Sunday, November 1, 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.

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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All Saints Day

(Please silence your electronic devices)

PRELUDE *Instrumental*

Please use this time to silently prepare your hearts and minds for worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING OF CONCERNS

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

P: Jesus once said, Come to Me, all who are heavy laden,

C: and I will give you rest.

P: Take My yoke upon you,

C: and I will give you rest.

P: Learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart,

C: and I will give you rest.

P: My yoke is easy, and my burden is light,

C: and you will find rest for your souls.

P: We are accustomed to confessing our sins and praying for God's forgiveness. But there are times in life when we, like many people in the Bible, cry out to our God and lament. We grieve when loved ones die. We are, sometimes, even shocked when someone that we know and love dies, and we can even be left stunned and silent. We might even find ourselves praying: "O God, where are You when death draws near?" We don't want to die unprepared, and we even dread the end of life itself.

God created us to be creatures who live and love and die. Jesus lived a human life and joined us in death. The Holy Spirit continues to bless us with faith and holds us in the eternal body of Christ after we die.

Today, we remember faithful partners in ministry who have passed away in the last year, including:

Shirley Daum, Bertha DeCecco, William Farrell, Richard Harvanek, Stephen Paulovitch, James Pfeiffer, Barbara Salenske and Donna Yoder

P: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C: in the stillness of our souls, we listen for Your voice to know, again, that You are God. Quiet our restless hearts with the knowledge that You stand with us in the shadows, keeping watch over Your own. Rekindle our faith and light the lamp of hope within our hearts. And then, deal with us as seems best to You, for where You lead, we can confidently go with Jesus Christ, our Savior and our Lord. Amen.

PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

P: Let us now share the peace of Christ with one another.
The peace of Christ be with you always,

C: And also with you.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

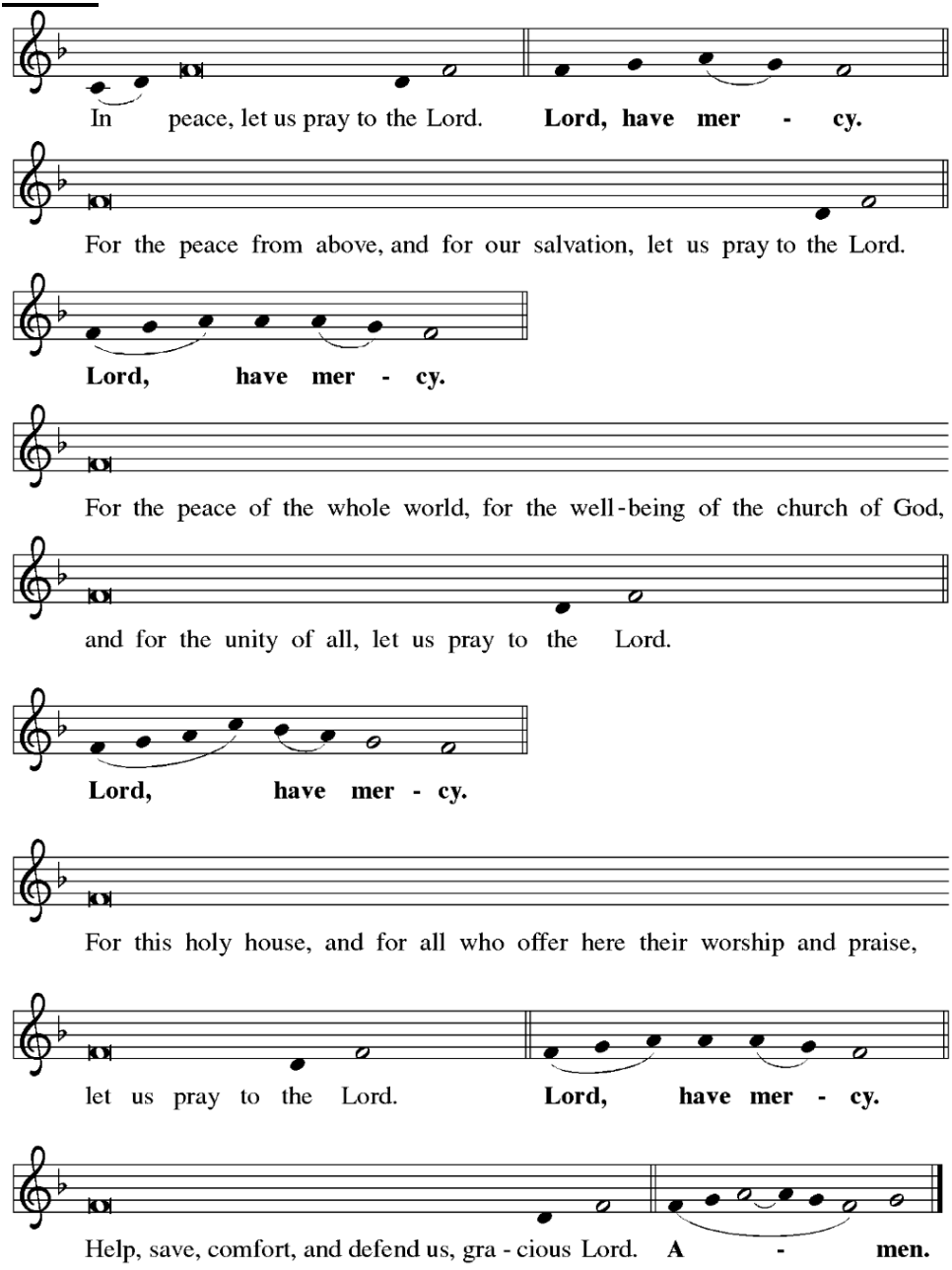
"For All the Saints" (vs. 1-4) *ELW #422*

