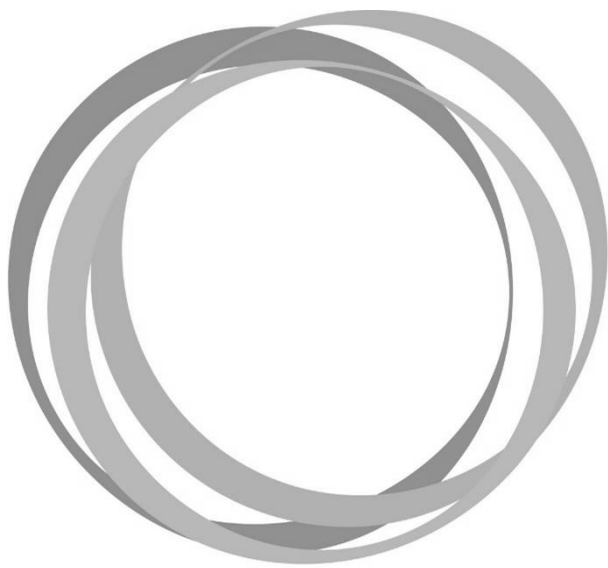


Sunday, May 31, 2026



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***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 worshiping) at the end of today's service.

CHRIST'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Office: 412-795-1212

Church Office email: office@christsmurrysville.org

Website: www.christsmurrysville.org

App: Christ's Lutheran (ELCA)

God's Story/Our Story @ Home

You've seen in previous bulletins and newsletters that today is the day we're gathering as a congregation **to share our stories** about our experiences at Christ's Lutheran. Please contribute your story as we **take the first step in the pastor search process.**

Use the information below to share your experiences. Contribute your story in a separate document and you can email or mail it to the church or drop off in the office.

Every person's story is important! We look forward to hearing yours.

Your Name: _____

Prayer

God of history, thank you for the gift of your church. It has sustained so many throughout the years with hope in Jesus Christ. We pray that this interim time will reveal your mission and vision for us as the world changes. May we give you glory, now and forever. Amen.

Exercise #1

Take a moment of silence to think about a time when you have seen God at work at Christ's Lutheran. Remember the church is not a building. A church is the people! It doesn't have to be your own experience; it can be something you saw happen. It could also be youth group, a mission trip, VBS, maybe even camp (if the church sent you to Lutherlyn). It could also be a time when God helped you (singular or plural) to overcome a time of adversity.

Please write the story or describe the event. Be sure to include the year or decade that it happened. You may use other paper, just be sure to include your name!

Exercise #2

Write down the things that you think Christ's Lutheran has in abundance. Please limit your response to five things.

The next step in this process is a Mission Study and we will be doing that through a series of focus groups. If you cannot attend a focus group in person, contact the church and we'll see what can be done to include you.

Thank you! Please sign up for a focus group using this link: [CLC Focus Groups](#) the QR code below or contact the office!



Mission Study

We want to hear from you! Don't forget to sign up for a focus group experience

Wednesday, June 10 at 6:30 PM in-person

Wednesday, July 8 at 10:30 AM in-person

Tuesday, July 28 during VBS (in-person)

Wednesday, August 5 at 6:30 PM online

Wednesday, September 9 at 6:30 PM online

Sign up for ONE session online or on paper outside the sanctuary



Online sign up

<https://forms.gle/7SDpyg2r3vp3Xrn16>

Trinity Sunday

(Please silence your electronic devices)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING OF CONCERNS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(please stand)*

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

C: Amen.

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

Please take a moment in silence for confession.

P: Compassionate God,

C: we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

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

PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always,

C: And also with you.

P: 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

"Holy God We Praise Your Name"

ELW #414

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 Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: PSALM 8: 1-9 *(please be seated)*

A: O Lord our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**C: You whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

A: When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

**C: what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?**

A: Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.

