Sunday, November 8, 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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App: Christ's Lutheran (ELCA)

A Veterans' Day Prayer

Almighty God, we gather today to give thanks for the men and women who have been called to serve in our military. We remember those who were and are willing to put their lives on the line to protect the safety and freedom of others.

We remember the passage from Gospel of John:
Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down their life for their friends.

We pray for our veterans, giving thanks for all that they have done for others. For the noble sacrifice of they and their families have made in pursuit of peace and freedom. We ask for your blessing upon them and for your peace within them.

We pray this morning for those who are not here. For those veterans who have been broken by their sacrifice and suffer from the trauma and wounds that we humans inflict upon each other in our sinfulness. We pray for those that need healing in body and soul. For those tormented by nightmares, plagued by doubts. For those who struggle to get by. May your comfort surround them and may they receive the just provision they deserve for their service.

We remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice and died so that we might live in freedom. We pray for the families of those who have lost the battle, asking for your special care and provision as well as the love and compassion of their neighbors.

Finally, Lord, we pray for peace. We look forward to the day when we beat our swords into ploughshares, when our guns and bombs and drones are obsolete. We look forward to the day when your peace surpasses our understanding. We look forward to that great day when your kingdom comes and your will is done here, on earth, as it is in heaven.
Amen.

By Rev. Susan Washburn



THANK YOU to these veterans who served our country:

Dave Armstrong	U.S. Navy
Rich Bernardini	U.S. Navy
Jim Doyle	U.S. Air Force
George Federovich	U.S. Army
Barbara Hall	U.S. Air Force
David Hall	U.S. Air Force
Jim Henry	U.S. Navy, U.S. Army
Oren Keibler	U.S. Army
Bryan Kozak	U.S. Army
Al Matz	U.S. Army
Paul McClintock	U.S. Marines
Stephanie McClintock	U.S. Marines
Bob McMarlin	U.S. Army
George Meade	U.S. Army
Derwood Montgomery	U.S. Army
Jeff Pope	U.S. Navy
Harry Replogle	U.S. Army
Fred Salenske	U.S. Army
John Schultz	U.S. Army
Erich Sill	U.S. Navy
Jim Stuckert	U.S. Air Force
Peggy Stuckert	U.S. Air Force
Nancy Smith	U.S. Air Force
Ron Spagna	U.S. Navy
Wally Utley	U.S. Navy
Jeremiah Wimer	U.S. Air Force
Scott Wineman	U.S. Air Force

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

(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

A VETERAN'S DAY LITANY

P: For those who have faithfully served our nation and who have given their lives for our country – that they may rest in God's peace and that their sacrifice may inspire us to commit ourselves to the ideals for which they perished – Lord,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For our nation's veterans, whom we have sent to far countries; and whom, for us, have endured fear, trauma, and sorrow that no human being should have to face – that they may receive the healing of their hearts, and a welcome reception in their towns, families and churches – Lord,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For the men and women in our armed services who are serving under orders this day, especially for those who may be in situations of danger or captivity – that they may conduct themselves with honor, may love our country second only to God and family, and that they may receive strength equal to the challenges they face – Lord,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For the families and friends of men and women who are now on active duty, for families of our veterans, for civilians who have suffered in time of war, and especially for families whose tables will always have an empty chair – Lord,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For those who have served our nation, both at home and overseas during times of peace, for the families of our soldiers and veterans who have had to endure the changes that occur when transfers are necessary, for those who have endured times of great transition because of their military service – Lord,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For world leaders, who have the power to promote peace and justice, or to extinguish human life from our planet – that all decisions related to the use of armed forces may be preceded by prayer and wise discernment – Lord,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For all of us, that we would continue to be people who foster healthy relationships, people who seek outer peace as well as inner harmony, and people who seek to build a world where justice and kindness prevail – that the dwelling of God may be with us, that the "former things" may pass away, and that wars shall be no more – Lord,

C: hear our prayer. Amen

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(please stand)*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.

C: Amen.

Please take a moment in silence for personal confession.

P: Holy God,

C: we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.