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


In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
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.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to live as your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, 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: PSALM 34:1-10, 22 *(please be seated)*

A: I will bless the Lord at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

C: I will glory in the Lord;
let the lowly hear and rejoice.

A: Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;
let us exalt God's name together.

C: I sought the Lord, who answered me
and delivered me from all my terrors.

A: Look upon the Lord and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.

C: I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.

A: The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord and delivers them.

C: Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who take refuge in God!

A: Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord,
for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.

C: The lions are in want and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

A: O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.
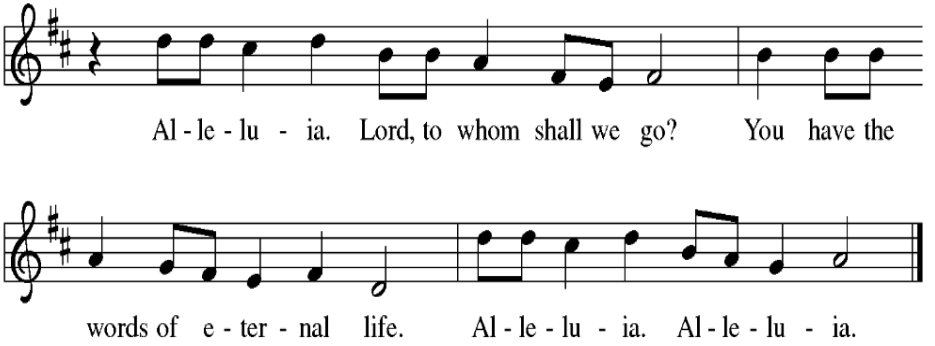
SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we

do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

IMAGINATION TIME with Pastor Sue

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(please stand)*



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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)*
"Jerusalem, My Happy Home" *ELW #628*

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: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence

P: Fill your church with mercy and humility as we proclaim the gospel in our worship and witness in the world. Renew and inspire all who preach and teach among us. Lord in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Faithful God, we pray for Christ's Lutheran Church as it discerns your call for future ministries. 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: Unite the nations in their actions toward justice and peace. Raise up leaders who listen deeply for the needs of their communities, and surround the election process with freedom, wisdom and discernment. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Nurture programs and communities that support elders and those who are homebound. Bless caregivers, nurses, chaplains, social workers, and hospice staff. Guide this congregation's ministry with seniors and their families Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: With grateful hearts we remember all who have died and now rest from their labors Fill us with songs of praise until we too are gathered at your side. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Bring comfort and care to all who are in need, especially all who mourn this day. Sustain any who are weary, experiencing loneliness, or struggling with chronic illness including:

Greg & Donna B., Tammy B. & Family, Robert Bante, Tom C., Randy Clouser, Joel Erwin, Debbie Faust, David Favero, Nancy Fiedler, Connie Fontana, Donna Fontana, Chuck G., Joseph Grabowski, Sr., Peggy Henry, James Holt III, Marlene Karl, Phil Ann Karl, Bob L., Lisa Lehman, Tom M., John Magnus, Bela Molnar, Derwood Montgomery, Rod Murray, Michael O'Donnell, Jeff Pope, Betty Reagan, Paul Rizzo, Sandi Shaffer & Kate Hall, Ron Spagna, Marianne Trainor, Terri Veltre, Sue Werner, Manny Whittaker, Cheryl Zamule, the Family of Linda B., and the Family & Friends of James Pfeiffer



And for our church members and friends:



Holly Kirsch
Joe, Jamie, Sierra, & Landon Koteles
Brian, Katie, Hazel, & Olivia Kozak
Luke, Natalie, Nora, & Rosalie Kuehn

P: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

C: Amen.

OFFERING *(please be seated)*

P: Our offering is an act of ministry and worship as well as a response to God's grace. We recognize all that God has given to us and with thanksgiving we return those gifts to the LORD.

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,
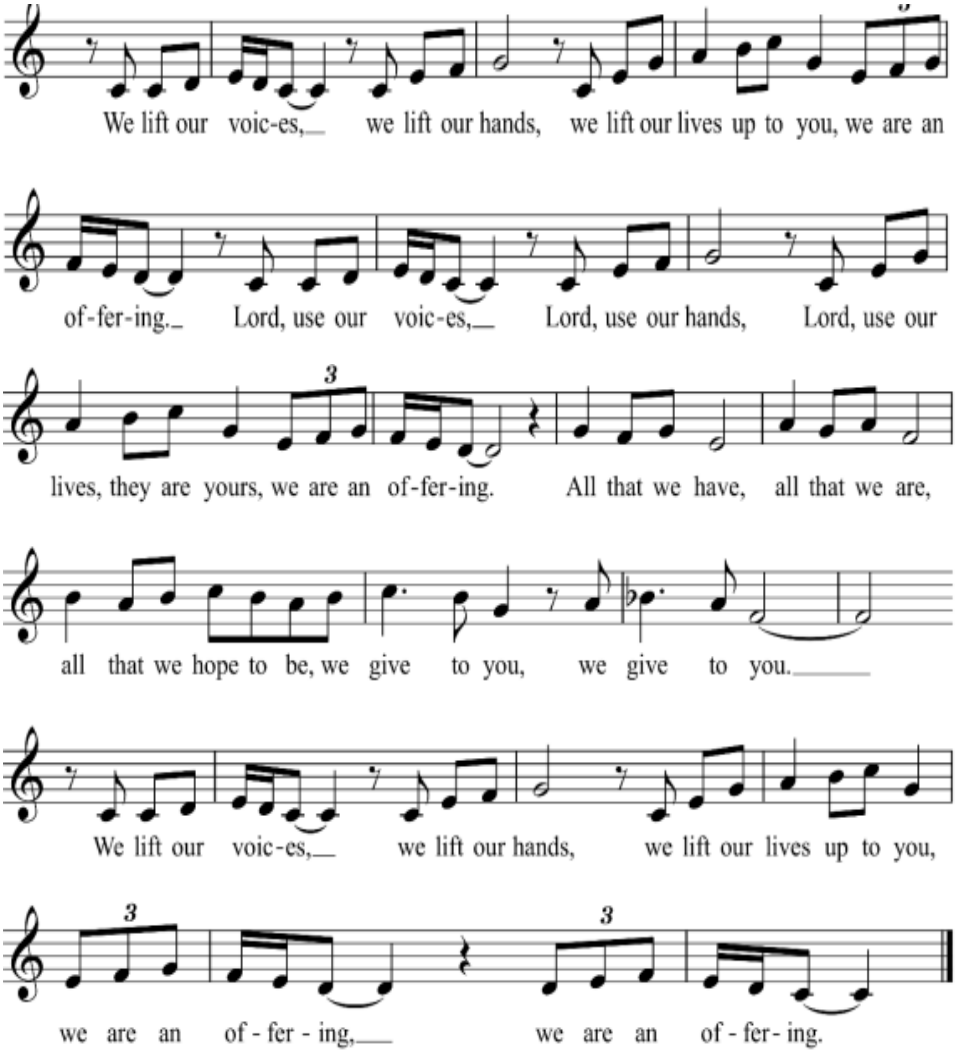
You can use our app to send your offering,

