

**Sunday, September 19, 2021**

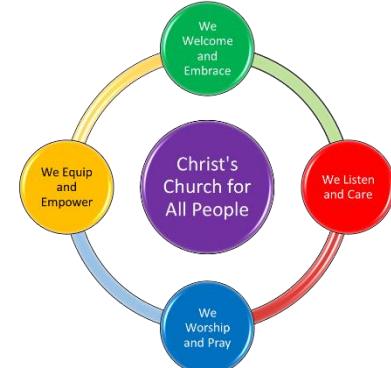
“Whoever welcomes one of these  
little children in my name  
welcomes me...”

Mark 9:37



## 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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*(Please take a moment to silence your electronic devices. ~ Thank you.)*

**PRELUDE**

“Abba, I Belong to You”  
“Lord, My Strength”  
“Build Up”

P.Eide/J. Stromberg  
D. Krippaehene  
L. Olson/H.Peterson

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING OF CONCERNS**

**ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P. Blessed be the + holy Trinity,  
the one who fashions us,  
the one who heals us,  
the one who reforms us again and again.

C. Amen.

P. Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P. Source of all life,

C. **we confess that we have not allowed  
your grace to set us free.**

We fear that we are not good enough.

We hear your word of love freely given to us,  
yet we expect others to earn it.

We turn the church inward,

rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us.

Reform us to be a church powered by love,

willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just,  
and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

P. God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us  
and to empower our lives in the world.

Our sins are forgiven, + God's love is unconditional,

and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new,  
in the name of Jesus Christ.

C. Amen.

**GATHERING HYMN (please stand)**

“All Are Welcome”

ELW # 641(vs. 1&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

*Refrain*



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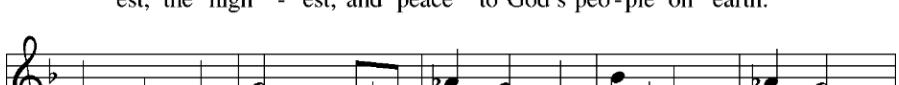


we give you thanks, we praise you

*Refrain*



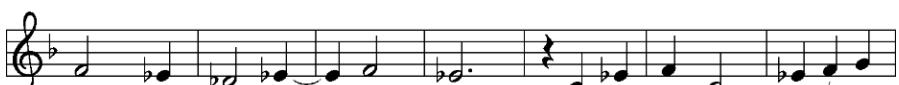
Glo - ry to God in the high-



Lord God,



you take a - way the sin of the



you are seat-ed at the



re - ceive our prayer.

*Refrain*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and  
peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 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. A - men. A - men.

*Final refrain*

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

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P. O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C. Amen.

## **FIRST READING: Psalm 54**

<sup>1</sup>Save me, O God, <sup>1</sup> by your name;  
    in your might, defend my cause.  
<sup>2</sup>Hear my <sup>1</sup> prayer, O God;  
    give ear to the words <sup>1</sup> of my mouth.  
<sup>3</sup>For strangers have risen up against me,  
and the ruthless have <sup>1</sup> sought my life,  
    those who have no regard for God.  
<sup>4</sup>Behold, God <sup>1</sup> is my helper;  
    it is the Lord who sustains my life.  
<sup>5</sup>Render evil to those who <sup>1</sup> spy on me;  
    in your faithfulness, destroy them.  
<sup>6</sup>I will offer you a <sup>1</sup> freewill sacrifice  
    and praise your name, O LORD, for <sup>1</sup> it is good.  
<sup>7</sup>For you have rescued me from <sup>1</sup> every trouble,  
    and my eye looks down <sup>1</sup> on my enemies.

## **SECOND READING: James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a**

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. <sup>4:1</sup>Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are integrated into the music. The first staff includes the line "Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the". The second staff continues with "words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.". The third staff has "Al - le - lu - ia," followed by "al - le - lu - ia." The fourth staff concludes with "Al - le - lu - ia." and "al - le - lu - ia."

P.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

### GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

<sup>30</sup>[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; <sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. <sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

P. The Gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

*Pastor Wayne Gillespie*

*(please be seated)*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

ELW #815(vs. 1&3)

## **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, Diana Hooper, Pat Kvale, Kurt Landsberg, Jr., Bob McElroy, Derwood Montgomoery, Michael O'Donnell, Mandy Pfeiffer, Stephanine Sellers, Beth Smith, Marianne Trainor, Linda and Sean Vandy, Bob & Donna Yoder



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**

"Heal Us Now"

L. Sher

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

- A. Let us pray.
- C. God of life,  
you give us these gifts of the earth,  
these resources of our life and our labor.  
Take them, offered in great thanksgiving,  
and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light.  
Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (two sharps) and common time. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with each staff containing a single line of text corresponding to the melody. The lyrics are:

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

The musical score consists of eight staves of music in G major (two sharps) and common time. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with each staff containing a single line of text corresponding to the melody. The lyrics are:

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

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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**

“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

ELW #389 (vs.1,2,3)

## **THE DISMISSAL**

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

## **POSTLUDE**

“Go Now”

H. Peterson/L. Olson

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Pastor  
Pastor Emeritus  
Organist  
Parish Administrator

Wayne G. Gillespie  
Steven J. Myers  
Nancy Finke Sheehan  
Breana Howard

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Thanks to the New Sound Members for the time and skills they have shared to provide music for Sunday’s worship!

2. Today we are using setting eight of our liturgy, which we sing on New Sound Sundays. It's been over a year since we have sung this music, but jump in and give it a try. Sing with joy to the Lord!
3. 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: Eric Waxbom, Susie Lasher, Rebekah McKenzie & Cindy Shanner.



4. 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](mailto:office@christsmurrysville.org). We have people who are willing to help you to connect to our live-streamed services if you need help.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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 that you know would be interested in helping, please contact the church office.

8. 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.

9. **ATTENTION RETIREES** – (70 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

10. 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.
11. 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 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. Thank you.

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
**Sunday 9/19/2021 through Sunday 9/26/2021**

**Sunday 9/19**

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

**Monday 9/20**

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

**Tuesday 9/21**

9:00 am	Kindermusik
7:00 pm	Organist/Pianist Search Team

**Wednesday 9/22**

9:00 am	Kindermusik
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**Thursday 9/23**

9:00 am	Kindermusik
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**Friday 9/24**

**Saturday 9/25**

6:00 pm	Saturday Evening Worship
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**Sunday 9/26**

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