P: Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

C: 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
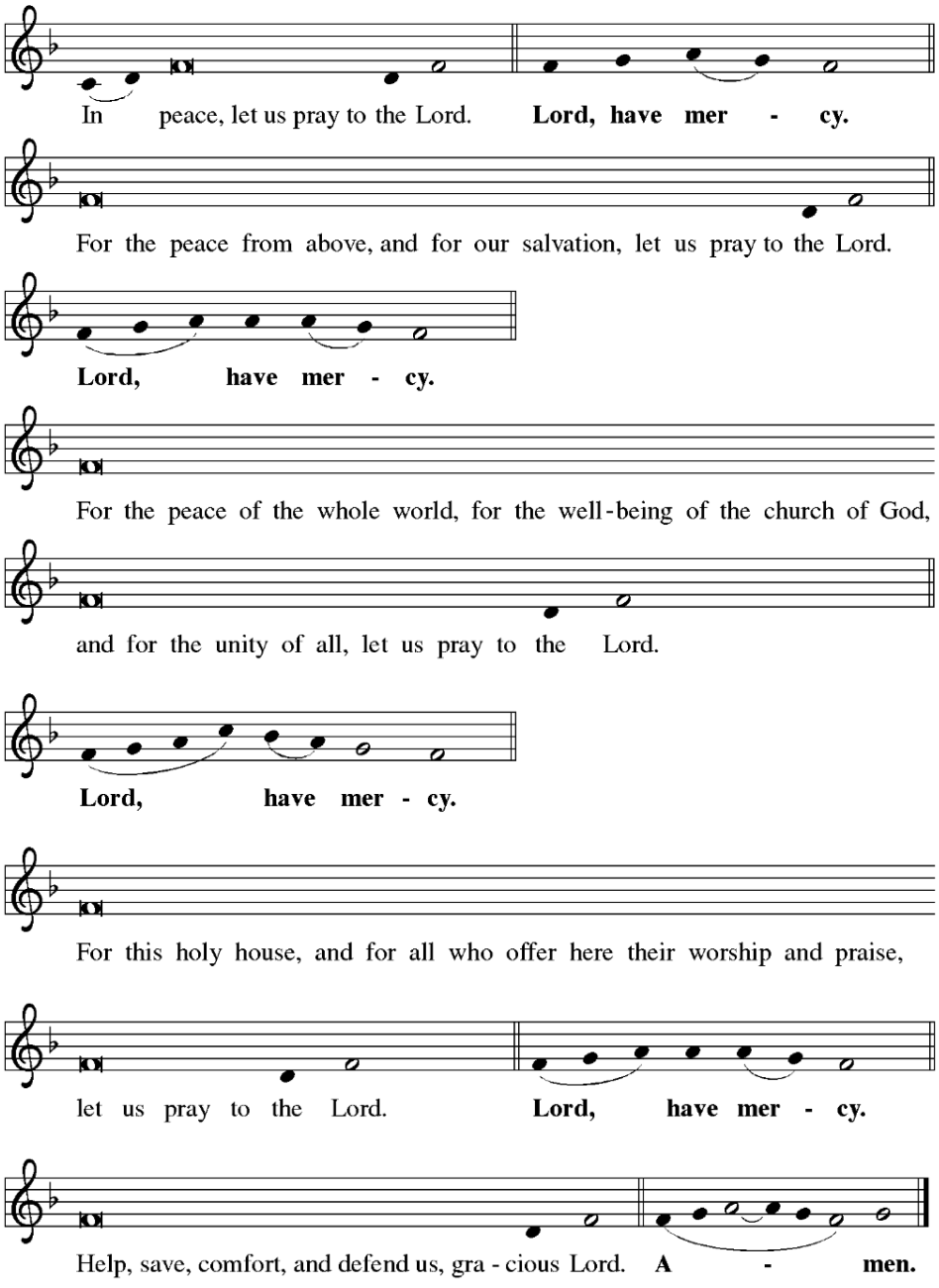
"Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand" *ELW #441*

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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: PSALM 70 *(please be seated)*

A: Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O Lord, make haste to help me.

