

**Sunday, May 15, 2022**



As I have  
loved you,  
you should  
also  
love one  
another.

John 13:34

**Christ's Lutheran Church  
Murrysville, Pennsylvania**

# **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 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 Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

## PRELUDE

*"Easter Trumpet Tune"*

*Frederick Swann*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING OF CONCERNS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed!**

P: We begin our service in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

P: Let us pray:

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen**

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

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ died for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

## GATHERING HYMN

*"Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!"*

ELW #380

## 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

*"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

ELW #859 (Verse 1)

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

## FIRST READING: Acts 11:1-18

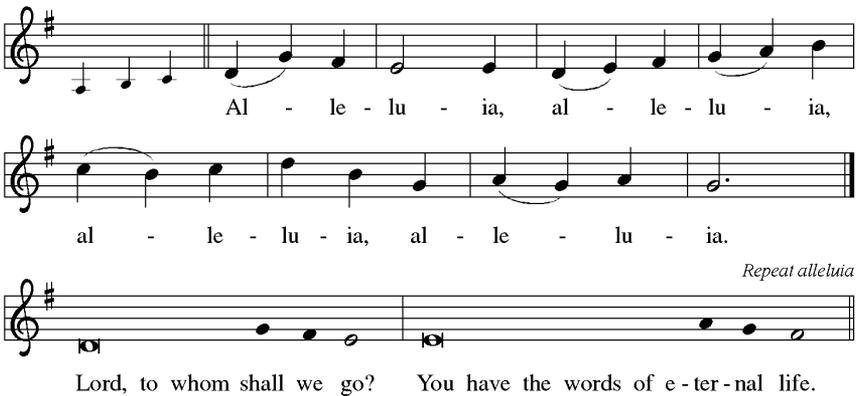
11 Now the apostles and the brothers and sisters who were in Judea heard that the gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup> So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers<sup>[a]</sup> criticized him, <sup>3</sup> saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" <sup>4</sup> Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup> "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners, and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup> As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup> I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' <sup>8</sup> But I replied, 'By no means, Lord, for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' <sup>9</sup> But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' <sup>10</sup> This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup> At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup> The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us.<sup>[b]</sup> These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup> He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup> he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' <sup>15</sup> And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup> And I

remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup> If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" <sup>18</sup> When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

**SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6**

**21** Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, see, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away". <sup>5</sup> And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup> Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
*Repeat alleluia*  
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.  
**C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **GOSPEL: John 13:31-35**

<sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him,<sup>[a]</sup> God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ <sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **SERMON**

*Pastor Wayne Gillespie*

*(please be seated)*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”*

ELW #800

## **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

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We are both pleased and excited to see six young people come forward to affirm their faith this year: Ashley Grabowski, Stella McKenzie, Collin Rogers, Lucas Salenske, JJ Tensuan, and Paige Van Orden. Please join us as we celebrate this important day in their lives during a time of fellowship in the Entryway after today’s service.

## **THE PRAYERS**

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

**C: hear our prayer.**

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

Anita Bailie, Kathy & Vic Babinsack, Lori Borger, Katie Buehner, Tina Carlson, James Holt, Gary Keilber, Pat Kvale, Terri Petrick, Kurt Landsberg Jr, Jennie Lasher, Jamie McPoyle, Paige Van Orden, Susan Werner, Bob & 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.*



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*The Offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared.*

**OFFERTORY**

*"Fantasia"*

Camille Saint-Saens

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A: Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your Table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**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 a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.'. The second staff has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.'. The third staff has two measures: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.'. The fourth staff has two measures: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'. The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes with slurs.

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, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for the concluding part of the hymn. It consists of four staves of music in G major. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has two measures: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of'. The second staff has two measures: 'pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -'. The third staff has two measures: 'san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the'. The fourth staff has two measures: 'name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.'. The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes with slurs.

## 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: The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.



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: We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this Table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

**C: Amen.**

### **THE BLESSING**

P: God, the Author of life; Christ +, the living Cornerstone; and the life-giving Spirit bless you now and forever.

