

**Christ's Lutheran Church**  
**Murrysville, Pennsylvania**  
**Sunday, January 22, 2023**



# **CHRIST'S CHURCH FOR ALL PEOPLE**

## **CHRIST'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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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 Holy Communion during today's service. Children, who have not previously received Holy Communion, may also come forward for a special blessing. When you come to the altar, you can either kneel or remain standing. We offer both wheat and gluten-free wafers, and both wine and grape juice during our celebrations of Holy Communion. If you would like to receive grape juice today, please take a glass from the tray that has already been filled with juice when you come forward. If you would like to receive a gluten-free wafer, all that you need to do is let Pastor Wayne know when he is giving you the bread.

**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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## **The Third Sunday after Epiphany**

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

### **PRELUDE**

*"Sonata #2 - Grave and Adagio"*

*Felix Mendelssohn*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING OF CONCERNS**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, who makes all things new,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

P: Holy One, source of our renewal,

**C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,  
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have not practiced your righteousness.**

**Our hearts have turned away from you.**

**For the sake of the world you so love,  
forgive us,**

**that we may be reconciled to one another  
for the glory of your holy name.**

P: Thus says our God:

"The former things have come to pass  
and new things I now declare."

God's mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of + Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen**

### **GATHERING HYMN**

*"I Love to Tell the Story"*

ELW #661

### **GREETING**

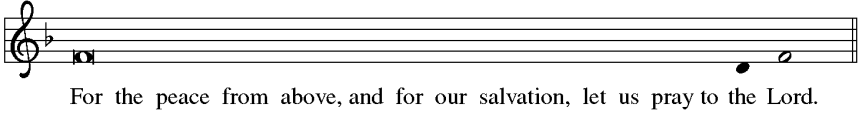
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

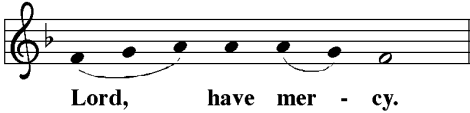
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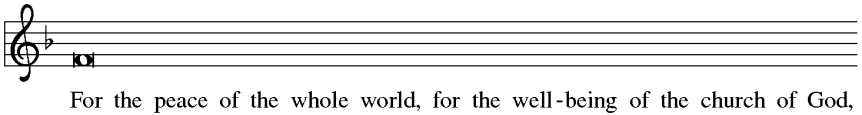
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



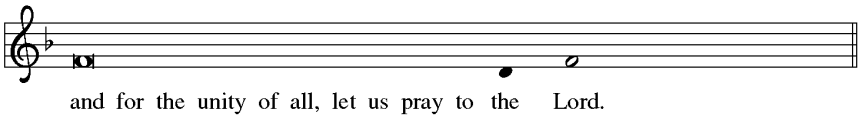
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



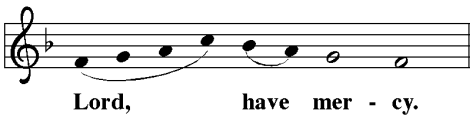
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



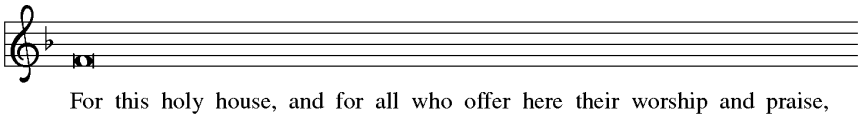
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

# HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, 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: Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you, and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord..

**C: Amen**

## **FIRST READING: ISAIAH 9:1-4**

1 But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. 2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. 3 You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. 4 For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

## **SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-18**

10 Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. 11 For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. 12 What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." 13 Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? 14 I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, 15 so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. 16 (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) 17 For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. 18 For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

## 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. Al - le - lu - ia.

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**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fourth chapter.

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

### **GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23**

12 Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. 13 He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, 14 so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 15 "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— 16 the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." 17 From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." 18 As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. 19 And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." 20 Immediately they left their nets and followed him. 21 As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. 22 Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. 23 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord

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

## SERMON

Pastor Wayne Gillespie

(please be seated)

## HYMN OF THE DAY

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

ELW #798

## THE SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM

ELW p. 227

We are pleased and excited to welcome Asher Paul Beilchick into the family of God through Holy Baptism. Asher is the son of Adam and Emily Beilchick.

## THE PRAYERS

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

**C: hear our prayer.**

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

Ashley Bohman, Patrica Elicker, Debbie Faust, Patti Federovich, Landon Heller, Linda Hill, James Holt, Robert Kershaw, Thomas Lengerer, John Magnus, Kenley McCurdy, David McKeag, Taylor Niemetz, Joe Purdue, Mark A. Schultz, Sue Werner, Bob & Donna Yoder, and the family and friends of Dr. Robert Bryne.



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 create a PushPay account by scanning the QR Code below or by visiting the website: [pushpay.com/g/clcmurrysvillepa](https://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**  
"Meditation"

*F. Mendelssohn*

**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:** Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior.

**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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: '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.', and '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:

## SANCTUS

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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is more rhythmic and varied than the first piece. The lyrics are: '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', and 'comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.'

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# 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.

