

**Sunday, May 5, 2024**

**"This is my  
commandment,**



**that you love  
one another as  
I have loved you."**

**John 15:12**

***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. Our Sunday morning service is livestreamed on YouTube and your image may appear.

**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.

**CHRIST'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**App: [Christ's Lutheran \(ELCA\)](#)**

# The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

*(Please take a moment to silence your electronic devices)*

## PRELUDE

*Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!*

*Michael Burkhardt*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING OF CONCERNS

P: He is risen!

**C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P: Most Merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

*"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!"*

*ELW #377*

## 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.**

# This Is the Feast of Victory



1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4. Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5. For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion.  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: Based on Revelation 5, © 1978, *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. by Augsburg Fortress  
 Tune: FESTIVAL CANTICLE, Irregular with refrain; Richard Hillert, 1923–2010, © 1975, 1988, Richard Hillert

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

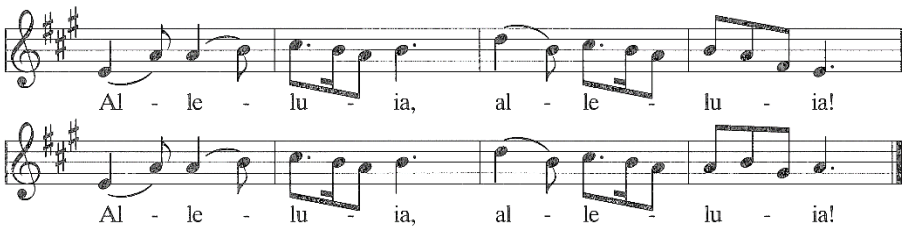
**FIRST READING: ACTS 10:44-48**

While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. Then Peter said, “Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.” So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

**SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 5:1-6**

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - CELTIC ALLELUIA**



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows two staves of musical notation for a Celtic Alleluia. Both staves are in the treble clef and the key signature of D major (two sharps). The melody is written on a five-line staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a common time signature. The melody consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the first staff. The second staff is identical to the first, with the same melody and lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' written below it.

Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

**GOSPEL: JOHN 15:9-17**

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**

*Pastor Wayne Gillespie*

*(please be seated)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!”*

*ELW #393*

## **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 OF INTERCESSION**

**P:** Rejoicing that Jesus is risen, and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

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

**C:** Hear our prayer.

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

Don Beckett, John Colosmo, Debbie Faust, Steve Gebhard, Joe Grabowski, Sr., Bob Gustafson, Ronald "Gus" Gustafson, Peggy Henry, Oren Keibler, John Magnus, Lara Eddy McClain, Charlie Meade, Romaine Miller, Mikie Mondale, Lorri Nixon, Michael O'Donnell, Paul Rizzo, Andrea Schwartz Nutter, Barbara Salenske, Bob Stover, Mark Yandura

**Praying for Our Mission Partners & Friends:**

Sandra Lee

Carl Lingelbach & Joyce Perrone

Jeff & Carol Long

Gerry & Cindy Lott

P: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love, through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C: **Amen.**



**OFFERING to Support God’s Work in Our Church and Beyond**

*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.*

*You can scan the code to download and use our new app [**Christ’s Lutheran (ELCA)**] to send your offering, place your offering in the offering plate that is passed at this time in our service, or send your offering to the church by mailing it to: **Christ’s Lutheran Church, 5330 Old Logan Ferry Road, Murrysville, PA 15668***



**OFFERTORY**

*“For the Beauty of the Earth”*

*Michael Burkhardt*



## CREATE IN ME

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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are: '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:** Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

**C: Amen.**

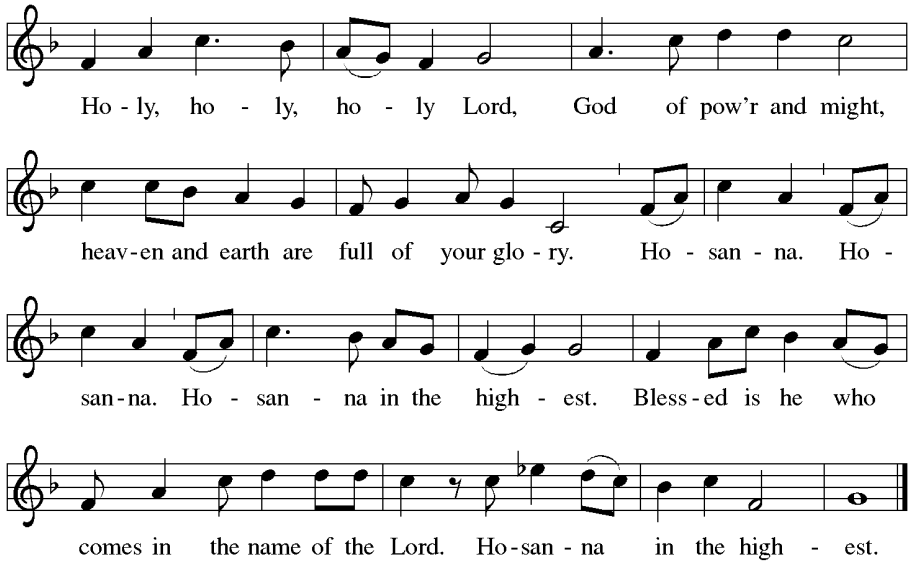
## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

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

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are 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 in the high - est.

