

Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**The  
Kingdom  
of  
God**  
**is near.**

*Luke 21: 31*

# **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 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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**PRELUDE**

“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”  
“Sleepers, Wake”

Wayne Wold  
J. S. Bach

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING OF CONCERNS**

**ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly,  
who fills the hungry with good things

**C: Amen**

P: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God

P: God for whom we wait,

**C: in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you.**

**We fail in believing that your good news is for us.**

**We falter in our call to tend your Creation.**

**We find our sense of self in material wealth.**

**We fear those different from ourselves.**

**We forget that we are your children  
and turn away from your love.**

**Forgive us, Blessed One,**

**and assure us again of your saving grace. Amen**

P: God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you!  
Through the power of the Holy Spirit, + your sins are forgiven.  
You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise,  
and recipients of divine mercy.  
God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.

**C: Amen**

**GATHERING HYMN** *(please stand)*

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

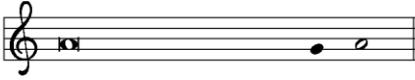
ELW #244 (vs.1,2,4)

**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.**

# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



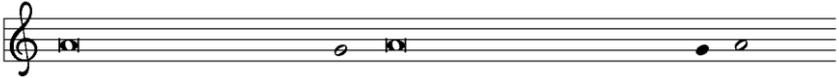
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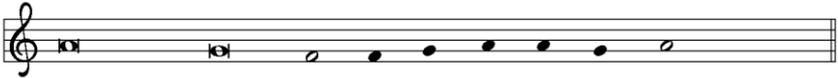
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



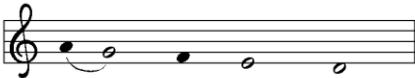
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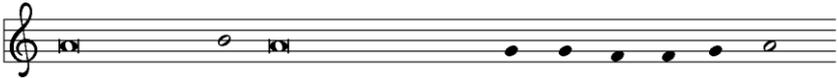
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



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

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

## **FIRST READING: Psalm 25:1-10**

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>O my God, in you I trust;

do not let me be put to shame;

do not let my enemies exult over me.

<sup>3</sup>Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;

let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>Make me to know your ways, O LORD;

teach me your paths.

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth, and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation;

for you I wait all day long.

<sup>6</sup>Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,

for they have been from of old.

<sup>7</sup>Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

according to your steadfast love remember me,

for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

<sup>8</sup>Good and upright is the LORD;

therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

<sup>9</sup>He leads the humble in what is right,

and teaches the humble his way.

<sup>10</sup>All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,

for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

## **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

Prayer of Blessing:

We praise you, O God, for the Advent wreath that marks our days of preparation for Christ's coming. As we light the first candle on this wreath, rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes with all the saints and angels. Enlighten us with your grace and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose Day draws near. Amen

**SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

<sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup>And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup>And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



- P. The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.  
C. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36**

<sup>25</sup>“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great

glory. <sup>28</sup> Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

<sup>29</sup> Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup> as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup> “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup> like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

P. The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**

*Pastor Wayne Gillespie*

*(please be seated)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

ELW #257 (vs.1,4,7)

**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:**

Kathy Babinsack, Teddy Baker, Joe and Doris Cashell, Russell Corbin, Doug Custer, Sally Dutzman, Courtney Erkus, Gary Keibler, Pat Kvale, Kurt Landsberg, Jr., Gary and Cindy Lemon, Bob McElroy, Derwood Montgomery, Rick Nelson, Michael O'Donnell, Mandy Pfeiffer, Stephanie Sellers, Beth Smith, Marianne Trainor, Sue Werner, 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

"Savior of the Nations, Come"