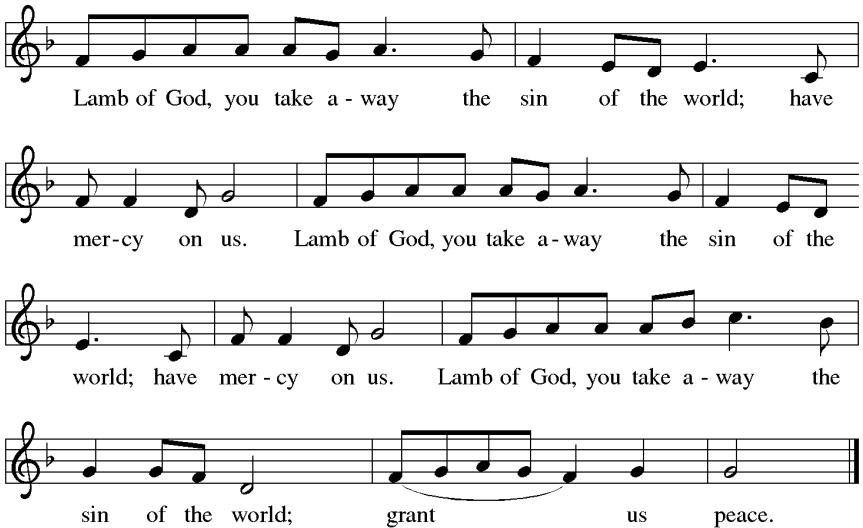
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come and taste the joy of God!

## 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.

## **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: Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

**C: Amen.**

## **THE BLESSING**

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod + bless, strengthen, and uphold 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**

*“We Are Marching in the Light”*

ELW #866

## **THE DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*“Sonata #2 - Allegro Maestoso”*

*F. Mendelssohn*

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Pastor  
Pastor Emeritus  
Organist

Wayne G. Gillespie  
Steven J. Myers  
Kevin Clemens

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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, Rob Carnahan

**Sunday:** Nancy Smith, Romaine Miller, Trish Lasher, Barb Hall, Cindy Shaner.

**Office Help Needed** We are looking for volunteers to cover the office on Mondays & Fridays. If you can help, there is a sheet on the office door.

**New Banners!** The banners for the Epiphany season are generously donated by two families. "The Lord is my Light and my Salvation" is given by Arlene Eddy in memory of her husband Lloyd Eddy, her son James Eddy, and her daughter Sherri Eddy Crofutt.

"To Everything there is a Season" is given by Margaret Gustafson in memory of loved ones, and in honor of her son for being such a wonderful caregiver. In this season of Epiphany, we celebrate God's glory, given for all people everywhere in the person of Jesus Christ. God claims us as His children and sends us out as beacons of light to share the good news of God's love to all people.

**CLC Database Questionnaire:** We recently mailed everyone in our congregation a questionnaire with a return envelope. We are moving into the final stages of creating our new church database and want to make sure we have your current mailing and email address, and a telephone number where we can reach you. If you have not returned your questionnaire, please do so. If you need another form, please contact the church office. Thank you.

**Christ's Little Pantry:** Are you, or someone that you know, experiencing food insecurity? Our church now has a little pantry in our lower parking lot. If you need food, "Take what you need". If you have food to share, "Leave what you can." Please let other people know about our Little Pantry, so

that no one goes hungry. A container has been placed in the Entryway for donations for your use, or you can simply put food and non-perishable items into the Pantry at any time. The Pantry is in our lower parking lot.



The Little Pantry is being used by folks in our neighborhood. If you are able, please consider bringing one or two items to add to the collection box in the Entryway when you come to worship, or to put your donation directly into the pantry. Your kindness and generosity are truly appreciated. Thank you!

**Sunday Worship Broadcast:** We are broadcasting our Sunday morning worship service each week. If you do not want to be seen during the broadcast, please not sit in the front two pews and commune on the pulpit (left) side of our worship space. We want to be sensitive to people's privacy preferences and needs.

**Bulletin and Newsletter Deadlines:** Please remember to send any announcements that you would like us to include in our weekly bulletins to the Church Office by no later than noon on **Thursday** (to give us time for bulletin preparation and printing). The deadline for submitting information you want us to include in our monthly newsletter is due at the end of the business day on the 20th of the preceding month. The church email is [office@christsmurrysville.org](mailto:office@christsmurrysville.org) or call 412-795-1212.

**To Keep You in the Loop:** Our Ministry here at Christ's Lutheran has seen many changes over the past few years. And in an effort to stay ahead of the challenges we face as a Church in a post-Covid environment, our technology outreach has been evolving steadily. We have been upgrading our Church management software.

Over the past few weeks, team-members have been training with Church Community Builder. Which is a cloud-based software that will improve our communication within the church, and better help us to manage the organization.

Along with the CCB changes, we will be changing our online contribution from Tithely to PushPay. We will be slowly rolling out this change and will be accepting contributions from both Tithely and PushPay so that you have time to understand and adapt to this new giving environment. We will be sending out instructions on how to manage these changes, so rest

assured, we will walk you through these steps. As of now, there will be a link to PushPay on the website.

These are exciting times for our Ministry at CLC! With your help, we can improve the partner experience.

Respectfully,  
Joe Kelly

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
**January 22, 2023 – January 29, 2023**

**Sunday 1/22**

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

**Monday 1/23**

Reports for Annual Meeting due	
8:00 pm	AA Meeting

**Tuesday 1/24**

9:00 am	Sewing Group
9:30 am	Kindermusik
6:30 pm	Girls Scouts

**Wednesday 1/25**

10:30 am & 5:30 pm	Kindermusik
6:00 pm	Girls Scouts

**Thursday 1/26**

9:00 am	Kindermusik
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**Friday 1/27**

**Saturday 1/28**

6:00 pm	Worship Service
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**Sunday 1/29**

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