

Sunday, September 12th, 2021

For whoever wants to
save his life

WILL LOSE IT,

but whoever

loses his life

for me and for
the gospel

WILL SAVE IT.

Mark 8:35

CHRIST'S CHURCH FOR ALL PEOPLE

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We welcome you to our church's house of worship. If you are new to worship in the Lutheran church, this introduction will guide you through the worship service. The prayers, responses, and service music are all printed in this bulletin. You will need to use the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) hymnals for the hymns.

Communion - All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. Children can come forward for a blessing if they have not previously received Holy Communion. At this time, we are offering Holy Communion in "one kind," which means that we are only offering the host (bread). We hope to be able to begin offering wine during Holy Communion in the near future. We, also, offer gluten-free wafers to those who are gluten-intolerant. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please let Pastor Wayne know when you come forward for Holy Communion.

Children are always welcome at worship. If your child needs to move around, please feel free to walk him/her in the rear area of the sanctuary. The rest rooms (with diaper decks) are located in the hallway to the right of the entryway. At the back of the sanctuary, you'll find a basket with cloth bags containing activities for children age 3 and older. Feel free to allow your child to borrow a bag for quiet entertainment during services. With the exception of any artwork your child creates (feel free to tear out), we ask that you return the contents to the bag, and the bag to the basket at the back of the church, after our service.

Please take a moment to silence your cell phone. Thank you.

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PRELUDE

“Voluntary in A Minor, Allegro”

J. Stanley

“Ever Faithful, Ever Near”

F. Ritter

“Just As I Am, Without One Plea”

D. Wood

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING OF CONCERNS

ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
full of compassion and mercy,
abounding in steadfast love.

C. Amen.

P. Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against
God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P. Eternal God our creator,

C. in you we live and move and have our being.

**Look upon us, your children,
the work of your hands.**

**Forgive us all our offenses,
and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires.**

**By your grace draw us near to you,
our refuge and our strength,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P. Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit given to us.

In the mercy of almighty God,
Christ died for us while we still were sinners
and for his sake, God + forgives you all your sins.

C. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *(please stand)*

“Lift High the Cross”

ELW #660 (vs. 1,3,4)

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P. O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C. Amen

FIRST READING: Psalm 116-9

¹I love the LORD, who has ¹ heard my voice,
and listened to my ¹ supplication,

²for the LORD has given ¹ ear to me
whenever I called.

³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave ¹ came upon
me;
I came to ¹ grief and sorrow.

⁴Then I called upon the name ¹ of the LORD:
"O LORD, I pray you, ¹ save my life."

⁵Gracious is the ¹ LORD and righteous;
our God is full ¹ of compassion.

⁶The LORD watches over the innocent;
I was brought low, ¹ and God saved me.

⁷Turn again to your rest, ¹ O my soul.
for the LORD has dealt ¹ well with you.

⁸For you have rescued my ¹ life from death,
my eyes from tears, and my ¹ feet from stumbling;

⁹I will walk in the presence ¹ of the LORD
in the land ¹ of the living.

SECOND READING: James 3:1-12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle.

³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed

by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P. The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eight chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they

give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P. The Gospel of the Lord.

C. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Wayne Gillespie

(please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

ELW #798 (vs. 1,5)

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

P. Lord in your mercy, (*after each petition*)

C. **hear our prayer.**

TODAY, WE WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS:

Chad, Kathy Babinsack, Teddy Baker, Joe and Doris Cashell, Sally Dutzman, Courtney Erkus, Bob McElory, Pat Kvale, Kurt Landsberg, Jr. Alexander Matz, Derwood Montgomoery, Michael O'Donnell, Mandy Pfeiffer, Stephanie Sellers, Beth Smith, Marianne Trainor, Linda and Sean Vandy



P. Gracious God, we lift to you these prayers and the prayers of our hearts, trusting in your everlasting love and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C. **Amen.**

OFFERING for God's work through the church (*please be seated*)

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. If you would like to support our ministry through automatic, electronic giving, you can download the Tithely app and create an account by scanning this QR Code.



Type: Christ's Lutheran Church Murrysville PA in the "Find a Church" line.

You can, also, send your offering to support our ministry by mailing it to: Christ's Lutheran Church 5330 Old Logan Ferry Road Murrysville, PA

The Offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared.

OFFERTORY

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

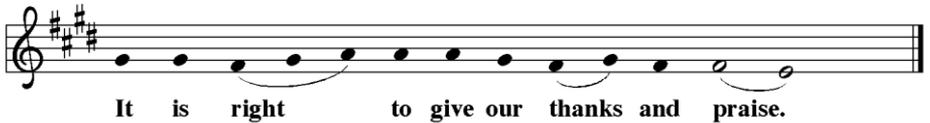
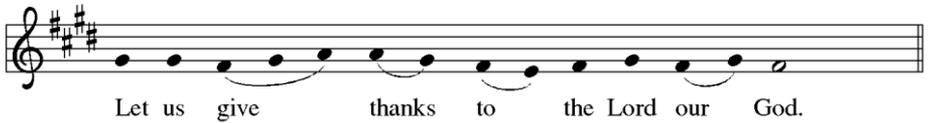
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

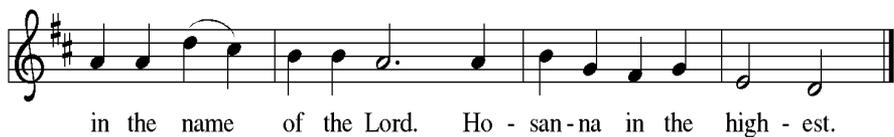
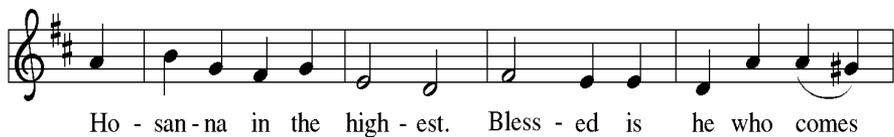
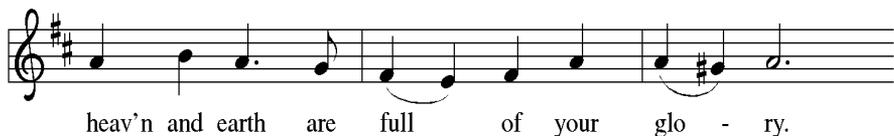
A. Let us pray.

