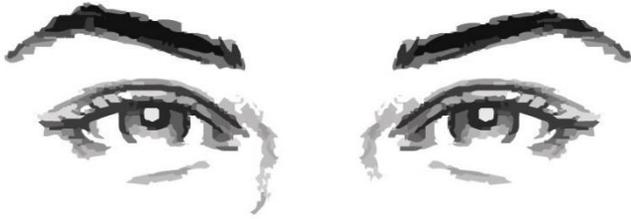


Sunday, October 24th, 2021



~~BLIND~~
BARTIMAEUS

***“Take heart. Get up.
He is calling you.” ~ Mark 10:49***

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

“St. Anthony Chorale”

J. Brahms

“Amazing Grace”

setting by H. Hopson

“Prelude and Toccata on ‘Praise To the Lord’”

G.W.Kerr

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)*

“God, Whose Almighty Word”

ELW #673 (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



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. Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C. Amen

FIRST READING: Psalm 126

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,^[a]
we were like those who dream.

²Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations,
“The LORD has done great things for them.”

³The LORD has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.

⁴Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.

⁵May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.

⁶Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 7:23-28

²³ Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; ²⁴ but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵ Consequently he is able for all time to save^[a] those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

²⁶ For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷ Unlike the other^[b] high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸ For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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. Mark, the tenth chapter.
C. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Mark 10:46-52

⁴⁶They came to Jericho. As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, ^[a] let me see again.” ⁵²Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

- P. The Gospel of the Lord.
C. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Wayne Gillespie

(please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Healer of Our Every Ill”

ELW #612 (vs.1&4)

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, Lara Eddy, Courtney
Erkus, Gary Keibler, Pat Kvale, Kurt Landsberg, Jr.,
Gary and Cindy Lemon, Bob McElroy, Derwood
Montgomery, Michael O'Donnell, Mandy Pfeiffer, Stephanie
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

"The Peaceable Things"

C. Christiansen

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.

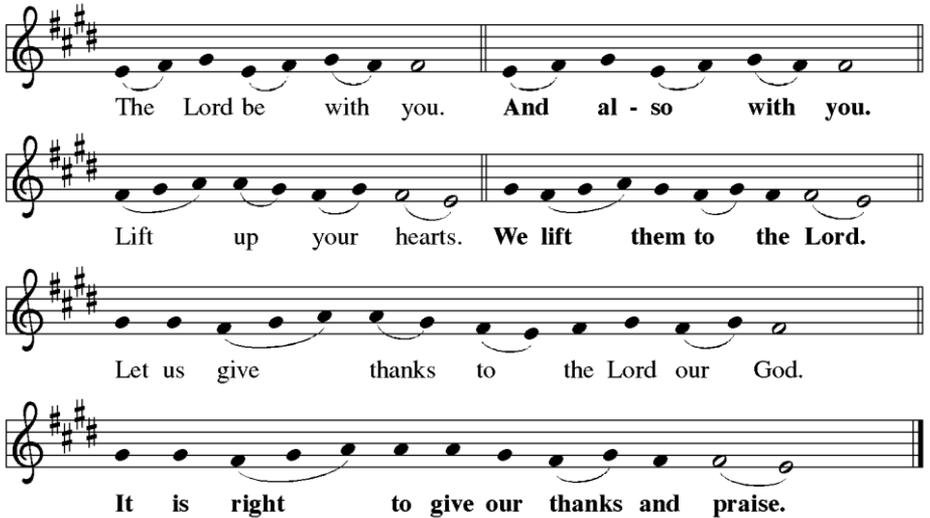
Open our hearts to embrace it.

Open our lives to live it.

We pray this through Christ our Lord.

