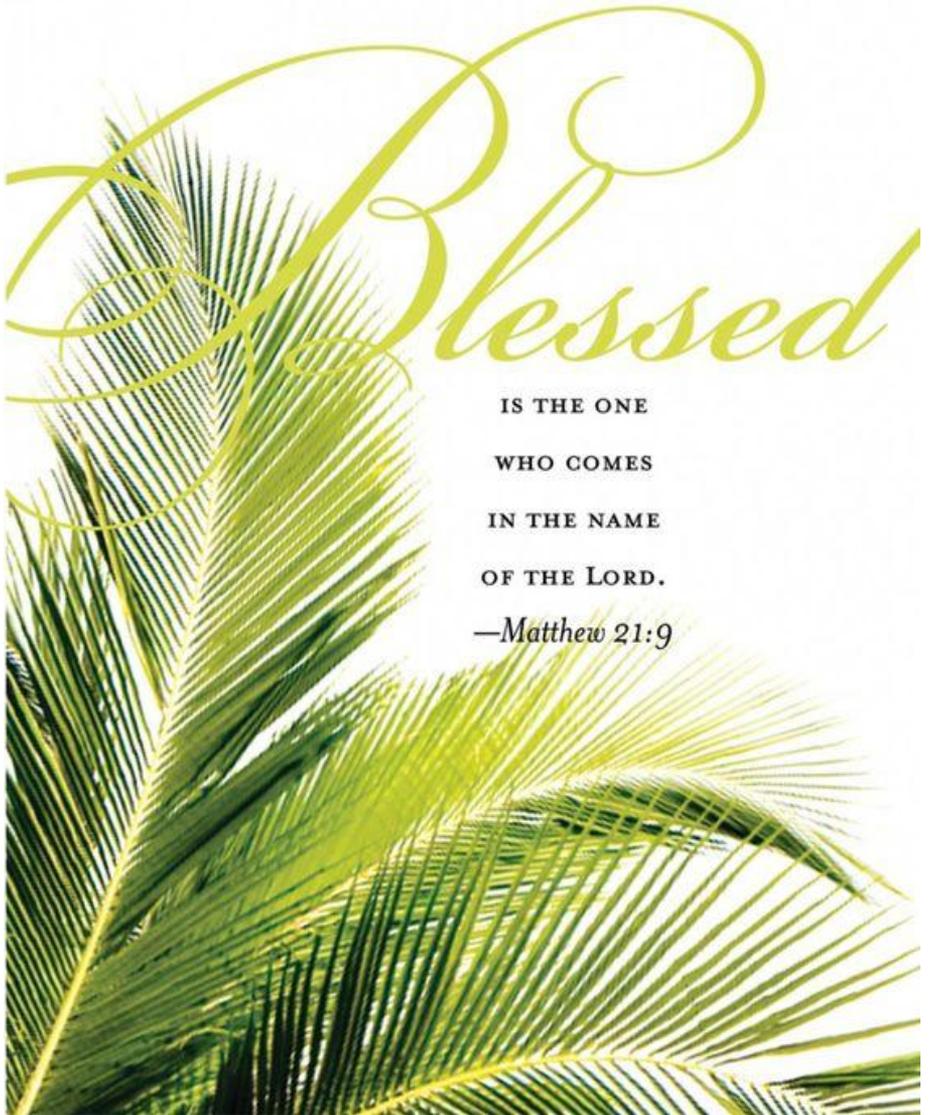


Sunday, March 29, 2026



**Christ's Lutheran Church
Murrysville, Pennsylvania**

“A Place to Believe, Belong, and Become”



Christ's Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered and welcoming, Christian community committed to encouraging faith-filled living, deepening friendships, and life-changing discipleship.