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)*



OFFERING PRAYER

A: Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

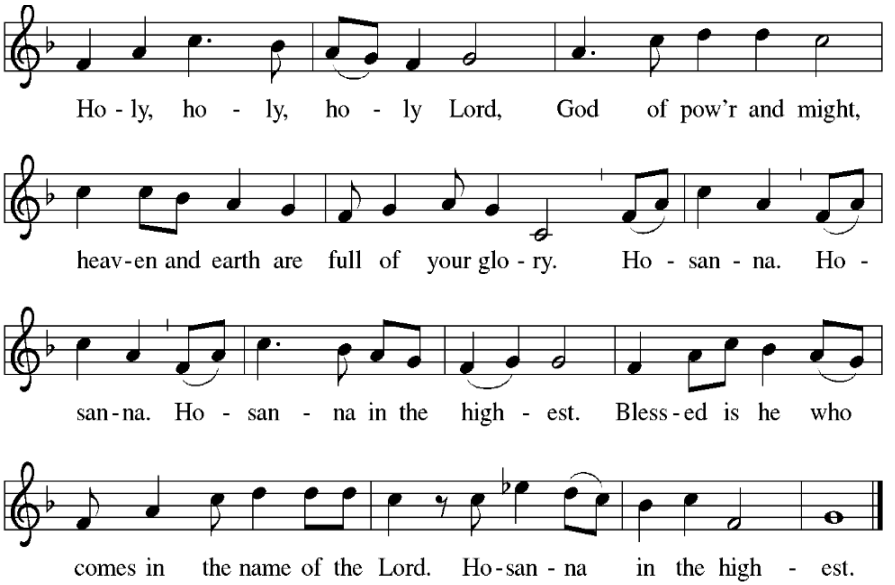
C: And also with you.

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



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

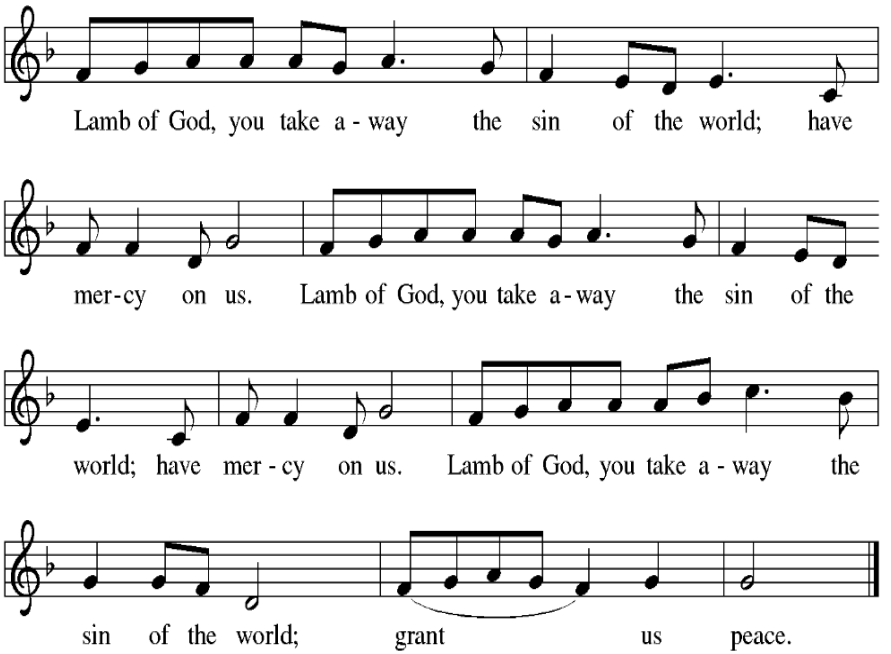
P: Let us now pray together as Jesus taught us.
C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