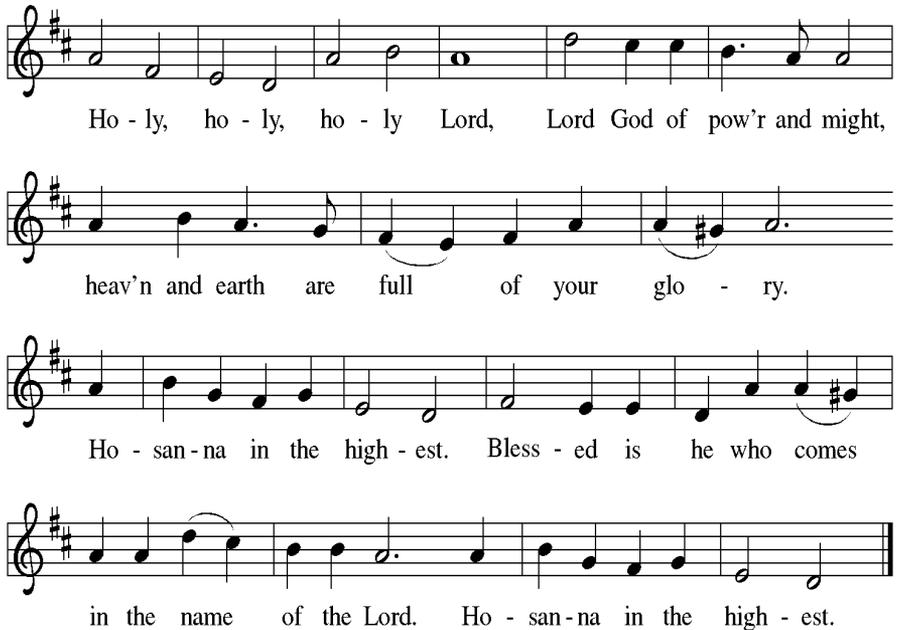
Amen.

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

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

ELW #551 (vs.1,2,4)

THE DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

“Praise the Almighty”

German tune, Ansbach, 1665

Pastor
Pastor Emeritus
Organist
Parish Administrator

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us next Sunday, October 31st, after worship to help celebrate Nancy’s music ministry! This Sunday will be her last day with us as our organist. Thank You, for sharing your musical talents with us and being an important part of our life and ministry!

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: Eric Waxbom, Susie Lasher, Lauren Huffman and Harriet Schwartz.
2. A HUGE thanks to Barth Tamenne for sharing his gift of music with the church during the Offertory for our Saturday service!
3. We are restarting weekly, indoor Sunday School Classes on Sunday mornings at 11 am in November. Pastor Wayne will gather with young people at the Hankey Cemetery for one, last, outdoor class on November 7th, and hopes to have a scavenger hunt and a brief lesson about All Saints Day, cemeteries, and death and resurrection. If you need directions to the cemetery, please reach out to the church office.
4. A BIG THANK YOU and God bless to all twenty-four young and old who came out Saturday morning praying the rain would “Passover” us and it did! I think we were all amazed at what we accomplished. Everyone managed a different area and a miracle happened. We met new friends and enjoyed a nice lunch together afterwards. We are still working on a plan to manage the grounds moving forward, so please forward any suggestions to Linda 412-525-5619 Again, thank you and God Bless.
5. 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.
6. 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.

7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.



Light of Life Thanksgiving Baskets

Every year Light of Life Volunteers put together Thanksgiving Baskets for those in the community who have the ability to cook but don't necessarily have the financial resources to purchase the food. The goal this year is to put together **1,750 baskets!** We have supported this ministry in the past. **This year we are accepting monetary donations to buy 500 cans of corn for the baskets.**

Please donate by making a check payable to Christ's Lutheran Church and marking "Light of Life" on your check or offering envelope or by using the Tithely app. We will deliver the corn on November 12th. Email Kris Meade at kristanmeade@gmail.com with any questions. Thank you for your support!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Sunday 10/24/2021 through Sunday 10/31/2021

Sunday 10/24

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

Monday 10/25

5:00 pm	Kindermusik
8:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday 10/26

9:00 am	Kindermusik
6:00 pm	Girls Scouts

Wednesday 10/27

9:00 am	Kindermusik
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Thursday 10/28

9:00 am	Kindermusik
6:00 pm	Girls Scout

Friday 10/29

Saturday 10/30

6:00 pm	Saturday Evening Worship
7:00 pm	Nancy's Retirement Fellowship

Sunday 10/31

10:00 am	Sunday Morning Worship
11:00 am	Nancy's Retirement Celebration
7:30 pm	Narcotics Anonymous Meeting