

Sunday, September 10th, 2021



**Let us hold
firmly to the faith
we profess.**

Hebrews 4:14

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

“God’s Love Endures Forever”

R. Bruxvoot-Colligan

“Give Thanks”

H. Smith

“Have You Thanked the Lord”

B. LaMotta

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING OF CONCERNS

ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P. Blessed be the + holy Trinity,
the one who fashions us,
the one who heals us,
the one who reforms us again and again.

C. Amen.

P. Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P. Source of all life,

**C. we confess that we have not allowed
your grace to set us free.**

We fear that we are not good enough.

**We hear your word of love freely given to us,
yet we expect others to earn it.**

**We turn the church inward,
rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us.**

**Reform us to be a church powered by love,
willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just,
and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

P. God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us
and to empower our lives in the world.

Our sins are forgiven, + God's love is unconditional,
and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new,
in the name of Jesus Christ.

C. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *(please stand)*

“Gather Us In”

ELW #532 (vs. 1&4)

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

Refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



1 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.

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high-



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



2 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.

Refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -



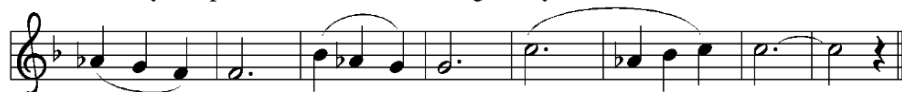
lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



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. A - men. A - men.

Final refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's



peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P. Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C. Amen.

FIRST READING: Psalm 90:12-17


¹²So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our ^l hearts to wisdom.
¹³Return, O LORD; how long ^l will you tarry?
Be gracious ^l to your servants.
¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love ^l in the morning;
so, shall we rejoice and be glad ^l all our days.
¹⁵Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us
and as many years as we suffered adversity.
¹⁶Show your servants your works,
and your splendor ^l to their children.
¹⁷May the graciousness of the Lord our God ^l be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:12-16

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-31

¹⁷As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money^[a] to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is^[b] to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, ^[c]“Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸ Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹ Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news,^[d] ³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

P. The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Wayne Gillespie

(please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Christ, Be Our Light”

ELW #715 (vs. 1&5)

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:

Kathy Babinsack, Teddy Baker, Joe and Doris Cashell, Russell Corbin, Sally Dutzman, Courtney Erkus, Diana Hooper, Pat Kvale, Kurt Landsberg, Jr., Gary and Cindy Lemon, Bob McElroy, Derwood Montgomery, Michael O'Donnell, Mandy Pfeiffer, Stephanine Sellers, Beth Smith, Marianne Trainor, Linda and Sean Vandy, Bob and Donna Yoder.



- 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

"Heal Us Now"

L. Sher

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A. Let us pray.

C. **God of life,**

you give us these gifts of the earth,

these resources of our life and our labor.

Take them, offered in great thanksgiving,

and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation;

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light.

Amen.

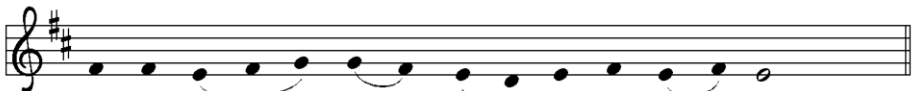
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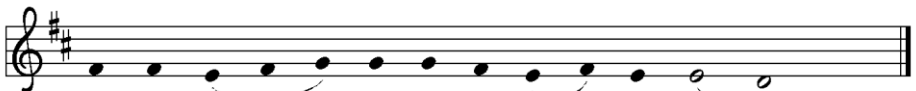
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



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.

