

The Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 16, 2023



Peace be with you.
AS THE FATHER HAS
SENT ME,
—EVEN SO I AM—
SENDING YOU.

John 20:21, ESV

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.

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 Pastor Wayne know when he gives you 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.

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(Please take a moment to silence your electronic devices)

PRELUDE

“This Joyful Eastertide”

Michael Burkhardt

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING OF CONCERNS

P: He is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Let us acknowledge before God and one another our continuing need for repentance and God’s mercy.

P: Holy God,

C: we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often, we neglect and do not trust your holy word. We take for ourselves instead of giving to others. We spoil rather than steward your creation. We cause hurt though you call us to heal. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.

P: Hear the good news: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus died for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. All a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

ELW #367

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty and eternal god, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one god, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: ACTS 2:14A-22-32

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore, my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' "This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

SECOND READING: 1 PETER 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the twentieth chapter.

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

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you. After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the father has sent me, so I send you. When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained. "But Thomas (who was called the Twin¹), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So, the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe. "A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you. "Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe. Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God! Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe. "Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

Pastor Wayne Gillespie

(please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

ELW #614

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of the God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and Son are worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

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

C: **hear our prayer.**

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

Tristan and Sparrow Apple, Debbie Faust, Richard Hood, Linda Hill, Bob Merlin, John Magnus, Derwood Montgomery, Taylor Niemetz,, Rick Parr, John Rambo, Jack Tjaden, Betty Vance, Tom Hummel, Tim Schall Rev HB West.

P: Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen 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 create a PushPay account by scanning the QR Code below or by visiting the website: pushpay.com/g/clcmurrysvillepa



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 15668

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

OFFERTORY

"Now the Green Blade Riseth"

Michael Burkhardt

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



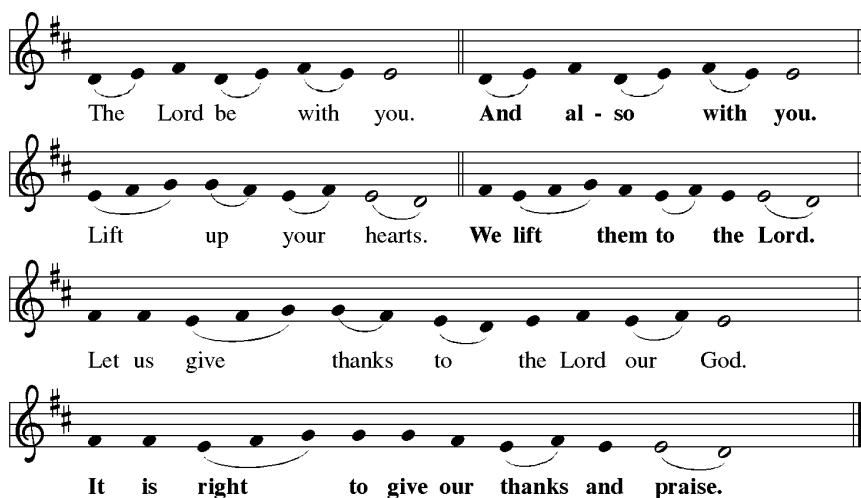
Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

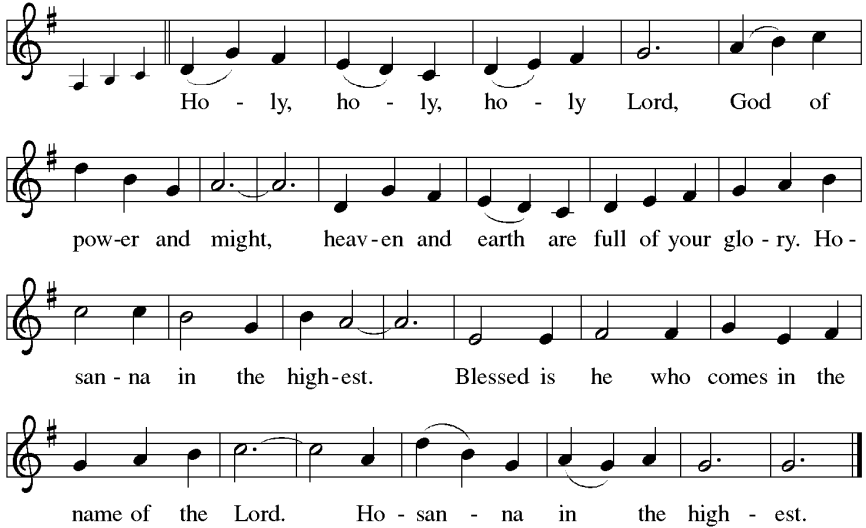
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. 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,