C: Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.

A: Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.

C: Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the Lord!"

A: But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
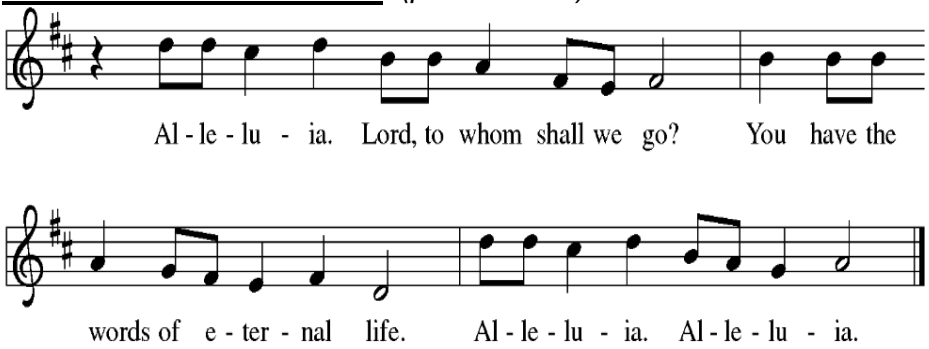
C: You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry.

SECOND READING: AMOS 5:18-24

Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light, as if someone fled from a lion and was met by a bear or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them, and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

IMAGINATION TIME with Pastor Sue

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(please stand)*



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

HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:1-13

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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)*
"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" *ELW #244*

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: You illumine the church with the hope of your new day. Prepare our hearts and minds for the inbreaking of your kingdom, that we might awaken to your transforming love at work all around us. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You create and sustain the earth's natural rhythms so that all life might thrive. Show us the wisdom and wonder of nature's balance; make us careful stewards of our common home. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You make justice roll down in all places and among all nations. Encourage all who protect vulnerable communities and help rebuild in the aftermath of conflict. Uphold veterans and those who care for them. 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: Holy Spirit, be working among the congregation in this time of transition. Raise up leaders among us with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love. Thank you for all who donate their time and energy to serving you in so many different ways. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You hasten to heal our wounds and make whole what is broken. Comfort individuals facing a difficult diagnosis, receiving palliative care, or facing uncertain treatment options. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of every comfort, you made us in your own image. Grant healing and relief to all who are sick or suffering, including:



Greg & Donna B., Robert Bante, Randy Clouser, Joel Erwin, Debbie Faust, David Favero, Nancy Fiedler, Connie Fontana, Donna Fontana, Joseph Grabowski, Sr., Peggy Henry, Marlene Karl, Lisa Lehman, John Magnus, Derwood Montgomery, Rod Murray, Michael O'Donnell, Jeff Pope, Betty Reagan, Paul Rizzo, Sandi Shaffer & Kate Hall, Ron Spagna, Marianne Trainor, Terri Veltre, and Sue Werner



And for our church members and friends:

Irmgard Kuuskler
Kurt & Anita Landsberg
Jerry & Helen Lang
Marlin & Susie Lasher

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: Giving an offering to God has always been part of our Judeo-Christian tradition. We give what we have – our financial donations, our volunteer efforts, our willingness to show up and help are ways of showing our love for God. Please give generously.

