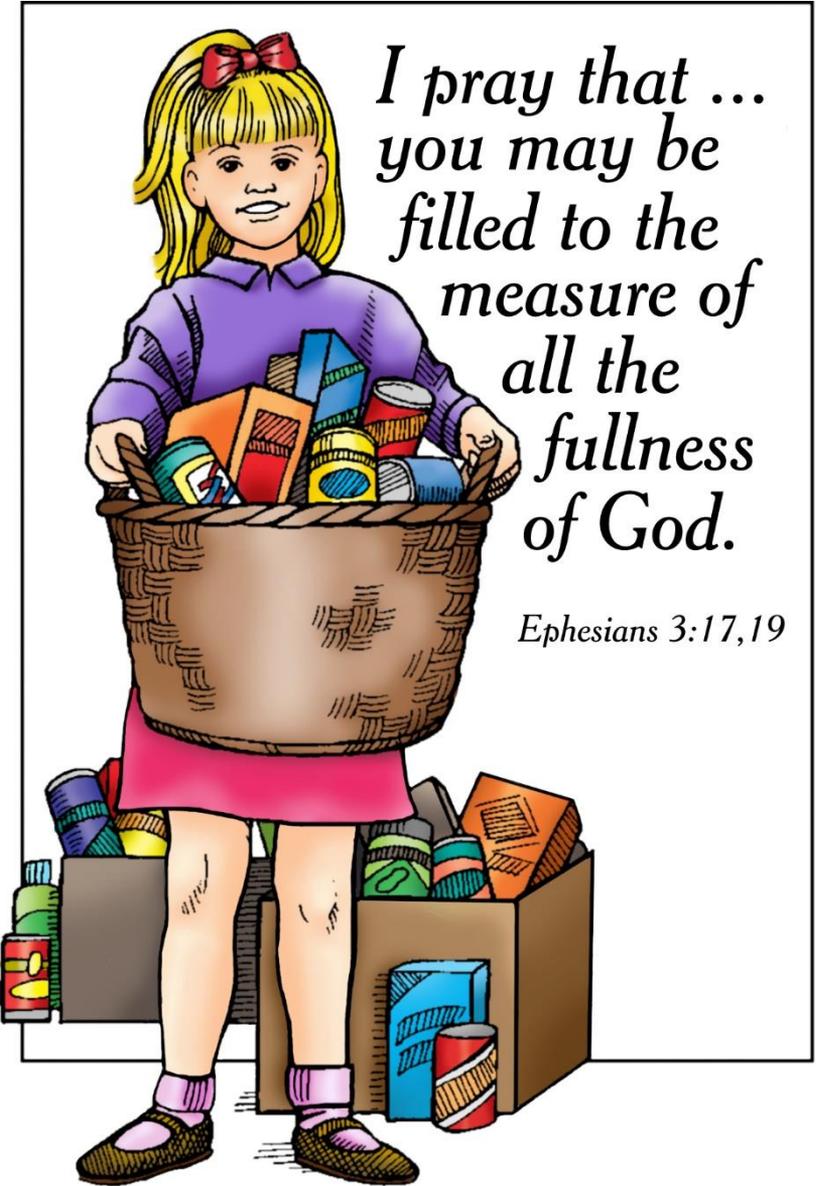


Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021



*I pray that ...  
you may be  
filled to the  
measure of  
all the  
fullness  
of God.*

*Ephesians 3:17,19*

## 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**

**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)*

“Jesus Call Us; O’er the Tumult”

ELW #696 (vs. 1,5)

**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. Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread

with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C. Amen**

**FIRST READING: Psalm 145:10-18**

<sup>10</sup>All your works shall praise | you, O LORD,  
and your faithful | ones shall bless you.  
<sup>11</sup>They shall tell of the glory | of your kingdom  
and speak | of your power,  
<sup>12</sup>that all people may know | of your power  
and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.  
<sup>13</sup>Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;  
your dominion endures throughout all ages.  
You, LORD, are faithful in all your words,  
and loving in | all your works.  
<sup>14</sup>The Lord upholds all | those who fall  
and lifts up those who | are bowed down.  
<sup>15</sup>The eyes of all wait upon | you, O LORD,  
and you give them their food | in due season.  
<sup>16</sup>You open | wide your hand  
and satisfy the desire of every | living thing.  
<sup>17</sup>You are righteous in | all your ways  
and loving in | all your works.  
<sup>18</sup>You are near to all who | call upon you,  
to all who call upon you faithfully.

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:14-21**

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup>and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup>I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup>Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

## 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. John, the sixth chapter.

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

### **GOSPEL: John 6:1-21**

6 After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>2</sup>A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup>Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup>When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" <sup>6</sup>He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup>"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they<sup>[c]</sup> sat down, about five thousand in all. <sup>11</sup>Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup>When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup>So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup>When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

<sup>15</sup>When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

<sup>16</sup>When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup>got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup>The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup>When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. <sup>20</sup>But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." <sup>21</sup>Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

P. The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**

*Pastor Wayne Gillespie*

*(please be seated)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Break Now the Bread of Life"

ELW #515 (vs. 1,2,3)

**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:**

Dan, Denise Abrams, Kathy Babinsack, Joe & Doris  
Cashell, Cindy Lemon, Bob McElroy, Linda Hill, Pat  
Kvale, Kurt Landsberg Jr, Robert Lyons, Derwood  
Montgomery, Michael O'Donnell, Mandy Pfeiffer,  
Marianne Trainor, Linda & Sean Vandy, Sue Werner, and Josh  
Zimmerman.



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**

### **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

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
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 *(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, Take My Hand and Lead Me”

ELW #767 (vs. 1,2)

**THE DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE**

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Pastor  
Pastor Emeritus  
Organist  
Parish Administrator

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

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Thank you for joining us in worship today! To clear up some confusion about our weekend worship schedule, we have returned to our normal schedule. We have an in-person service at 6 PM on Saturdays and an in-person service that is broadcasted at 10 AM on Sundays.

2. Thank you for bringing your children to *Mystery Island Vacation Bible School* last week, where we tracked down one true God! It was such a blessing to have the kiddos back at church. Also, thank you to Melany Andree for coordinating the event and all the amazing volunteers that came together to make VBS possible this year! It was a huge success!



3. We are pleased to welcome Josh Beck to the organ during our Sunday service this week. Josh played the piano during Lent, and we are glad to have him at our in-person service this weekend. He will be leaving in early August to study music composition and jazz at the University of Miami.
4. Barth Tamenne & Brett Andree served as the musicians during our Saturday service this weekend. Thanks to both of them for sharing their talents with us!
5. A big "Thank You" is extended to our Tech Team for broadcasting today's service.
6. 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.
7. 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.

8. 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.
9. 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.
10. Our “Make a Joyful Noise” collection cans have returned! The cans will be in the Narthex for anyone who wants to help donate spare change and help Trinity Lutheran Church on the North Side of Pittsburgh.
11. A big thank you is extended to those who continue to support our ministry by designating Thrivent Choice Dollars to Christ’s Lutheran Church. We are using Thrivent Choice Dollars to purchase a new office computer for the church that will be used to maintain our church database, to send you emails and bulletins, to facilitate our bookkeeping and to prepare the newsletter. Thank you for taking the time to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars.
12. The Outreach Team will be working with the Blackburn Center as our next ministry partner. This organization advocates for the rights of all individuals to live free from domestic, sexual, and other forms of violence by eliminating the root causes for violence and providing for the well-being and safety of survivors and victims. Blackburn center has requested: Kitchen towels, dishcloths, can openers, queen-size sheets, body wash, hair conditioner, comforters, bath towels, dinnerware & silverware sets, dish racks and laundry baskets. Please remember that all donated items must be new. If you’d like to support the Blackburn Center by giving a monetary gift, you can include your designated gift with your offering.

13. **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

14. "A special thank you to Caring Hearts and Hands for preparing 36 lunches for our church family."

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
**Sunday 7/25/2021 through Sunday 8/1/2021**

**Sunday 7/25**

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

**Monday 7/26**

5:30 pm                      Kindermusik  
8:00 pm                      Alcoholics Anonymous

**Tuesday 7/27**

**Wednesday 7/28**

10:00 am                      Kindermusik Class

**Thursday 7/29**

9:30 am                      Kindermusik Class

**Friday 7/30**

**Saturday 7/31**

6:00 pm                      Saturday Evening Worship

**Sunday 8/1**

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