

The Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 19, 2023

To *one*
he gave
FIVE
talents,



to
another
TWO,

to *another*
ONE,
to each
according to
his ability.

Matthew 25:15



Christ's Lutheran Church
Murrysville, Pennsylvania



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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The Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
(Please take a moment to silence your electronic devices)

PRELUDE

Now Thank We All Our God (Cantata79) Johann Sebastian Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING OF CONCERNS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity + one God, in whose image we are made., who claims us and calls us beloved.

C: Amen

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Holy One,

C: We confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation.

P: Beloved, we are God's Children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through + Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promise prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand

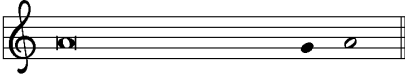
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GREETING

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.

THE KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



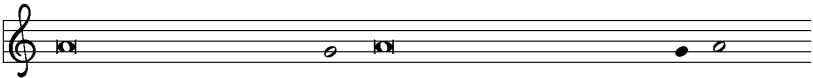
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



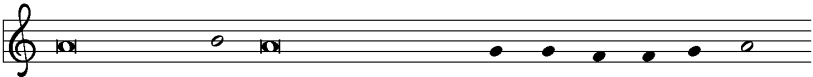
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



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

All



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: Righteous god, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7,12-18

Be silent before the Lord GOD, for the day of the LORD is at hand! The LORD has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated his guests.

At that time, I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who settle like dregs in wine those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed, for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, for those who sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who

died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty fifth chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time, the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You

wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return, I would have received what was my own with interest. So, take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Wayne Gillespie

(please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord of Light

ELW # 688

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 ARE INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING

PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS: Baby Deary, Don Beckett, Judy Bernardini, Bonnie, Lindsey Boyer, Mark Consoer, Families of Rustic Ridge, Debbie Faust, Linda Hall, John Heilman, Peggy Henry, John, Oren Keibler, Kurt Landsberg, John Mangus, Taylor Niemetz, Marion Odonnell, Karen Plfeiderer, Tim and Susan Schall, Jack Tjaden, Kristen and Tessa Van Orden, Rev. HB West



Praying for Our Mission Partners:

Week Of November 19th

Robert & Diane Beighley

Adam & Emily Beilchick and Family

Rich & Judy Bernardini

Joe & Amy Bevacqua and Family

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

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. We are in the process of changing the company that collects electronic gifts to ensure that more of your generous gift supports the ministry of Christ's Lutheran Church. You can still use PushPay until the transition is complete.

You can, of course, send your offering to support our ministry by mailing it to: Christ's Lutheran Church, 5330 Old Logan Ferry Road, Murrysville, PA 15668

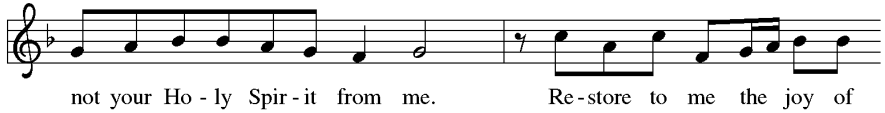
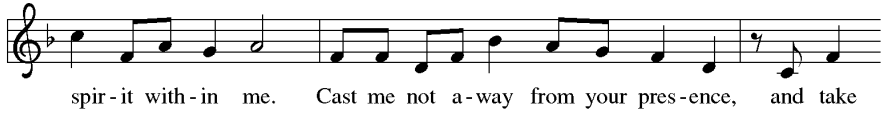
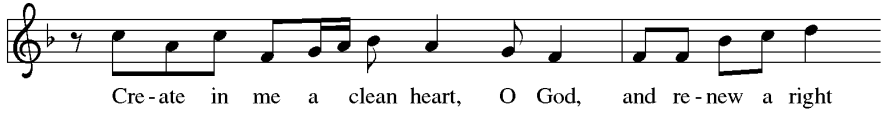
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OFFERTORY

Now Thank We All Our God

George Kaufmann

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

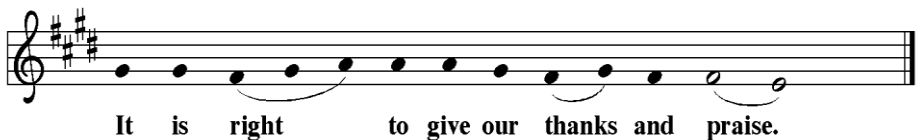
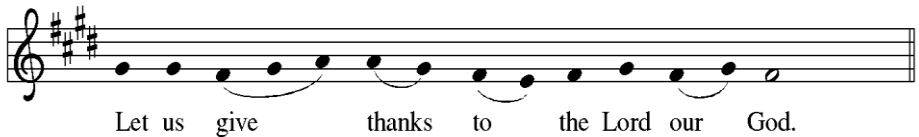
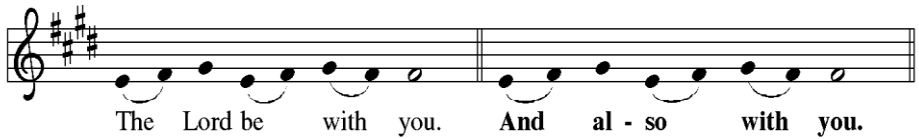


OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

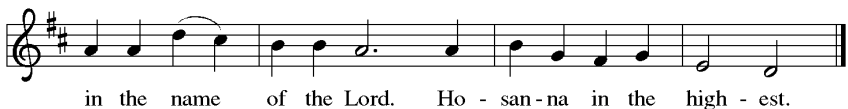
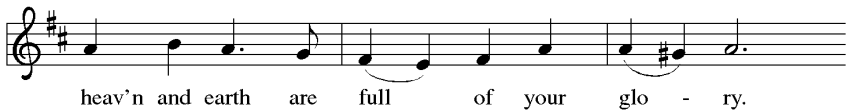
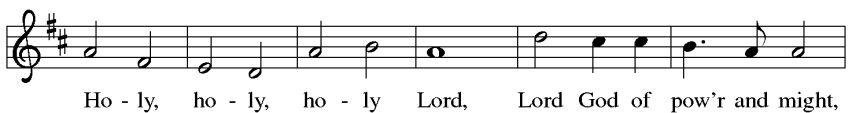
C: Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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

SANCTUS



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: There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.