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### LORD'S PRAYER

**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: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Come and eat at God's table.

C: Amen.

## LAMB OF GOD

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.

## HOLY COMMUNION *(please be seated)*

*(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.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished  
us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your  
goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and  
friend.

C: Amen.

## **THE BLESSING**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always.

**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**

*“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”*

*ELW #547*

## **THE DISMISSAL**

A. Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

Toccata on “Old Hundredth”

*Michael Burkhardt*

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Kevin Clemens

Parish Administrator

Kari Morgan

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We appreciate the continued commitment of our Readers, Worship Assistants, Reconcilers, Tech Team, Ushers, and many others who make our worship services happen. You can volunteer by signing up on our app by clicking on Weekend Worship Teams or by contacting the church office.



**Thank you for making our Weekend Worship services possible!**

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**MAKE NOISE FOR MISSION!!!**

**May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> is our Make Noise for Mission Weekend.**

We celebrate the first Sunday of each month by putting change in two cans – one located on the offering table and one up front by the baptismal font. The donations benefit our sister church, Trinity Lutheran on the North Side, so let's all make some **NOISE!!!**



**MEETINGS IN MAY**



- May 6<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm      Worship & Music Team
- May 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm      Support Team
- May 8<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am      Property Team Meeting
- May 12<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 am      Congregational Life
- May 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm      Outreach Team
- May 16<sup>h</sup> @ 6:30 pm      Council Meeting

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This year's last Confirmation Class will be **held this evening, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.** We will **celebrate Confirmation on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>** during our Sunday Worship Service, followed by fellowship in the Upper Social Hall. Our confirmands include:



**Daniel Borgia, Samantha Cooper, Zachary Cooper, Noah Madden, Charlotte McKenzie, Lucy McKenzie, Ava Nazak, Brynn Rogers, Levi Salenske, Abby Wineman, and Gavin Yurisinec**



**Caring Hearts & Hands** will meet on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am in the downstairs fellowship hall. We will gather at 9:15 am for an organizational meeting followed by brunch at a local restaurant. We invite you to join us for either one or both events that morning. For any

questions concerning our mission or our May 9<sup>th</sup> gathering, **contact Inge Pizzica at 412-298-9532.**

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## You Are Invited to CampBlast!

**Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 2024, 11am-4:30pm**

Join us for a day of FUN that highlights all that Lutherlyn has to offer. Pony rides, campfire, crafts, gaga ball, archery, zipline, bouldering room, hiking, nature activities, hay rides, games, sports, LEGO room, tours, great food, and MORE!

The best part... **EVERYTHING IS FREE!**

[www.lutherlyn.com/campblast](http://www.lutherlyn.com/campblast)

## \$100 off for FIRST-TIME campers!

This coupon entitles FIRST-TIME Lutherlyn campers to \$100 off of the registration fee for Summer 2024. This applies to Lutherlyn's residential week-long programs. Young Folks half-week programs get \$50 off for FIRST-TIME campers. Does not apply to Family Camp, Confirmation Camp, Day Camps, or Small Fry Days.

Must be a FIRST-TIME summer camper.

No additional discounts may be combined with this offer.

Enter coupon code: **FIRST**

Register at **WWW.LUTHERLYN.COM.**

(Please share this code with friends!)

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Join us on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am in the lower social hall for a traditional breakfast and fellowship. The only thing you need to bring is a hearty appetite!



**MEN'S BREAKFAST**



Join us for our last day of Sunday School on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>!

**THANK YOU** to our teachers Rebekah McKenzie, Sarah Borgia, Amy Wineman, Fran Spagna, and Harry Replegle for their time and dedication this year.



**THANK YOU** to the Madden Family, the McCurry's, the Meades, and John Schultz for weeding and edging flower beds, raking leaves, spreading mulch, and general yard clean up. Thank you, Adrienne, for providing another delicious lunch. We would also like to thank Eric Gipson, Scott

Wineman, and Eric Waxbom for another season of lawn cutting and trimming to keep our church property looking beautiful.

## **MAY 11<sup>TH</sup> & 12<sup>TH</sup> - CHRIST'S LITTLE PANTRY WEEKEND**



**THANK YOU** to all who have helped to keep the Little Pantry filled. The second weekend of each month is designated as **Christ's Little Pantry Weekend**, although you can bring food to put into the Little Pantry with you on any weekend. You can be a part of this life-changing ministry by bringing one or two

items with you when you come to worship on that weekend and by placing your generous gift in the collection box in the Entryway, or directly into the Little Pantry, which is located in our lower parking lot. Let's work together to keep our Little Pantry full!!