**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**

*“Crown Him with Many Crowns”*

ELW #855

### **THE DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Jesus is with you on the way.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

*“Toccata in D”*

*Ralph Kinder*

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Pastor Emeritus  
Organist  
Parish Administrator

Wayne G. Gillespie  
Steven J. Myers  
Kevin Clemens  
Breana Howard

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. 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: Harry Replogle, Bill Gras, Cindy Lott, Pam Zimmerman & Barb Hall.
2. We are excited to announce that our Monthly Men’s Breakfasts will be resuming on June 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am! Moving forward we will continue to meet in our Church’s lower Social Hall on the third Saturday of the month! Look for a sign-up sheet in the Lobby as we get closer! We are looking forward to re-connecting and seeing some new faces! There is only one requirement- bring an appetite! See you there – Ron Spagna & George Meade
3. **Church Property Work Day RESCHEDULED:** The council has decided to reschedule our work day to **Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:30 am** due to the cold/wet weather we’ve been having in April. Volunteers are needed to help clean up the flower beds around the church in preparation for the summer. All ages are welcome to help, including youth, confirmation class, and scouts. If you can help, please contact: Joe Kelly – [JoeKelly567@gmail.com](mailto:JoeKelly567@gmail.com) – 412-999-6060, or Linda Paulovitch – [Lindajeangepaul@aol.com](mailto:Lindajeangepaul@aol.com) – 412-525-5619. Workers are asked to bring their own gardening tools, rakes, shovels, trimmers, weed whackers, and gloves. Many hands make the light work. Your time is greatly appreciated!
4. This year’s flea market is Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 8am-2pm. Along with donated items, we will need many volunteers to make this event a success. Sign-up sheets are available in the entry way. Check the church website under “What’s Happening” for additional information, such as drop off times & items excluded. Any questions please contact Sylvia Replogle at 724-339-2208.

5. **Sanctuary Singers!** In May we will begin rehearsals for the Sanctuary Singers who will sing for selected 10:00 am Sunday Services. This choir of adult singers will have rehearsal at 9:00 am in the music room preparing music for the Sixth Sunday of Easter & Pentecost. The only qualification to join is the love of singing and making a commitment to attend rehearsals and scheduled services. No auditions or interviews. The first rehearsal is scheduled for Sunday, May 8, in the music room. For more information and to sign up for the Sanctuary Singers contact Kevin M. Clemens, Director of Music/Organist through the church office. Also, a signup sheet will be available on the table as you enter the narthex.
6. You will notice that some “old friends” have returned. We have returned the Baptismal Font to its usual place and invite you to pause at the Font and, perhaps, draw the sign of the Cross on your forehead as a way of remembering your Baptism when you come forward for Holy Communion. We have, also, placed the Book of Blessings in the Entryway and are encouraging you to take a moment to think about a way that God has blessed you in the last week and write that blessing in the book.
7. **Sunday School** – Today (May 15<sup>th</sup>) will be the last day of class before our summer break. Thank you to our teachers and our students! We look forward to classes resuming in the Fall!
8. We are broadcasting our Sunday morning worship service each week. If you do not want to be seen during the broadcast, we are asking you to not sit in the front two pews. You can, also, avoid being seen during the broadcast during Holy Communion if you commune on the left (pulpit) side of the church.
9. Please remember that you need to send any announcements that you would like us to include in our weekly bulletins to the Church Office no later than noon on Wednesday (to provide time needed 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 20<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month.



### **CHRIST'S LITTLE PANTRY**

Are you, or someone you know, experiencing food insecurity?

Our church now has "Christ's Little Pantry."

The Pantry is located in our lower parking lot.

If you need food, "Take what you need."

If you have extra food to share, "Leave what you can."

Please share our story, so no one goes hungry.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 15, 2022 – May 22, 2022

## Sunday 5/15

9:00 am LAST Sunday School until Fall (downstairs hall)  
10:00 am Sunday Morning Worship and Confirmation  
10:00 am Fellowship in the Entryway  
7:30 pm NA Meeting

## Monday 5/16

5:00 pm Kindermusik  
8:00 pm AA Meeting

## Tuesday 5/17

9:00 am Kindermusik

## Wednesday 5/18

9:00 am Kindermusik  
6:00 pm Girls Scouts

## Thursday 5/19

9:00 am Kindermusik  
6:30 pm Council Meeting

## Friday 5/20

## Saturday 5/21

8:30 am Church Grounds Work Day  
6:00 pm Saturday Evening Worship

## Sunday 5/22

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