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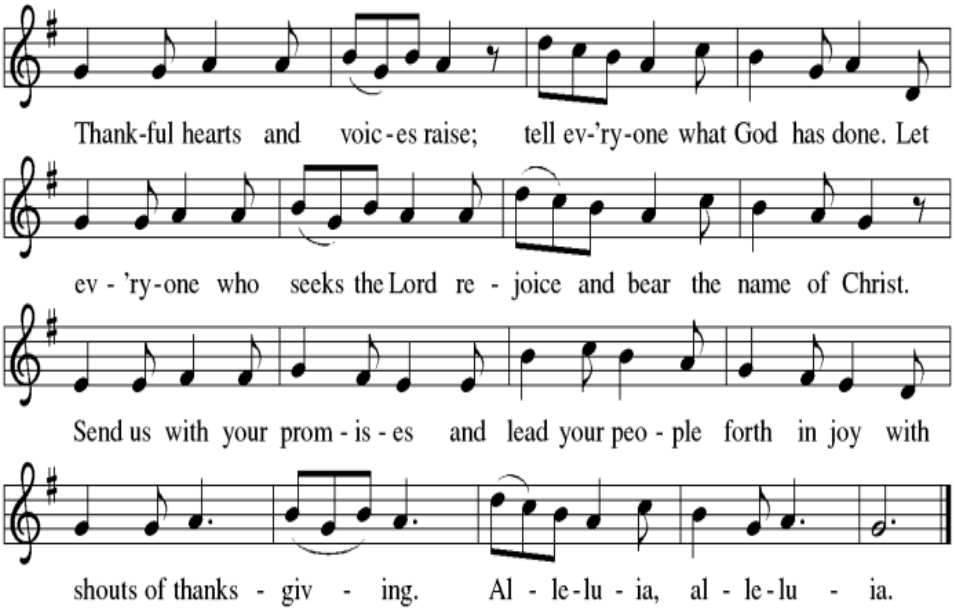


HOLY COMMUNION

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.

COMMUNION RESPONSE



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE BLESSING

P: The holy Trinity,
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"For All the Saints" (vs. 5-7) *ELW #422*

THE DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Encourage one another.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Instrumental*

Pastor	Rev. Sue Washburn
Pastor Emeritus	Rev. Steven J. Myers
Organist	Joshua Beck
Pianist	Nancy Finke Sheehan
Parish Administrator	Laura Vincenti

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Pastor Sue's

"Drop-In Wednesdays"

Community Outreach

Pastor Sue's community hours continue at ***Dunkin*** on Rt. 286. Stop by and bring friends to meet and talk with Pastor Sue.

Wednesdays: 10 am-noon

Dunkin

Holiday Park

1803 Golden Mile Highway

(Route 286)

Pastor Sue's Open Office Hours at the Church

Fridays from
10 am to 12 pm

Please feel free to stop by to talk about what's on your mind. Or schedule time with Pastor Sue here.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Election Day Bake Sale

Election Day is **Tuesday, November 3RD** and we need lots of goodies to make our annual bake sale a success. Sign up in the Entryway to bring goodies and/or to help the day of the sale.

Cindy will be in the lower kitchen on Monday, November 2nd from 1-3 to accept your bake goods. Contact Cindy Shaner at 724-335-0801 or cindyshaner2@gmail.com or with questions.

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HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

Are you a veteran? We are honoring the members and friends of our church who have served our nation (during a time of peace or war) during our worship services on Saturday and Sunday, November 7th & 8th .