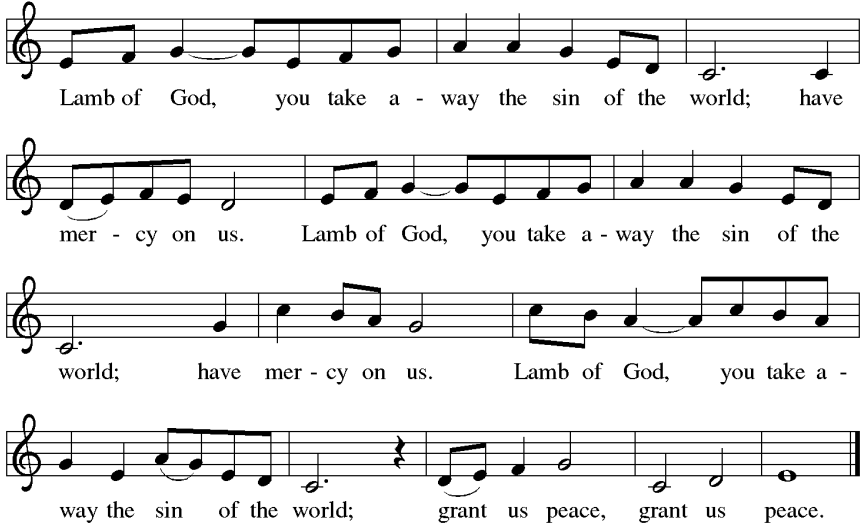
but deliver us from evil.

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

AGNUS DEI



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, grant us peace.

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: Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

THE BLESSING

P: The God of all, who raised + Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

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

THE DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Toccata on Gaudeamus Partier”

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Big Thank You is extended to our readers, worship assistants, reconcilers, Tech Team, and to the many other helpers who made this weekend's services possible. This week, we especially thank those who are sharing their time and talents with us...

Saturday: Amy Lederer, Susan and Bob Lyons, Erich Sill

Sunday: Romaine Miller, Diana Hooper, Cindy Shaner

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Join us in packing and assembling Food boxes for seniors in our area on **Saturday April 22nd from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.** Christ's Lutheran's

team signed up for 11 volunteers and so far we have 6, so we need 5 more people to complete our team. Please contact Kris Meade at kmeade@medbrokersllc.com or 412-580-7872 for more information.

Thank you

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Christ's Little Pantry Our members have been so generous by bringing one or two items when coming to worship, and putting them in the collection box in the Entryway or directly into the pantry. Currently Our needs are Soup (no tomato) Canned fruit, Breakfast items snack bars.(no pasta or canned vegetables). Your kindness is truly appreciated. Thank you!



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A TIME FOR PRAYER Please remember that we committed to praying for our congregation and ministry each day at 7:05 pm. Please pray for our church, Pastor Wayne, our council members and our country each day.

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Ronald Mcdonald House



Our Outreach Committee is collecting aluminum tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Please help by depositing tabs that you collect in the container in the Entryway.

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Registration for the summer of 2023 is OPEN!

Camperships are available for all who need assistance. Call 724-865-2161 or email registrar@lutherlyn.com for a campership application. For more information, visit [Summer Camp Home \(lutherlyn.com\)](http://lutherlyn.com)

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## Thank you-



To everyone that helped making this year's Easter egg hunt a success. We appreciate the candy, food donation, egg stuffers and egg hider's help. The children enjoyed the egg hunt and snacks. Fun was had by all.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 16 – April 23, 2023

### Sunday 4/16

|          |                        |
|----------|------------------------|
| 9:00 am  | Sunday School          |
| 10:00 am | Sunday Morning Worship |
| 11:30 am | Council Meeting        |
| 7:30 pm  | NA Meeting             |

### Monday 4/17

|         |            |
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| 8:00 pm | AA Meeting |
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### Tuesday 4/18

|         |              |
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| 9:00 am | Sewing Group |
| 9:30 am | Kindermusik  |

### Wednesday 4/19

|                    |                           |
|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 10:30 am & 5:30 pm | Kindermusik               |
| 6:00 pm            | Girls Scouts -Troop 52301 |

### Thursday 4/20

|         |             |
|---------|-------------|
| 9:30 am | Kindermusik |
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### Friday 4/21

### Saturday 4/22

|         |                 |
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| 6:00 pm | Worship Service |
|---------|-----------------|

### Sunday 4/23

|          |                        |
|----------|------------------------|
| 9:00 am  | Sunday School          |
| 10:00 am | Sunday Morning Worship |
| 7:30 pm  | NA Meeting             |