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

5330 Old Logan Ferry Road, Murrysville, PA 15668

Office: 412-795-1212

Church Office email: office@christsmurrysville.org

Website: www.christsmurrysville.org

App: Christ's Lutheran (ELCA)

The Sunday Of the Passion

(Please silence your electronic devices)

PRELUDE

Instrumental

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING OF CONCERNS

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.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this? The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

GATHERING HYMN AND PROCESSION OF THE PALMS

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

ELW #344

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: We give thanks to God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

P: Praise the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

C: “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

P: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

C: “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

P: We wave our palms in praise and celebration.

C: “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

P: We are celebrating the special time of Holy Week. From the celebration of the palms to the salvation of the world through sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Let us pray:

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today, he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the Cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection we may enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

IMAGINATION TIME with Pastor Sue

EPISTLE READING: PHILLIPIANS 2:5-11

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the

highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

MESSAGE

Pastor Sue Washburn

(please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

ELW #324

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: O God, You hold the whole universe. Gather sun and moon,
clouds and stars, land and sea, and plants and animals
around the cross, so that all creation bears witness to your
saving love. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Your power is sure. Destroy inequity and division in every place and build your beloved community among all people. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Your heart breaks open at our pain. Send healing and vindication to all who, like Jesus, know the sting of betrayal, denial, abuse, or false accusations. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Your ways show compassion. Let this same mind be in us as we enter Holy Week. Bless those here who will lead worship and tell the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: O God, your embrace is eternal. Praise and thanks to you for all the faithful departed who rest in your mercy. Deliver us all from death's power and raise us to life in you. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

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

Lindsey Boyer, Randy Clouser, Joann Crosby, Joel Erwin, Pearl Elliott, Nancy Feibig, Peggy Henry, Lisa Lehman, John Magnus, Derwood Montgomery, Evan Pavloff, Rachel, Betty Reagan, Paul Rizzo, Lonnie Shurnia, Ron Spagna, Marianne Trainor, Sue Werner, family and friends of Donna Yoder



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

Kevin, Lisa, Owen & Dylan Wissinger
Jeff, Caron & Rachel Wolfe
Chris, Nicole & Brooks Yankoski

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:

*Christ's Lutheran Church
5330 Old Logan Ferry Road
Murrysville, PA 15668*



OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Musical notation for the Offertory Response, consisting of four staves of music in a single system. The music is written in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The lyrics are printed below the notes.

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. As we prepare to take 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.

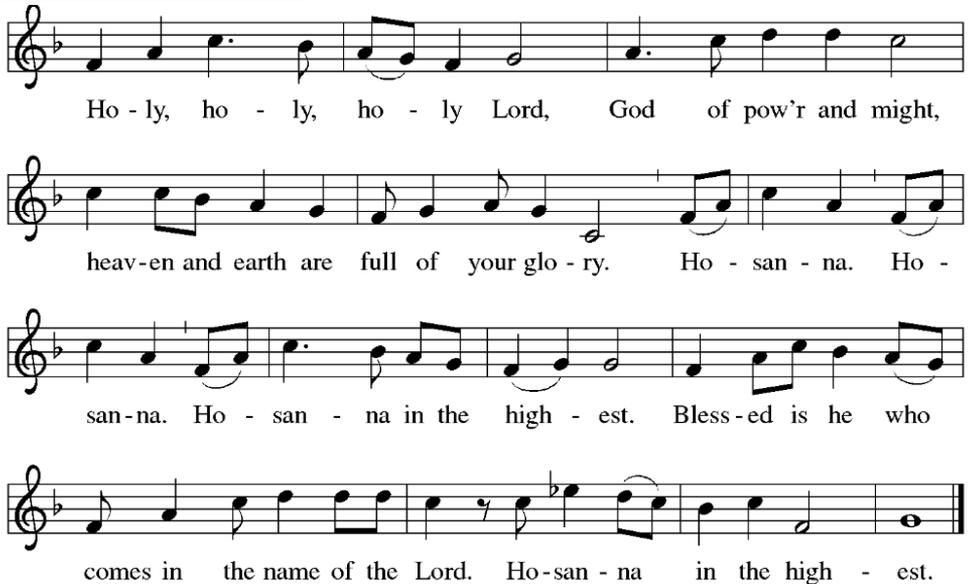
C: **We lift them to the Lord**

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.