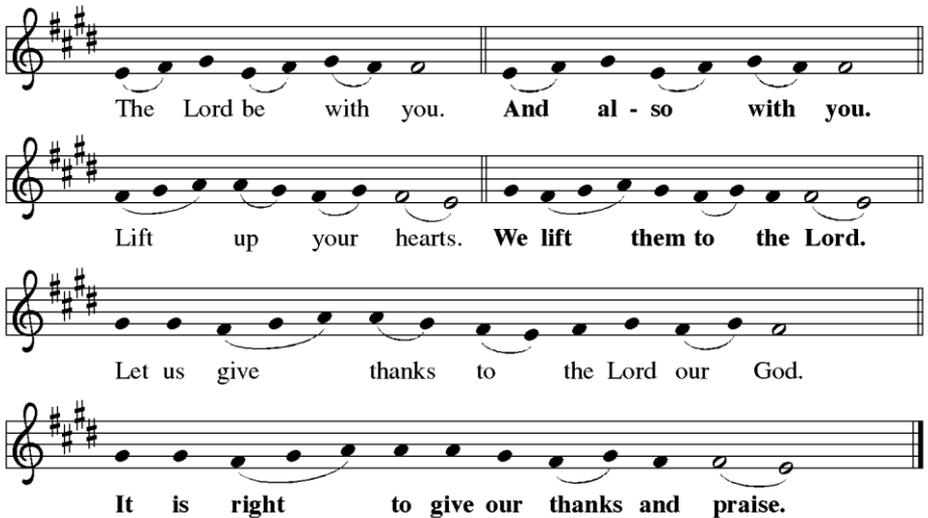
Michael Burkhardt

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

A. Let us pray.

C. **God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Jesus Christ, our pathway, and our peace. 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. Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

**C. Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

P: May the God of hope fill you with joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

**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**

“Fling Wide the Door”

ELW #259 (Vs. 1,2,4)

## THE DISMISSAL

A. Go in peace. Christ is near you.

C. **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

“The King Shall Come”

Michael Burkhardt

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Pastor

Pastor Emeritus

Organist

Parish Administrator

Wayne G. Gillespie

Steven J. Myers

Kevin Clemens

Breana Howard

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. You may notice there is something different in the front of the sanctuary! We have hung two Advent/Christmas banners to add to the beauty of our worship space. The banners are a visual reminder that in this season of the church year we HOPE for the Savior to come to us and bring PEACE to our troubled world. "Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one body. Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people." ELW#247
2. A big "Thank You" is extended to our Tech Team for broadcasting our Sunday morning service this weekend. A huge shoutout to our weekly readers, reconcilers, and helpers that make sure everything is in place before and after our services. This week we would like to give thanks to: Eric Waxbom, Susie Lasher, Rebekah McKenzie, Karen Palestra and Harriet Schwartz.
3. We are teaming up with our mission partner, the Plum Food Pantry, for their toy drive. Due to the pandemic, they are asking for gift cards instead of actual toys! If you wish to participate, we are asking for monetary donations so we may purchase the gift cards for the children on our list. Please mark on your envelope "Toy Drive" if you include it with your weekly offering. Any funds received in excess of the gift card purchases, we will donate to the food pantry to be used to make sure every child receives equal value gifts! We know that this time of year we all get inundated with requests for donations. We would like to thank you in advance for your generous support of our Outreach projects! If you have any questions please contact Judy Bernardini at 412-795-6769.

4. Weekly **Sunday School** classes have resumed at Christ's Lutheran Church at **9:00 am**. Masks are to be worn by teachers, volunteers, and students as we will be inside with the colder weather. We hope to see you there! 😊
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](mailto: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. The repair of our stormwater drainage pipe has been completed. 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.
8. Baseball fans know what a "Can of Corn" means – an easy catch, right? What do you call 520 cans of corn? That's what we call Christ's Lutheran Church's 2021 donation to the Light of Life Thanksgiving Baskets! **THANK YOU** to everyone who made this donation possible!
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 20<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month. Thank you.

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
**Sunday 11/28/2021 through Sunday 12/5/2021**

**Sunday 11/28**

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

**Monday 11/29**

5:00 pm	Kindermusik
8:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous

**Tuesday 11/30**

9:00 am	Kindermusik
6:00 pm	Girls Scouts

**Wednesday 12/1**

9:00 am	Kindermusik
9:00 am	Property Team Meeting
6:00 pm	Girls Scouts

**Thursday 12/2**

9:00 am	Kindermusik
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**Friday 12/3**

Church Office Closed

**Saturday 12/4**

6:00 pm	Saturday Evening Worship
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**Sunday 12/5**

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