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

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.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

“We Plow the Fields and Scatter”

ELW #681 (vs. 1&3)

THE DISMISSAL

A. Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

C. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”

Anonymous, Central American

Pastor
Pastor Emeritus
Organist
Parish Administrator

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. A big “Thank You” is extended to our Tech Team for broadcasting our Sunday morning service this weekend. Plus, a huge shoutout to our weekly readers, reconcilers, and helpers that make sure everything is ready to go before and after service! This week we would like to give thanks to: Harry Replogle, Bill Gras, Rebekah Mckenzie, Sandy Buehner & Barb Hall.
2. I want to thank the New Sound Members for the time and skills they have shared to provide music for today’s worship! It’s been a wonderful 10 years of working together to add another dimension to the sound of music in our worship services. A big thank you to Joe Kelly, and Scott Ritenbaugh for their technical assistance. And finally, a special thanks to Rob Beatty (percussion) and Barth Tamenne (guitar) for always going above and beyond. You both have done so much more than just play the music: lugging heavy equipment, working out technical issues with the sound board and microphones, changes schedules, and keep a sense of humor always! You’re the best! With appreciation, Nancy
3. We extend our deepest sympathies to the McCurry and Madden families upon the death of Albert Onder (the father of Adrienne McCurry); and, also, to the family and friends of James Eddy (the son of Arlene Eddy). If you would like to send some comforting words or a card to express your sympathies, please email office@christsmurrysville.org or call the church office for more information.
4. Nancy Finke Sheehan has decided to retire after sharing her musical talents with us and the whole Church for many years! Thank you, Nancy,

for being such a vital and important part of our ministry and life together. We are planning to celebrate Nancy's music ministry and to offer you a chance to thank her for her years of faithful dedication after worship on October 31st (which will be Nancy's last Sunday with us as our organist). Please join us as we thank Nancy for her many years of service and help to wish her well during her retirement.

5. Sunday School classes for children started last Sunday and will be continuing to meet on the first Sunday of each month at 11:00 am (outdoors, if the weather permits).

The Adult Sunday class has also resumed weekly gatherings, and Pastor Wayne has assembled this year's Confirmation Class.

Come and join us in these times of learning and fellowship!

6. **CHURCH PROPERTY WORKDAYS:** Volunteers are needed to help clean up the flower beds around the church in preparation for the winter. All ages are welcome to help, including youth, confirmation class, and scouts. If you can help, please leave a message at church (412-795-1212) or e-mail the church office (office@christsmurrysville.org).

Workers are asked to bring their own gardening tools... rakes, shovels, trimmers, weed whackers, and gloves.

The first workday is scheduled for Saturday October 9th at 8:00 am. Social distancing should be followed. If more work needs done, or it's a rainy day, we will meet the following Saturday (Oct. 16th).

Many hands make the light work. Your time is greatly appreciated!

7. 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. We have people who are willing to help you to connect to our live-streamed services if you need help.
8. 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.

9. Our "Make a Joyful Noise" collection cans have returned! The cans will be in the Narthex the first weekend of the month for anyone who wants to help donate spare change and help Trinity Lutheran Church on the North Side of Pittsburgh.
10. **ATTENTION RETIREES** – (70 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

11. The repair of our stormwater drainage pipe has begun. Those who want to help by making a monetary donation, may do so at any time by mail, in person, or through the electronic giving app. Please be sure to let us know that your contribution is for the stormwater drainage project. Stay tuned for more updates.
12. If you have an announcement for the church newsletter, please make sure to get the information to Breana in the office no later than the 20th of the preceding month. Thank you.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Sunday 10/10/2021 through Sunday 10/17/2021

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Sunday 10/10

11:00 am	Sunday School
7:30 pm	Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

Monday 10/11

5:00 pm	Kindermusik
7:00 pm	Worship & Music
8:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday 10/12

9:00 am	Kindermusik
9:00 am	Sewing Group

Wednesday 10/13

9:00 am	Kindermusik
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Thursday 10/14

9:00 am	Kindermusik
9:00 am	Caring Hearts & Hands

Friday 10/15

Saturday 10/16

6:00 pm	Saturday Evening Worship
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Sunday 10/17

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