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,
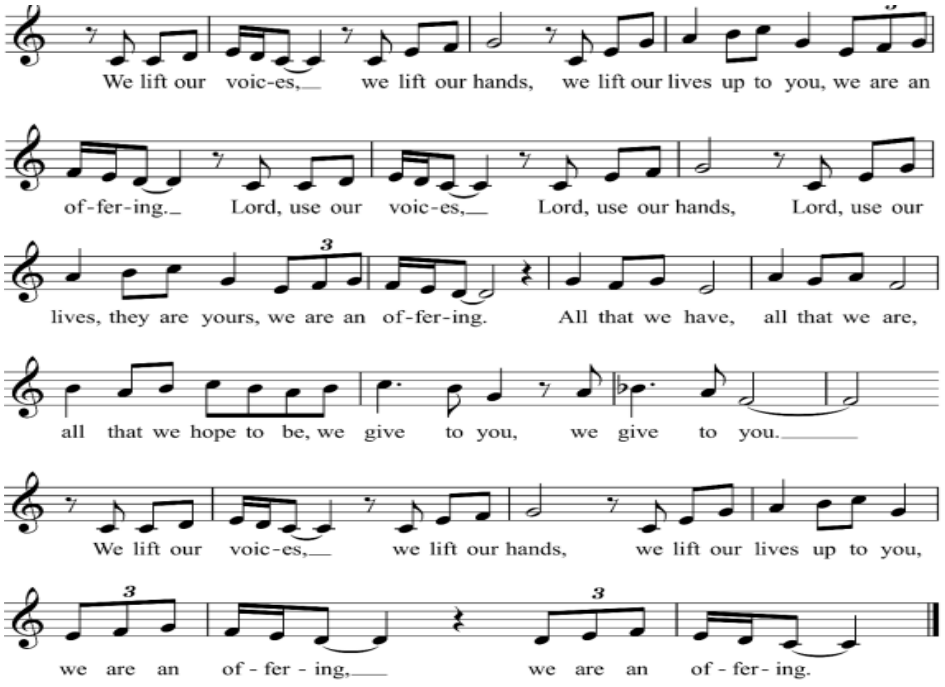
You can use our app to send your offering,

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.

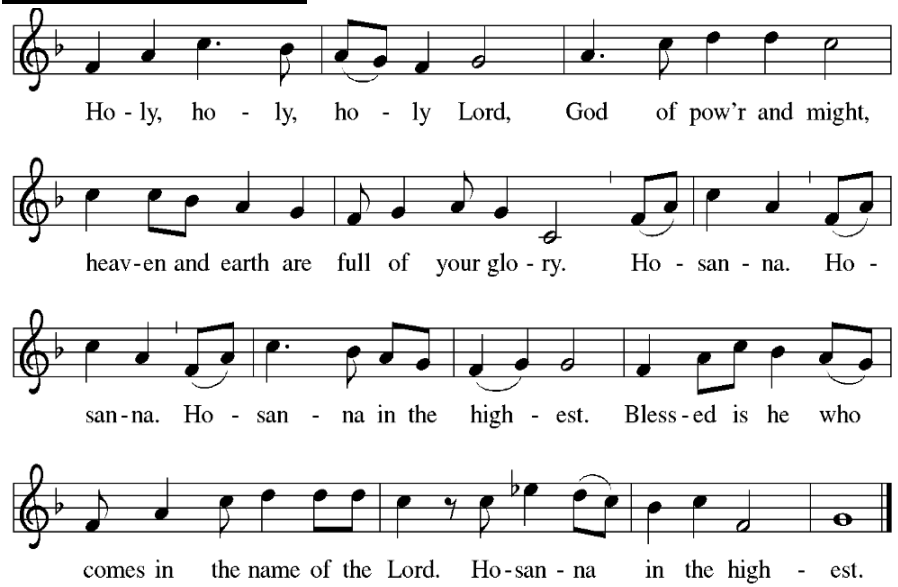
C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