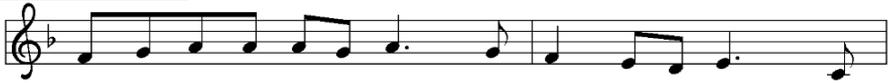
Amen.

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 READING OF THE PASSION OF CHRIST

(see booklet)

THE DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

*After a short time for prayer and reflection,
Please leave the building in silence.*

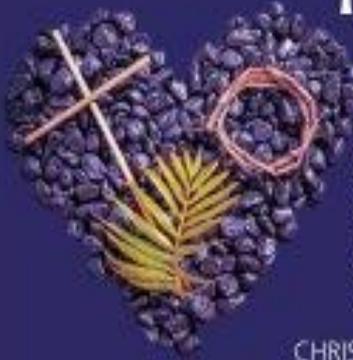
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Week Services



MARCH 28	6 PM PALMS AND PASSION
MARCH 29	10 AM PALMS AND PASSION
APRIL 2	7 PM MAUNDY THURSDAY
APRIL 3	7 PM GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 4	6 PM EASTER CELEBRATION!
APRIL 5	10 AM EASTER CELEBRATION!

CHRIST'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
A PLACE TO BELONG, BELIEVE, AND BECOME
CHRIST CENTERED AND WELCOMING
5330 OLD LOGAN FERRY ROAD, MURRYSVILLE

**Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday services
livestreamed at christsmurrysville.org*

A banner for Easter Fellowship featuring a green plate with decorated cookies and eggs, a white mug, and a purple teapot. The text "Easter FELLOWSHIP" is written in green and blue. Below it, the text "please join us after Services" is written in orange, followed by "Saturday, April 4 7:00 pm" in blue and "Sunday, April 5 11:15 am" in purple.

Easter FELLOWSHIP

please join us after Services

Saturday, April 4 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 5 11:15 am



Joining today's service on the live stream? Type "Hello" in the chat box so we know you're here!

Kiski Valley Community Band

Presents

Springtime Sounds

Saturday, April 25th 7:30 pm

A FREE concert hosted by

Christ's Lutheran Church

Donations will benefit:

The Kiski Valley Food Bank
and Christ's Little Pantry



There will be no

Sunday **SCHOOL**

On Easter Sunday, April 5th

When Thrivent donors direct their Choice dollars through Thrivent's 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.**



**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.

Thank you to all who support our Dine to Donate event at Applebee's. It was great to see so many CLC faces!



We won't know for a few weeks how much we raised, but we'll pass on the info when we receive the check.



Check out the Easter photo backdrop in the Parlor

Walk down with your camera and/or cell phone and take your pic against a backdrop of flowering cherry trees and a gated path. The backdrop will still be up next weekend for when you're dressed in your Easter finery.

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 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

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



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.

CHRIST'S LUTHERAN YOUTH GROUP

MEALS FROM THE HEART

JOIN US AS WE MAKE LUNCH FOR THE FAMILIES AT THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE OF PITTSBURGH. MUST BE AGE 13+ TO ATTEND



SUNDAY, MAY 3

Only 8 spots available due to space constraints - RSVP to Amy Wineman at awineman@outlook.com



MAKE NOISE FOR MISSION!

April 4th and 5th

We celebrate the first weekend of each month with the donation of your loose change to benefit ***our sister church***, Trinity Lutheran Church, located 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!!!**

**FOOD &
FELLOWSHIP
TO START
YOUR DAY**



Men, join us on the second Saturday of each month at 8:30 am for a traditional breakfast and fellowship.

Our next breakfast will be held on **April 11th** at 8:30 am in the downstairs social hall. No RSVP required.