**C: You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:**

A: all flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts of the field,

**C: the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

A: O Lord our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 13:11-13

[Paul writes:] Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

IMAGINATION TIME with Pastor Sue

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(please stand)*



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

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)*

"Father Most Holy

ELW #415

CONFESSION 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: Creator God, we are in awe of your artistry and ability. Continue that work in your church, making us a new creation that proclaims your presence and love. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Redeemer God, you call us to pray for those in authority. Guide our leaders to pursue the work of fostering peace and community. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Sustainer of faith, we pray for Christ's 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 that you have begun. Work in the heart and mind of the incoming pastor as he or she prepares for this leadership. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Triune God, you are mindful of your people in every circumstance. Heal those who are sick. Provide for all who hunger. Protect those in harm's way. Comfort any experiencing hardship. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: *Today we pray for:*

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



And for our church members and friends:

Kim, Marissa, Abigail, and Lindsey Boyer
Larry and Barb Breitenstein
Hjalma Bue
Kurt Bue
Wayne Bue



P: Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus 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

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THE OFFERTORY

Instrumental

OFFERTORY RESPONSE *(please stand)*



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right



spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take



not your Ho - ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of



your sal - va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

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

C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

C: **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.**

Thy kingdom come,

thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

C: **Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION

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

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

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

P: We pray, too, for the meal that we are about to share together as we seek to discern your will for this church. Bless those who have prepared it and those who partake. May the meal strengthen us and may the fellowship inspire us be disciples and make disciples in Christ's name.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

ELW #413

THE DISMISSAL

A: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Instrumental

Pastor
Pastor Emeritus
Organist
Pianist

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

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Introducing 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, June 3rd & Wednesday, June 10th
Pastor will be at Dunkin, from 10 am to 2 pm
1803 Golden Mile Highway (Route 286) in Holiday Park.

Stay tuned for more dates and locations coming soon.

Pastor Sue's Drop-In Office Hours

Fridays from 10 am to 2 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>

Our church office is open:



Monday 9 am - 2:30 pm
Tuesday 9 am - 2:30 pm
Thursday 9 am - 2:30 pm
Fridays 9 am - 2:30 pm

*Please call before coming to the church
to be sure someone is available to help.*

412-795-1212

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Annual Flea Market and Bake Sale is rapidly approaching -- Saturday, June 6th.

Drop off times for the sale are:

- Thursday, May 28 & Friday, May 29 between 9 am and 2:30 pm.
- Saturday May 30 & Sunday May 31 when you come to worship services.
- Monday, June 1, Tuesday, June 2 & Thursday, June 4 from 9 am to 2:30 pm **AND** from 6-8 pm.
- Baked goods can be dropped off on Friday, June 5th between 9 am and 2:30 pm

More volunteers and bakers would be great! Sign-up on the sheet in the Entryway.

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## God's story Our story

Join us May 31 after worship  
for a celebration of Christ's  
Lutheran Church's ministries

Today is the day we gather to share our stories about our experiences at Christ's Lutheran, including how we've felt the presence of God in worship, in ministries, among the congregation, or with different pastors over the years. Our positive input about CLC is as important as sharing what

can be improved. Please come and contribute your story as we gather at today after worship **to take the first step in the pastor search process.**

As an added enticement, we'll be serving lunch!

Hope you will be with us as we begin this new chapter at CLC.

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VBS 2026
CHRIST'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, MURRYSVILLE
JULY 27-30
9AM-NOON
SCAN TO REGISTER

RAINFOREST FALLS
Exploring the Nature of God

A QR code is located in the bottom right corner of the poster.

Many hands make light work...

- Worship Assistants read the lessons and assist Pastor Sue with communion. *If you would like to be a reader but not serve communion*, we can team you up with someone to share the Worship Assistant duties;
- Greeters and Ushers welcome people to service and assist with passing the collection plates;
- Camera operators prepare the camera and laptop, then monitor the camera to livestream for those who worship online (don't be intimidated – you'll be well trained and an experienced live streamer will be with you your first couple of times);
- You can also set up the altar for services, and/or put away communion elements and extinguish candles after services



If you would like to join our Worship Team, you can sign up using the app: Click on “Join a Weekend Worship Team,” or scan this QR code.