C. **Merciful God,
you open wide your hand
and satisfy the need of every living thing.
You have set this feast before us.
Open our hands to receive it.
Open our hearts to embrace it.
Open our lives to live it.
We pray this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



P. It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . (*concluding*)
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER *(all)*

**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.**

THE FRACTURE (praying together)

C: Increase my faith, Lord Jesus, in your real presence here, and help me to know that You are near. Amen

HOLY COMMUNION

(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.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- A. Let us pray.
Jesus Christ, host of this meal,
you have given us not only this bread and cup,
but your very self, that we may feast on your great love.
Filled again by these signs of your grace,
may we hunger for your reign of justice,
may we thirst for your way of peace,
for you are Lord forevermore.
C. **Amen.**

“Aaron’s Blessing”

Pastor Wayne Gillespie

**May the Lord bless and keep you forever.
May the Lord always be by your side.
May the Lord make His face shine upon you,
and be gracious to you ev’ry day.
May the Lord give you peace on your journey.
May God’s love and peace fill your heart.
May the Lord bless and keep you forever.
May the Lord always be by your side.**

SENDING HYMN

“Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song”

ELW #808 (vs. 1,4)

THE DISMISSAL

- A. Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.
C. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Arise, My Soul, Arise”

Finnish folk tune

Pastor	Wayne G. Gillespie
Pastor Emeritus	Steven J. Myers
Organist	Nancy Finke Sheehan
Parish Administrator	Breana Howard

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. A big “Thank You” is extended to our Tech Team for broadcasting our Sunday morning service this weekend. Plus a huge shoutout to our weekly readers, reconcilers, and helpers that make sure everything is ready to go before and after service! This week we would like to give thanks to: Linda Gould, Nancy Sheehan, Bob & Randi MacKeil, Erich Sill, Cindy Shaner, Cindy Lott & Pam Zimmerman.



2. Online Worship: If you are still having problems connecting to our online worship services, please contact the church office by sending an email to: office@christsmurrysville.org. We have people who are willing to help you to connect to our live-streamed services if you need help.
3. Telephone Call-in Worship: Are you, or somebody that you know, not able to connect to our live-streamed worship services because they are not connected to the Internet? We are now offering a telephone call-in option, so that people who do not have Internet service can listen to our worship services on their telephone. If you, or someone that you know, would like to listen to our worship services on your/their telephone, please contact Breana, in the church office, between 9:15 AM and 2:15 PM on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday by calling: (412) 795-1212.
4. We are exploring ways to help young people reconnect with each other as we move through the coming months. We are considering hosting some after-worship activities (perhaps once each month). Of course, it is never too early to begin talking about Sunday School in the Fall. If you

have some ideas, or would like to lend a helping hand, please call the church office at: (412) 795-1212.

5. Thank you to the Property Team and to the volunteers who have been helping with weeding and trimming around the church grounds. We are still looking for a volunteer(s) to help maintain the grounds consistently. If you or someone you know would be interested in helping, please contact the church office.
6. Our "Make a Joyful Noise" collection cans have returned! The cans will be in the Narthex the first weekend of the month for anyone who wants to help donate spare change and help Trinity Lutheran Church on the North Side of Pittsburgh.
7. **ATTENTION RETIREES** – (70 and ½ or older)
Did you know that you can give all or part of your RMD (required minimum distribution) from your IRA to the church tax free? You can give up to \$100,000.00 tax free, even if that's more than your RMD! But you need to transfer the money directly from your IRA for it to count as tax free. Ask your IRA administrator about making a direct transfer or have your administrator write a check directly to the church or the charity of your choice.

For more information, please contact
Harry Replogle at 724-339-2208

8. The repair of our stormwater drainage pipe has begun. Those who want to help by making a monetary donation, may do so at any time by mail, in person, or through the electronic giving app. Please be sure to let us know that your contribution is for the stormwater drainage project. Stay tuned for more updates.
9. If you have an announcement for the church newsletter, please make sure to get the information to Breana in the office no later than the 20th of the month. Thank you.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Sunday 9/12/2021 through Sunday 9/19/2021

Sunday 9/12

10:00 am	Sunday Morning Worship
7:00 pm	Worship & Music Meeting
7:30 pm	Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

Monday 9/13

5:00 pm	Kindermusik
8:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous
6:30 pm	Outreach Team Meeting

Tuesday 9/14

9:00 am	Sewing Group
9:00 am	Kindermusik
10:00 am	Congregational Life Team Meeting

Wednesday 9/15

9:00 am	Property Team Meeting
9:00 am	Kindermusik

Thursday 9/16

9:00 am	Kindermusik
9:15 am	Caring Hearts & Hands
6:30 pm	Council Meeting

Friday 9/17

Saturday 9/18

6:00 pm	Saturday Evening Worship
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Sunday 9/19

10:00 am	Sunday Morning Worship
7:30 pm	Narcotics Anonymous Meeting