**Current pantry needs:** Crackers, fruit cups, snack bars, breakfast bars, jelly, juice, pasta sauces, pancake mix, syrup, cereal, canned fruits and vegetables, and chunky soups.

Your kindness is truly appreciated. Thank you!



**ATTENTION 2024 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES**

High School Graduation is an important and exciting time. We would like to recognize the students who will be graduating in 2024, as they move on with their future opportunities. Please let us know if you have a student who will be graduating this year. A photo and a summary of your graduate's plans and activities/interests can be submitted to the church office at [office@christsmurrysville.org](mailto:office@christsmurrysville.org). The information will be posted on our church bulletin board. We're looking forward to congratulating these students!

**CHRIST'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS BACK!  
JUNE 24<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> 9 AM - NOON**



Registration for this year's VBS begins on May 1<sup>st</sup>



We have a stitching group that meets Tuesday mornings from 9 – 11am, in the lower social hall. If you enjoy knitting and crocheting, we welcome you to join us. If you don't know how to do either, we can get you started. We make hats for cancer patients and prayer shawls. It's a time to be creative & enjoy one another's fellowship. Any questions, please contact Leslie Sill at [nonnasill@comcast.net](mailto:nonnasill@comcast.net) or the church office.







## **CLC ANNUAL FLEA MARKET AND BAKE SALE**

**Saturday June 1 ~ 8 am to 2 pm**

This year's flea market is rapidly approaching, so we hope you will keep this in mind as you do your spring cleaning! You may drop off your items beginning Thursday, May 23rd and Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> during church office hours, 10 am to 3 pm, and Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup> when you come to worship services. Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, you may drop off items from 9:15 am to 2 pm and from 6 to 8 pm. We will not be accepting items on Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, which will be strictly a workday for our volunteers! Please remember that the volunteers have to unload, sort and price your items, so please make sure your donated items are clean and usable.

Baked goods can be dropped off on Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, during church office hours. Pre-bagged cookies in either ½ or dozen amounts, brownies, mini loaves of breads or cakes are great sellers.

Please remember that we cannot accept the following due to the difficulty or cost of disposing of them if they do not sell: Hazardous materials including automotive oil and lubricants, paints and aerosols, household cleaners, TV's, computers and related items (hardware, software and peripherals), clothing, boots and shoes, large furniture and large exercise equipment such as weigh benches, treadmills, and ellipticals.

Flea market sign-up sheets will be available in the entryway. If you can spare any time to help with set-up, pricing, working the day of the sale, clean up and/or donating baked goods, any amount of time is greatly appreciated. Even if it is just an hour or two! Any youth help would be great as well.

If you have any questions, please contact Sylvia Replogle, 724-339-2208 or [sareplogle154@gmail.com](mailto:sareplogle154@gmail.com). As always, the Outreach Committee appreciates your support of our project!

# Welcome to the NextTrex Recycling Challenge!

Have you noticed two new plastic recycling bins at the church? Christ's Lutheran Church is now registered as part of the NextTrex plastic recycling challenge. We are part of a nationwide plastics recycling effort from the Trex company. Trex makes composite decking and other materials from recycled plastic. If we can collect 1,000 pounds of plastic in a 12-month period, the Trex company will give the church a Trex bench made from recycled plastic:



*Trex Bench*

**Please bring your plastic items to the church and put them in the bins. The following items can be recycled (All plastic must be clean, dry, and free of food residue):**

*All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue.*



Grocery bags



Bread bags



Bubble wrap



Dry cleaning bags



Newspaper sleeves



Ice bags



Plastic shipping envelopes



Ziploc & other reclosable food storage bags



Cereal bags



Case overwrap



Salt bags



Pallet wrap & stretch film



Wood pellet bags



Produce bags

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**  
**May 5, 2024 – May 11, 2024**

**Sunday 5/5**

9:00 am  
10:00 am  
6:00 pm  
7:30 pm

**NOISE FOR MISSION SUNDAY**  
**PRAY FOR OUR CONGREGATION**

Children & Adult Sunday School  
Sunday Morning Worship  
Last Confirmation Class  
Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

**Monday 5/6**

5:30 pm  
6:30 pm  
8:00 pm

**GIVE THANKS FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS**

Kindermusik  
Worship & Music Team Meeting  
Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

**Tuesday 5/7**

9:00 am  
9:30 am  
5:30 pm  
6:30 pm

**PRAY FOR OUR COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Sewing Group  
Kindermusik  
Kindermusik  
Support Team

**Wednesday 5/8**

9:00 am  
9:30 am  
5:30 pm  
6:00 pm

**PRAY FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

Property Team  
Kindermusik  
Kindermusik  
Girl Scouts

**Thursday 5/9**

9:15 am  
9:30 am

**PRAY FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE**

Caring Hearts  
Kindermusik

**Saturday 5/11**

08:30 am  
11:00 am  
6:00 pm

**Christ's Little Pantry Weekend**  
**OUR CONGREGATION AS WE WORSHIP**

Men's Breakfast  
Lutherlyn CampBlast  
Saturday Evening Worship

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