Questions? Please contact the church office. ***Thanks!***

MAKE NOISE FOR MISSION! June 6th & 7th

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!!!

CHRIST'S LITTLE PANTRY WEEKEND June 13th & 14th

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. The food in the Pantry goes quickly and we have been replenishing our Pantry almost daily. If you are interested in more information and want to see a list of our current needs, you can click on this QR code or contact the church office.



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

Thanks for participating in our recent fundraiser at Panera! CLC folks brought in \$794.81, of which Panera is donating **\$158.96** to our church. Look for more dining events in the coming months.

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 **June 13th** at 8:30 am in the downstairs social hall. **No RSVP, you're welcome anytime.**

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**On June 11th** at 9:30 am in the downstairs fellowship hall, **Caring Hearts & Hands** will be putting together and delivering box lunches that contain a delicious homemade lunch with goodies and surprises!

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.

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Please join us on Saturday, June 20th from 9:00 am -11:30 am at the Westmoreland County Food Bank, 100 Devonshire Dr, Delmont, to pack food boxes for Seniors in our community. Youth over 14 years of age are welcome when accompanied by an adult.

All volunteers are asked to sign up on the sheet in the entryway. If you are a new volunteer, we will contact you to register for the event.

If you have volunteered at the Food Bank before, you can login to <http://www.westmorelandfoodbank.org/> to register for the event.

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### **JOIN US FOR A CLC BIKE RIDE on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>**

We're riding the Murrysville Trail – we'll be meeting in the parking lot behind Hoss' Restaurant on Rte. 22 at 10:00 am and may have lunch or stop for ice cream after our ride. Please sign up on the sheet in the entryway. If it rains, the ride will be postponed to a future date.

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Are you considering an estate gift to Christ's Lutheran Church? Gift planning services are available at no cost to you through the 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. You can contact Ryan at (814)-823-3285 or ryan.ebner@elca.org.

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### **The NexTrex Challenge:**

**Thank you** for continuing to support this effort to reduce the plastic in our environment and to help both Christ's and Trinity Lutheran!

Before you recycle anything other than your grocery bags, check the list posted at the recycle bin to see **what can and cannot be recycled.**

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

**May 31<sup>st</sup> – June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

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

## **Sunday 5/31**

***Pastor Sue Washburn and her leadership in guiding us through the tasks ahead***

10:00 am

Sunday Worship

*live streamed at christsmurrysville.org*

11:00 am

**All-Church Gatherings to begin the process of selecting a new pastor**

7:30 pm

Narcotics Anonymous

## **Monday 6/1**

***Those who are bravely in recovery from drug and alcohol addiction***

8:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous

## **Tuesday 6/2**

***Those who have volunteered to take communion to the members of our congregation whose health doesn't allow them to attend service***

9:00 am

Stitched With Love

2:00 pm

Home Communion Training

## **Wednesday 6/3**

***Members of our Property Committee, as they work to ensure that our church and property is up-to-date and safe from hazards***

9:00 am

Property Committee

10:00 am

Pastor Sue Community Hours, Dunkin Rt 286

## **Thursday 6/4**

***Police, firemen, EMTs and all other first responders***

2:00 pm

Home Communion Training

## **Friday 6/5**

***Homebound members of our congregation***

4:00 pm

Scent Training for Dogs

## **NOISE FOR MISSION WEEKEND**

## **Saturday 6/6**

***For a successful Flea Market and Bake Sale, and for all those who worked to make this important fundraiser happen***

8:00 am

**Flea Market and Bake Sale**

6:00 pm

Saturday Worship

## **Sunday 6/7**

***For the congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church in Pittsburgh's Northside, our sister parish***

10:00 am

Sunday Worship

*live streamed at christsmurrysville.org*

7:30 pm

Narcotics Anonymous