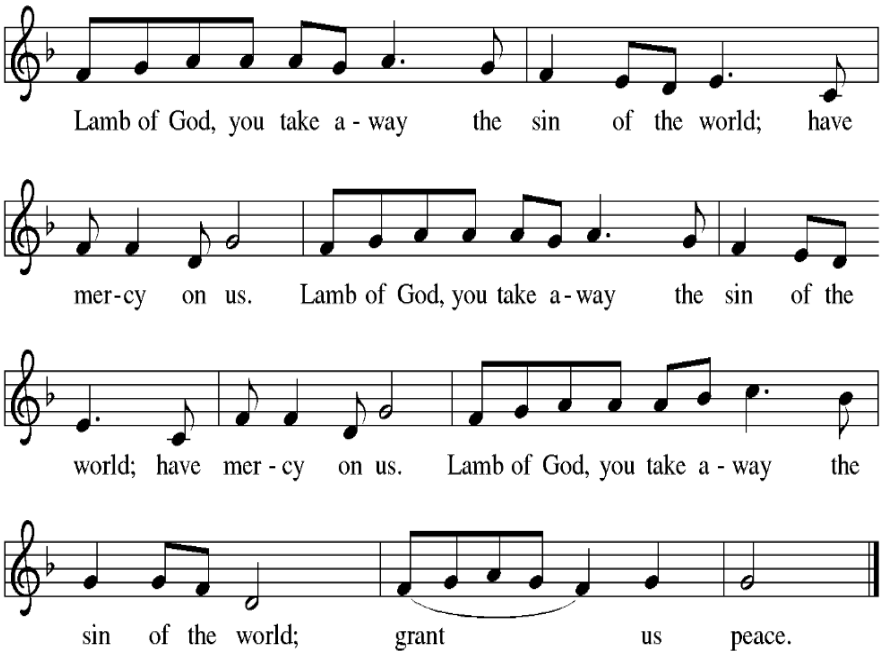
P: Let us now pray together as Jesus taught us.

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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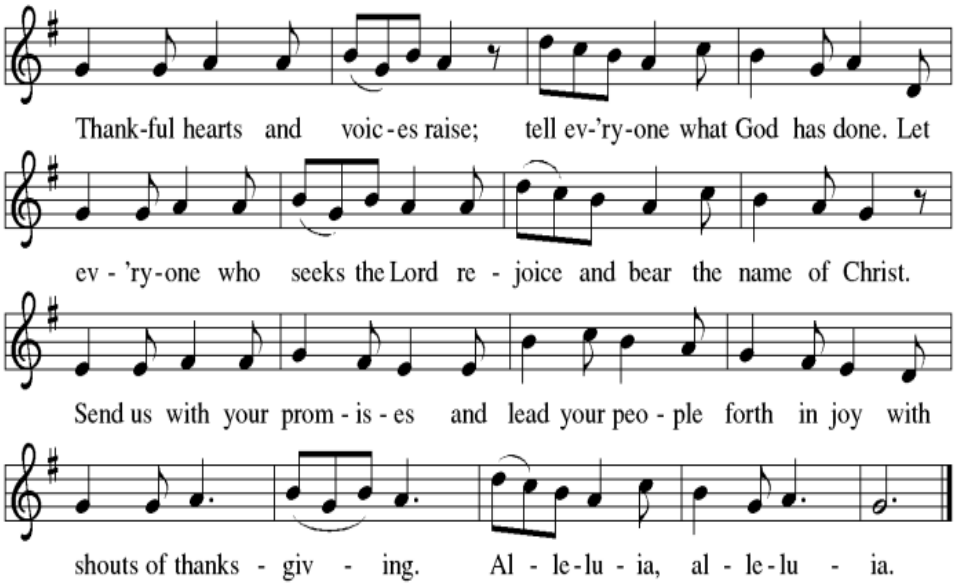


HOLY COMMUNION

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

"Soon and Very Soon" *ELW #439*

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 your friends to meet and chat with her.

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

(no office hours on the 20th)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Please join us in the upstairs fellowship hall after today's service to celebrate our veterans.

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~ *Invite your friends and family* ~

An Eclectic Afternoon of Music

with Josh Beck

NOVEMBER 21 **3:30 PM**

Christ's Lutheran Church

Followed by a light dinner

Josh will play a 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 Roger's Neighborhood.

The concert is free and open to the public.



To ensure food for all, registration is requested (but not required). Scan the code or sign-up in the Mission Center.

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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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Rise AGAINST HUNGER

Don't miss your chance to volunteer for the Rise Against Hunger food packing event on Saturday, November 21st

Sign-Up Deadline: This Sun, Nov 8

Scan this QR code or sign up at the Mission Center.
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CARING HEARTS AND HANDS will meet on Thursday, November 12, at 9:30 am in the downstairs fellowship hall to plan the menu for the December box lunches. Containers of homemade Christmas cookies will be packed and delivered along with the lunches. We welcome you to join CH&H as we reach out to those on our caring list with cards, visits, phone calls and every other month box lunches. If you know someone who should be included on our caring list, please contact the church office.