If you served our nation in the armed forces, please sign the sheet in the Entryway by **Wednesday, Nov. 4th**. Share your branch of military service.

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Grief Group: Cocoa & Comfort

The holidays can be difficult when we miss a loved one. Join with those who understand at our "Surviving the Holidays" conversation on November 12 at 11AM. Participation is not limited to CLC members, feel free to share information about this opportunity with those who could benefit.

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An Eclectic Afternoon of Music with Josh Beck

Don't miss our own Josh Beck in a special concert *November 21 at 3:30 here at Christ's Lutheran* in an Eclectic Afternoon of Music with Josh Beck. Josh will play mix of styles on organ and piano: classical, jazz, and some favorite hymn tunes. Highlights include Boëllmann's Suite gothique, selections from Bach's Well Tempered Clavier, and music from Mister Rogers' Neighborhood.

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Christmas Outreach

We are looking forward to sharing the good news of our Christmas Eve Candlelight service and need <u>your</u> help. If you have investments with Thrivent, they offer their members the opportunity to apply for a mini grant which will help us buy yard signs to get the word out about CLC's Christmas Eve service.

There is nothing required of you other than to complete a very short application and submit a brief follow-up report (also, it would be good if you'd commit to placing a few of the signs). Our Admin Laura will help you write for the grant. Give her a call during office hours!

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Winter Coat Drive for Trinity Church



Donate *gently used coats & jackets* to benefit the Northside neighborhoods served by our sister church, Trinity Lutheran.

Drop your coat donations in the large boxes in the Ministry Center. **Deadline is this weekend!**

Light of Life, in partnership with agencies all over the Pittsburgh area, will prepare and gift 3,000 Thanksgiving food baskets to families who have a home, but do not have the means to purchase food for Thanksgiving dinner.

CLC is accepting monetary donations to help with needed items for the baskets. You can donate by writing a check payable to Christ's Lutheran Church and marking "Light of Life" on your check or offering envelope or donate via our website or app. Choose Light of Life as the fund.

Please make your donation by **Sunday, November 1st** .

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Our church office is open:

Monday, Tuesday ***Thursday, Friday***

9:00 am-12:00 pm, 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm
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WEEKLY CALENDAR **November 1st - 8th, 2026**

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

ALL SAINTS WEEKEND

Sunday 11/1 ***Those who do not have enough to eat***

9:00 am Kids' Sunday School, Bible Study for Adults
9:00 am Parent/Caregiver Small Group Class
10:00 am All Saints Sunday Worship
5:00 pm Confirmation Class
6:00 pm Youth Group Bonfire
7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Monday 11/2 ***Those who donate and volunteer their time to support our church***

1:00 – 3:00 pm Election Day Bake Sale Baked Goods Drop-Off
8:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday 11/3 ***Those voting today to choose our state and local government leaders***

Election Day- Lower Fellowship Hall Reserved
Election Day Bakesale
9:00 am Stitched With Love cancelled

Wednesday 11/4 ***Those who are seeking pastoral guidance***

9:00 am Property Committee Meeting
10:00 am Pastor Sue's Community Hours – Dunkin Rt. 286

Thursday 11/5 ***Artists in all mediums who share their work with the world***

6:30 pm East Suburban Artist League

Friday 11/6 ***Canine officers who work with law enforcement***

10:00 am Pastor Sue's Drop-In Office Hours
3:30 pm & 5:00 pm K9 Ministry - Scent Training for Dogs

NOISE FOR MISSION WEEKEND
VETERANS WEEKEND

Saturday 11/7 ***Our Cemetery Committee who maintains and manages Hankey Cemetery***

6:00 pm Saturday Worship
6:45 pm Fellowship to Honor Veterans

Sunday 11/8 ***Veterans whose service has secured our country***

9:00 am Kids' Sunday School, Bible Study for Adults
9:00 am Parent/Caregiver Small Group Class
10:00 am Sunday Worship
11:00 am Fellowship to Honor Veterans
7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous