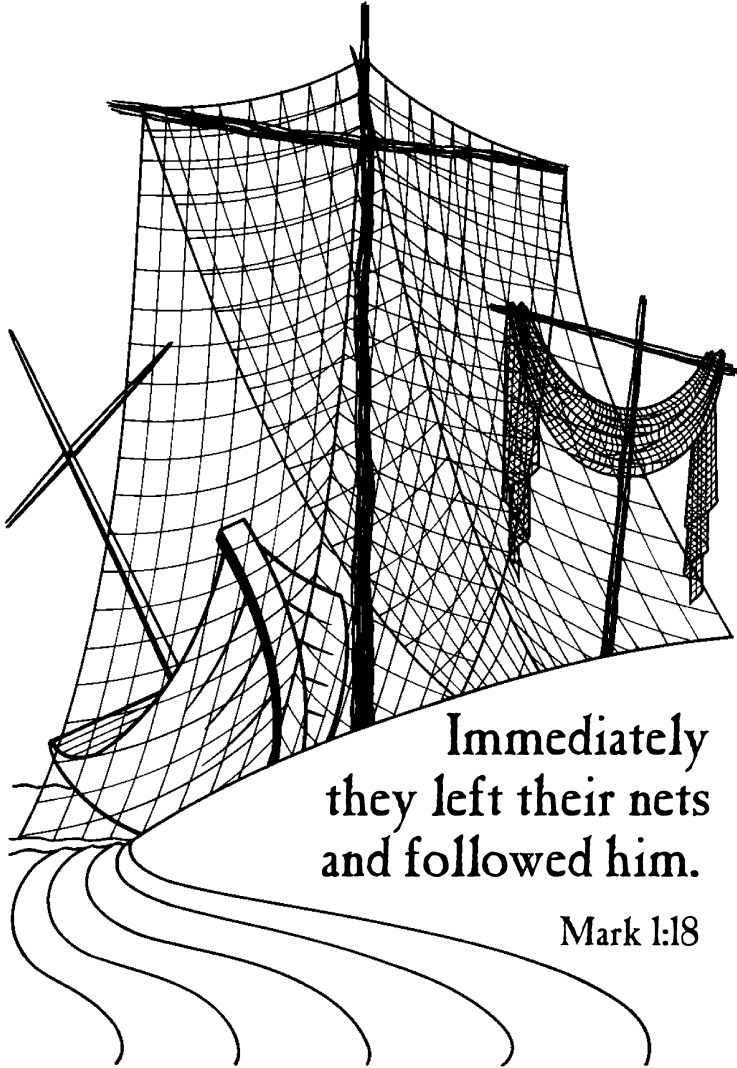


Sunday, January 21, 2024



***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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Third Sunday after Epiphany

(Please take a moment to silence your electronic devices)

PRELUDE

"Dear Jesus, Our Healer"

R. J. Powell

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (*piano*)

D. Forrest

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING OF CONCERNS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over waters.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: God, our rock and refuge,

C: we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.

P: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters, God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"I Love to Tell the Story"

ELW # 661

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.

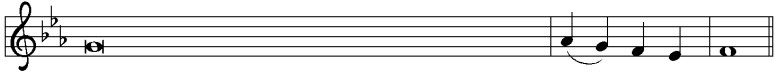
THE KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



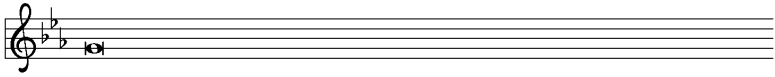
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



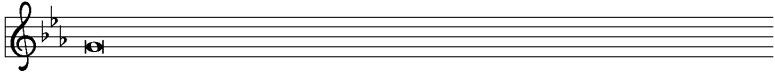
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



A - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." So, Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Repeat alleluia



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Wayne Gillespie

(please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

ELW #810

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:

Bonnie, Kim Barnes, Don Beckett, Debbie Faust, Marlene Gerdes, Peggy Henry, Gary Keibler, Oren Keibler, John Mangus, Charlie Meade, Taylor Niemetz, Michael O'Donnell, Joyce Orlando, Howard Rockette, Andrea Schwartz Nutter, Stephanie, Bob Stover, and Rev. HB West

Praying for Our Mission Partners & Friends:

Jim & Kathy Doyle

Dennis Dutzman Jr.

Marlene Earl & 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 Church

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 gifts support the ministry of Christ's Lutheran Church. You can still use PushPay until the transition is complete.

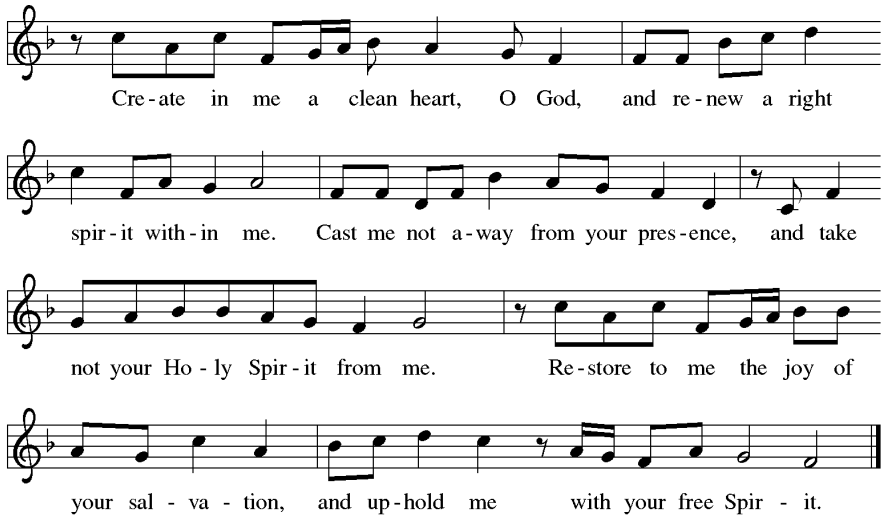
You can also send your offering to the church by mailing it to: Christ's Lutheran Church, 5330 Old Logan Ferry Road, Murrysville, PA 15668

OFFERTORY

"A New England Folk Tune"

C. Curtis

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



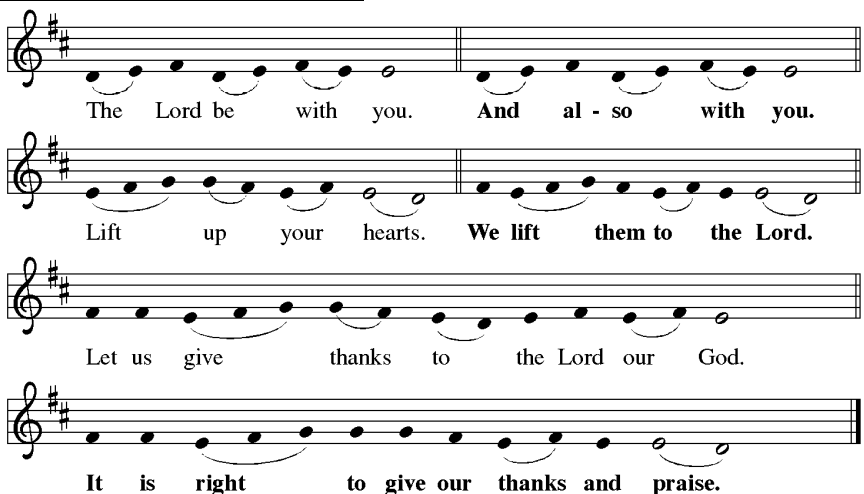
Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup, you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your son, Jesus in whose name we pray.

C: Amen.

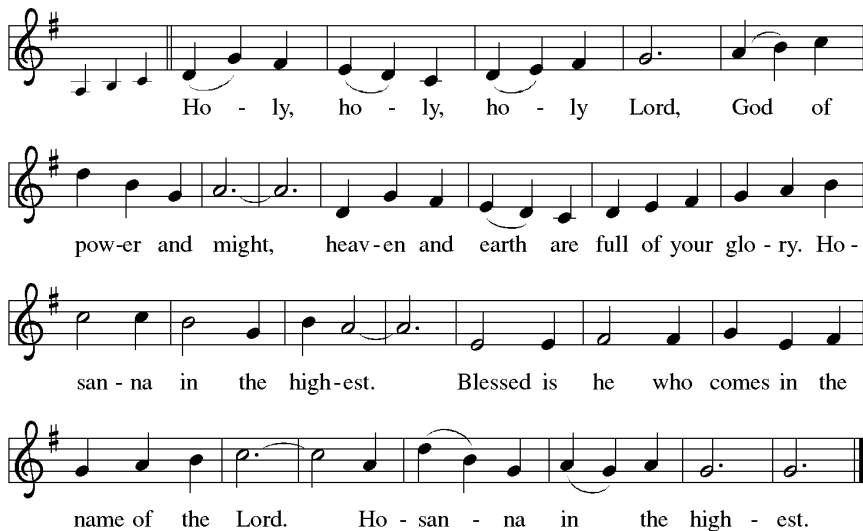
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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



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.

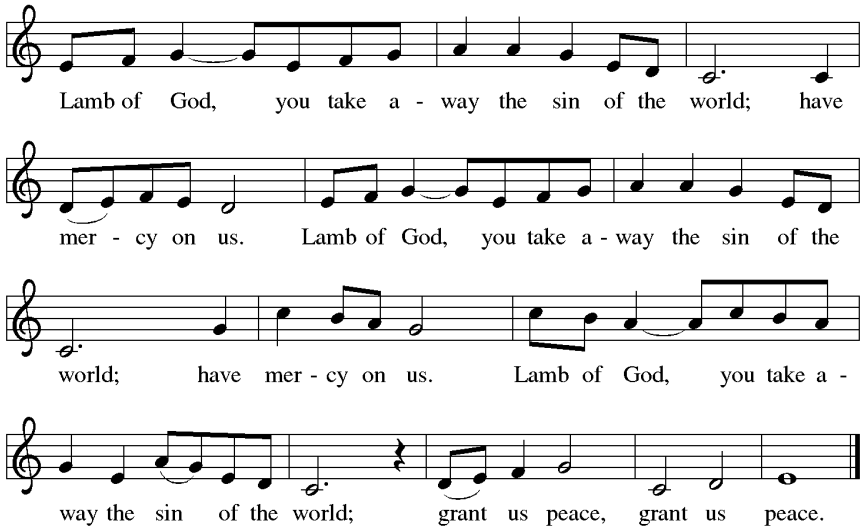
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

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: Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE BLESSING

P: God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, + bless you and remain with you 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

“O Savior, Precious Savior”

ELW #820

THE DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. You are God’s beloved.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Allegro in F Major”

J. E. Kindermann

Pastor

Rev. Wayne G. Gillespie

Email: revwaynegillespie@gmail.com

Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Steven J. Myers

Organist

Kevin Clemens

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: Dave & Barb Hall, Amy Lederer

Sunday: Cindy Shaner, Nancy Smith, Susie Lasher

A special Thank You to Nancy Sheehan for sharing her musical gifts with us today.



PARISH ADMINISTRATOR JOB OPENING

We are currently seeking qualified applicants who are interested in serving as our Parish Administrator. A detailed job description will be posted on our church website and Facebook page. If you are interested in applying for this position, please send your resume to: office@christsmurrysville.org

Please be aware that we do not always have someone in the office during regular office hours. Please email or call the Church Office to ensure that someone is in the office prior to coming to the church.

The Council Retreat is Friday, Jan. 26th at 6:30 pm at CLC.

SAVE THE DATE!
Annual Congregation Meeting
February 18th 2024



ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

We will be having Ash Wednesday services at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm on February 14, 2024.

I'm so grateful for the visit from Pastor Wayne, the prayers, cards and many well wishes during my illness. All were such a great comfort and helped immensely in my recovery.

~ Marlene Gerdes

Thank You

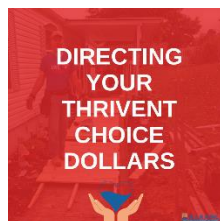


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would like to, please contact the church office. Children's envelopes are available on request. We appreciate everyone's financial contributions through-out our church year!

Thrivent Choice Dollars

By directing Thrivent Choice Dollars through the Thrivent Choice program, eligible Thrivent members recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes some of its charitable outreach grant dollars among thousands of participating nonprofit organizations and congregations. **Christ's Lutheran is an eligible recipient.** 2023 Allocations, which can be made online or by phone, are required to be made by March 31, 2024, or the allocations will expire unused.



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. 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!!

Current pantry needs: cereal, spaghetti sauce, fruit, pancake mix and syrup, tuna and ready to eat meals.

We have plenty of Mac and cheese mix, Ramen noodles, and fruit snacks.

January 21, 2024 – January 27, 2024

Sunday 1/21

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

Monday 1/22

5:00pm	Kindermusik
8:00 pm	AA Meeting

Tuesday 1/23

9:00 am	Kindermusik
9:00 am	Sewing Group
3:00 pm	Synod Stewardship Committee
6:00 pm	Girls Scouts

Wednesday 1/24

10:30 am	Kindermusik
5:30 pm	Kindermusik
6:00 pm	Girl Scouts

Thursday 1/25

9:00 am	Kindermusik
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Friday 1/26

6:30 pm	Council Retreat
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Saturday 1/27

6:00 pm	Saturday Evening Worship
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