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: Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

C: Amen.

THE BLESSING

P: May the god of all creation in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, + Savior and Spirit, be with you today 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

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

ELW # 815

THE DISMISSAL

A: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

We Thank Thee, Lord (Cantata 29) Johann Sebastian Bach

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Rev. Wayne G. Gillespie

Email: revwaynegillespie@gmail.com

Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Steven J. Myers

Organist

Kevin Clemens

Parish Administrator

Jennifer Wagner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We appreciate the continued commitment of our readers, worship assistants, reconcilers, tech team, and many others who make our worship services possible. This week, we especially thank:

Saturday: Carnahan Family, Amy Lederer, Harry Replogle

Sunday: Sandy Buehner, Cindy Shaner, Nancy Smith, Barb Hall



*If you wish to have an article placed in the bulletin, please have the information to the church office by **Wednesday** of every week. Articles for the Newsletter are due at the office no later than the 20th of every Month. *

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO RING THE BELL FOR THE SALVATION ARMY



A CHRIST'S LUTHERAN CHURCH CHRISTMAS TRADITION

Saturday, December 16, 2023

Eight one-hour shifts - 9:00am-5:00pm

380 Auction Discount Warehouse

4320 Fairview Drive Murrysville, PA 15668

One mile from the church Help our neighbors in need. Spread Christmas cheer and God's love. Fun for the whole family.

No set up! No clean up! Just show up and ring the bell for an hour!

A great way for young people to earn an hour of service credit.

Please sign up for a one-hour shift.

Please call/text Rob Carnahan with any questions - 412-913-8402

Christ's Little Pantry



THANK YOU to all who have helped to keep the Little Pantry filled. The second weekend of each month is now designated as Christ's Little Pantry Weekend, although you can bring food to put into the Little Pantry with you on any weekend. Our next Christ's Little Pantry Weekend will be celebrated on **December 9th and**

10th. 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. Your kindness is truly appreciated. Let's work together to keep our Little Pantry full!!

COUNCIL 2024

We are still in need of a few good, caring and committed people to continue the Christs Church mission into the future. The more we have to help, the more we can accomplish. I have found it very rewarding over the years and have had the pleasure of working with some wonderful people who always step up when asked. 2024 is on our doorstep, so let us know soon if you are willing to make that leap and help. WE NEED YOU! PLEASE CALL Linda Paulovitch at 412-525-5619



TOY Drive Begins!

We are helping our Mission Partner, The Plum Food Pantry for our annual Toy Drive! They are asking for gift cards as we have done in the past few years. If you wish to participate, we are asking for a monetary donation so we may purchase the gift cards Please mark on your envelope "Toy Drive" if you wish to include in your weekly offering. Any funds received in excess of the gift card purchases; we will donate to the Food Pantry to be used to make sure every child receives equal value gifts! We would like to thank you in advance for your generous support of our Outreach projects! If you have any questions, please contact Judy Bernardini at 412-795-6769



The Outreach Team would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's Coat Drive. Your generosity allowed us to provide 12 coats to keep children in our area warm this winter!!!



Join us on Saturday, December 9th 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!

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.



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 every day.

Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

Please Print Clearly



Cost \$ 9.50 each for a 6" Pot about 7-9 Blooms

Red Qty: _____ White Qty: _____ Marble Qty: _____

Given By:

_____ TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In Memory Of:

In Honor Of:

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Envelope: # _____

Please place your order envelopes in the offering plate or mail/drop off to the Church office. Order Envelopes will be available in the entry way. Please have your order in by November 27th 2023

The Kiski Community Band presents:

The Sounds of Christmas

Where: Christ's Lutheran Church
5330 Old Logan Ferry Road
Murrysville, PA 15668

When: December 2, 2023

Time: 7:30 pm

A free-will offering will be collected to support the Little Pantry.



Coming Soon!



SubSplash

A New Way to Worship, Connect, and Engage



November 19, 2023 – November 26, 2023

Sunday 11/19

9:00 am	First Communion Class
9:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Sunday Morning Worship
7:30 pm	Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

Monday 11/20

5:00 pm	Kindermusik
8:00 pm	AA Meeting

Tuesday 11/21

9:00 am	Kindermusik
9:00 am	Sewing Group
3:30 pm	Synod Pastor Book Club

Wednesday 11/22

6:00 pm	Girls Scouts
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Thursday 11/23

Happy Thanksgiving
Church Office Closed

Friday 11/24

Church Office Closed

Saturday 11/25

6:00 pm	Saturday Evening Worship
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Sunday 11/26

9:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 am	Celebration of First Communion
11:00 am	Koteles Downstairs Fellowship Hall
7:30 pm	Narcotics Anonymous Meeting