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Caring Hearts and Hands is our 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 on the second Thursday of the month; the upcoming meeting is **9:30 AM, Thursday, April 9th** in the downstairs fellowship hall. We'll be packing and delivering a fun box lunch to celebrate Easter. Questions? Please call Romaine Miller at 412-996-4915.



**& *bake sale***

**Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>  
8 AM to 2 PM**

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It's time to clean out your closets, take a look around your house and start collecting items for this year's sale!

For a complete list of drop off days and times, and things excluded from the sale, please check the church newsletter for April and May.

Sign-up sheets for flea market volunteers and baked goods are in the entryway. The Outreach Committee appreciates your support for this fundraising event!

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**Love to Puzzle?** Join other puzzle lovers for fun and fellowship as we build together.

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



## 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).

## CHRIST'S LITTLE PANTRY Weekend

April 11th & 12th

*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.

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!**

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### **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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### **Join CLC's Weekend Worship Team**



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

If you would like to join our Weekend Worship Team, you can sign up using the app: Click on "Join a Weekend Worship Team"



Or scan this QR code.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

**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 which plastics can be recycled.**

*Please, no hard plastic: food containers, soda bottles, milk jugs, cleaning product bottles, etc.*

**CLC's Ronald McDonald House pull tab project!**

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.

Did you know those over age 70 1/2 can withdraw funds federally tax free from Retirement Accounts such as IRAs through a Qualified Charitable Distribution?



The withdrawal is made payable directly to the qualified charity by the IRA custodian and counts toward any federal annual Required Minimum Distribution.

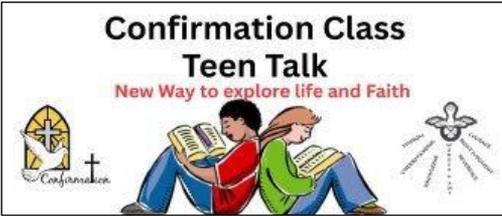
Contributions made through QCD's are an available vehicle to support Christ's

Lutheran Church's mission while reducing personal income subject to federal taxes. Talk with your financial planner to learn more.

**Rescheduled to**

**Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00 pm**



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.**



**Our church office is open:**

|          |                   |
|----------|-------------------|
| Monday   | 9:00 am - 2:30 pm |
| Tuesday  | 9:00 am - 2:30 pm |
| Thursday | 9:00 am - 2:30 pm |
| Friday   | 9:00 am - 2:30 pm |



**Please call before coming to the church to  
be sure someone is available to help. 412-795-1212**

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

March 29<sup>th</sup> – April 5<sup>th</sup> 2026

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

## Sunday 3/29

***Pastor Sue Washburn as she leads our congregation through the Easter Season***

9:00 am

Easter Egg Hunt

9:45 am

Kids Palm Sunday Parade

10:00 am

Palm Sunday Morning Worship

## Monday 3/3

***Our own focus on spiritual renewal and on the teachings of Jesus***

1:00 pm

Lenten Learning

8:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous

## Tuesday 3/31

***For God's discernment and wisdom, and His guidance as we walk the path of truth and light***

9:00 am

Stitched With Love

5:00 pm

Kindermusik

## Wednesday 4/1

***The Lord's blessing as we work to be witnesses of His love and mercy***

10:00 am

Kindermusik

## Thursday 4/2

***For God's grace as we reflect on the profound love of Jesus***

9:30 am

Kindermusik

7:00 pm

**MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

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

## Friday 4/3

***Our remembrance of all that Jesus endured to offer us the gift of eternal life***

4:00 pm

Scent Training for Dogs

5:30 pm

Scent Training for Dogs

7:00 pm

**GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

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

## Saturday 4/4

***For our souls to be filled stillness, preparing for the celebration of new life***

6:00 pm

**EASTER SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP**

7:00 pm

Easter Fellowship

## Sunday 4/5

***Gratitude for God's mercy that covers our sins and for the hope He gives each day.***

10:00 am

**EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

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

11:15 am

Easter Fellowship

7:30 pm

Narcotics Anonymous