**SUNDAY, March 29<sup>th</sup> 9 AM – 10 AM**



**CANDY, SNACKS, CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES**

**Bring a basket or bag, bring a friend, and come join the fun!**



**Ages 1-15**



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

**Volunteers, hop on into the fun!**

Sign up on the sheet in the entryway

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## **MAKE NOISE FOR MISSION WEEKEND**

**March 7th & 8th**

We celebrate the first weekend of each month with the donation of your loose change to 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!!!**



Caring Hearts and Hands is a volunteer group that keeps in touch with CLC families and friends who are on our Caring List and appreciate and enjoy knowing that others are thinking of them. This contact might be in the form of a phone call, a visit, a card, or even a box lunch!

Our meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be held at **9:30 AM, Thursday, March 12** in the downstairs fellowship hall. Along with other organizational topics, we will be making plans for the contents of April's box lunch.

Questions? Please call Romaine Miller at 412-996-4915.

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Men, **come hungry for food and fellowship** to the Men's Breakfast held on the second Saturday of each month at 8:30 am. We serve up a traditional breakfast and good fellowship.

Our next breakfast will be held on **March 14th** at 8:30 am in the downstairs social hall. No reservation needed.





**DINING**  
to **DONATE**



*Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>!*  
***ALL DAY***

Copy our flyer and share with your family and friends. Tell them it's Applebee's for lunch, for dinner, for late night snacks.

Need an electronic copy to email, text and put up on Facebook?  
Contact the church office

[office@christsmurrysville.org](mailto:office@christsmurrysville.org)

**OFFICIAL EVENT FLYER  
ON THE PAGE BELOW**



# 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 event flyer, either paper or electronic, to server at time of order or To Go Specialist at order pickup.*

## CHRIST'S LITTLE PANTRY *Weekend*

**March 14 & 15**

*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 – THANK YOU ... to everyone who has been contributing to the success of our Little Pantry. We're so grateful to all who continue to donate. The food in the pantry goes quickly. We have been attempting to replenish the pantry 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 recently learned that we need to have special permits from the State and Health Department if we want to put any type of fresh food (fruit, veggies, eggs, potatoes, etc.) into the pantry. Your generous gifts of canned and boxed items continue to change the lives of individuals and families in our community. Thank you!

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.

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**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 29<sup>th</sup>.

**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](mailto:AWINEMAN@OUTLOOK.COM)

AGES 13-18 BRING A FRIEND!

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**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.

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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.**

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**Are you a Puzzler?** Would you like to join other puzzle lovers for some time of fun and fellowship? If so, please contact the office. We are in the planning phase of starting a group.

## **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 United States, and in four continents.

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.

Charity Navigator rated Heifer 4 of 4 stars with a 98% rating.

Last year our church donated \$1,217 which was DOUBLED by businesses and individuals supporting Heifer. And our donation will be MATCHED again this year. We've 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.

***Eric Waxbom***

**Thank you for continuing to bring your plastic bags for recycling. We are currently collecting bags to benefit Trinity on the Northside.**

Starting in 2026, Trex has changed their recycling challenge:

NexTrex Recycling Challenge



**How does the challenge work?**

Bring your bags to church and place them in the bins labeled for plastic bag recycling. The bags will be weighed and taken to a recycling drop-off site.

- 25 participating organizations are randomly selected each quarter and rewarded with a gift, valued at \$500
- Each 250 pounds is an entry into the drawing

**What does Trex provide?**

- Up to three recycling bins
- Posters
- Each participating organization receives a gift from Trex when they reach the first 250 pounds (annually), valued at \$100

**What can I win?**



Trex Bench



Solo Stove



Life-Size Jenga



Life-Size Connect 4



Pop-Up Theater

The revised challenge runs from January to December. More bags collected means more entries go into the quarterly drawings. While the new challenge does not guarantee a prize each year, remember that we are keeping the bags out of landfills.

**What can be recycled?** *All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue.*



## **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).



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## **Stitched With Love**

If you enjoy knitting and crocheting, or would like to learn, our stitching group meets Tuesdays from 9 to 11 am in the downstairs social hall.



We make hats for cancer patients, baby blankets, prayer shawls, and other needed items. Or bring your own project to work on. It's a time to be creative & enjoy one another's fellowship. For information, contact Leslie Sill at [nonnasill@comcast.net](mailto:nonnasill@comcast.net).

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## **Weekend Worship Team**



to our worship assistants, greeters, ushers, all who set up for services and straighten up afterwards, the reconcilers, and the Tech Team who offer their time and talents to make our worship services go smoothly.

Please consider joining our Weekend Worship Team. You can talk with anyone on the team about their tasks and short commitment of time or contact the office for more information.

To join our Weekend Worship Team, you can

- Scan this QR code
- sign up on our app: Click on "Join a Weekend Worship Team"
- Visit [christsmurrysville.org](http://christsmurrysville.org), choose CONNECT on the blue menu at the top then scroll down to VOLUNTEER.



***Thanks to all who help make our weekend worship services possible!***

We're collecting aluminum tabs for Ronald McDonald House. Working with a local recycler, pop tabs from soda cans, soup cans, pet food, and other canned goods are turned into money to support RMHC's mission.



That money helps RMHC provide comfort, care and support for families with children who are sick. You can help by depositing tabs you collect in the container in the church Entryway.



### 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.



### 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](mailto:office@christsmurrysville.org)



### REMINDER:

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



**There will be no**

# *Sunday* SCHOOL

**On Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

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**for children  
and adults  
all are  
welcome,  
please join  
any class at  
any time!**



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)

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

March 8<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> 2026

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

Noise for Mission Weekend

## Sunday 3/8

***Those who donate their loose change to support "Noise for Mission"***

9:00 am

Sunday School

10:00 am

Sunday Morning Worship

7:30 pm

Narcotics Anonymous

## Monday 3/9

***Doctors, nurses and all in the healthcare field***

5:00 pm

Kindermusik

8:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous

## Tuesday 3/10

***The ministry of Scouting***

9:00 am

Stitched With Love

9:30 am

Kindermusik

11:00 am

Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Sue

5:00 pm

Kindermusik

6:00 pm

Girl Scouts

6:30 pm

Worship & Music Committee Meeting

## Wednesday 3/11

***Our congregation, as we prepare for our busy spring schedule***

10:00 am

Kindermusik

## Thursday 3/12

***Those on the Caring Hearts & Hands Caring List***

9:00 am

Kindermusik

9:30 am

Caring Hearts & Hands

11:00 am

Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Sue

## Friday 3/13

***Sandy Buehner in her role as Worship Team leader***

Little Pantry Weekend

## Saturday 3/14

***The families served by Heifer International***

8:30 am

Men's Breakfast

6:00 pm

Saturday Evening Worship

## Sunday 3/15

***Those who donate food to support Christ's Little Pantry***

9:00 am

Sunday School

10:00 am

Sunday Morning Worship

7:30 pm

Narcotics Anonymous