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We at Christ's Lutheran have been planting seeds all year with the prayer/hope that they would yield CLC members ready to help our church grow and reach others with God's word. For Christ's Lutheran to successfully do God's work we need leadership, and that leadership comes from our Church Council.

Council is made up of members from all walks of life who share their experiences, both at CLC and in the world, to add to discussions and decisions made at the Council table.

We believe that many of the seeds we planted have taken root and have bloomed into a corps of CLC members ready to step up to serve their congregation.

Please contact Linda Paulovich lindajeanpaul@aol.com, Harry Replogle replogle4@verizon.net, or Carol Tamenne bctamenne@gmail.com to discuss your interest in becoming a member of CLC's Council.

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The holidays can be stressful. This pastor-led candlelight class at Christ's Lutheran will feature quiet prayer and reflection on Bible scriptures Movement may be from the floor or a chair. Please bring an exercise mat or a towel.

Wednesday evenings **December 2,9,16,23 at 6:30**
Free and open to the public, bring a friend!

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Getting the Word Out: You've read that CLC will be using yard signs to help share the news about our Christmas Eve service. We'll need to know how many yard signs to buy, so if you are able to put some up in your yard, on your street, or on a nearby road that's well traveled, there is a sign-up sheet at the Mission Center.

When the season is over, we'll ask you to return the signs to be reused.
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The Kiski Valley Community Band
presents:
The Sounds of Christmas
Saturday, Dec. 5th, 2026
7:30 pm
Christ's Lutheran Church
5330 Old Logan Ferry Road
Murrysville, PA 15668
A Free Concert ~ donations will benefit
the Blackburn Center


CHRISTMAS
PARENTS' DAY OUT
&
BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS
December 12 9-Noon
Kids will learn the Christmas story through songs,
games and crafts and get costumes for the "instant"
Christmas pageant in worship on December 13
Sign up online or in the church lobby


Toy Drive
To benefit Plum Food Pantry Families
Scan the QR code inside the presents to donate (choose "Toy Drive"
as the fund), write "Toy Drive" on your check and put it in the offering plate,
or pick up a Toy Drive Envelope in the Mission Center

Our church office is open:

Monday, Tuesday Thursday, Friday

9:00 am-12:00 pm, 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm

WEEKLY CALENDAR

November 8th - 15th, 2026

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

VETERANS WEEKEND NOISE FOR MISSION WEEKEND

Sunday 11/8	***Veterans whose service has secured our country***
9:00 am	Kids' Sunday School, Bible Study for Adults
10:00 am	Sunday Worship
11:00 am	Fellowship to Honor Veterans
7:30 pm	Narcotics Anonymous
Monday 11/9	***The ministry of Heifer International***
8:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tuesday 11/10	***Those who plan and carry out the educational and congregational activities of our church***
9:00 am	Stitched With Love
10:00 am	Congregational Life Team Meeting
6:00 pm	Girl Scouts
6:30 pm	Worship & Music Committee Meeting
Wednesday 11/11	***The Men of our Church***
10:00 am	Pastor Sue's Community Hours – Dunkin Rt. 286
Thursday 11/12	***Those who volunteer with Caring Hearts & Hands and those on the Caring List***
9:30 am	Caring Hearts & Hands
11:00 am	Outreach Team Meeting
Friday 11/13	***Members of our Weekend Worship Team***
10:00 am	Pastor Sue's Drop-In Office Hours
3:30 pm & 5:00 pm	K9 Ministry - Scent Training for Dogs

LITTLE PANTRY WEEKEND

Saturday 11/14	***Those who donate to our Little Pantry and the people it serves***
8:30 am	Men's Breakfast
6:00 pm	Saturday Worship
Sunday 11/15	***For members to search their hearts and respond to our call for Council members***
9:00 am	Kids' Sunday School, Bible Study for Adults
10:00 am	Sunday Worship
7:30 pm	Narcotics Anonymous