

Sunday, May 22, 2022

Peace I Leave

with YOU;

My Peace I Give

to YOU

John 14:27

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Murrysville, Pennsylvania**

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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 Sixth Sunday of Easter

(Please take a moment to silence your electronic devices)

PRELUDE

“Prelude & Fugue in G Major, Opus 37” Felix Mendelssohn

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING OF CONCERNS

RECOGNITION OF 2022 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

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

C: Amen

P: Kohelet, the Teacher, once said, *“For everything there is a Season, and a time for every matter under Heaven.”* (Ecclesiastes 3:1) Life is filled with times of change, times to mourn and times to laugh, times to dream and to live into new futures. Graduations are a time to rejoice and celebrate accomplishments, but they are also times when we say “Goodbye” to one part of life, and “Hello” to something entirely new and different. Graduations are about death and resurrection

Today, we celebrate the wonderful accomplishments of four young people in our congregation, wish them the best in life, and surround them with our prayers. Today we celebrate:

John Lasher

Franklin Regional High School
West Virginia University – Forestry

Paul McClintock

Plum Senior High School
United States Marine Corps

Mark Van Orden

Plum Senior High School
University of Pittsburgh – Pharmacy

Grace Wilson

Kiski Area High School
The Pennsylvania State University – General Studies

P: Let us pray together: Most merciful God,

C: we thank you for the life and bright future that you have promised to John, Paul, Mark, and Grace as they celebrate this important time in their lives. We rejoice in their accomplishments, and we thank you for their gifts and talents that will be a blessing to us, and to many others, in the years to come. Be with them as they celebrate their graduations and begin new chapters in their lives. Bless them, lead them and guide them, and help them to know that you will always be near to them – both at home and in the new and exciting places where you take them. Amen

GATHERING HYMN

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!”

ELW #385

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 2)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through 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 16:9-15

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. ¹¹We therefore^[a] set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed^[b] there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who

had gathered there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10,22-22:5

¹⁰ And in the spirit, he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. **22** Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life^[b] with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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 fifth chapter.

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

GOSPEL: John 5:1-9

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.² Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. ³ In these lay many ill, blind, lame, and paralyzed people. ⁵ One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" ⁷ The ill man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am making my way someone else steps down ahead of me." ⁸ Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." ⁹ At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Wayne Gillespie

(please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

ELW #393

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:

Anita Bailie, Kathy & Vic Babinsack, Lori Borger, Katie Buehner, James Holt, Gary Keilber, Pat Kvale, Terri Petrick, Kurt Landsberg Jr, Jennie Lasher, Charlie Meade, 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)*
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The Offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared.

OFFERTORY

"Andante Tranquillo. Sonta #3"

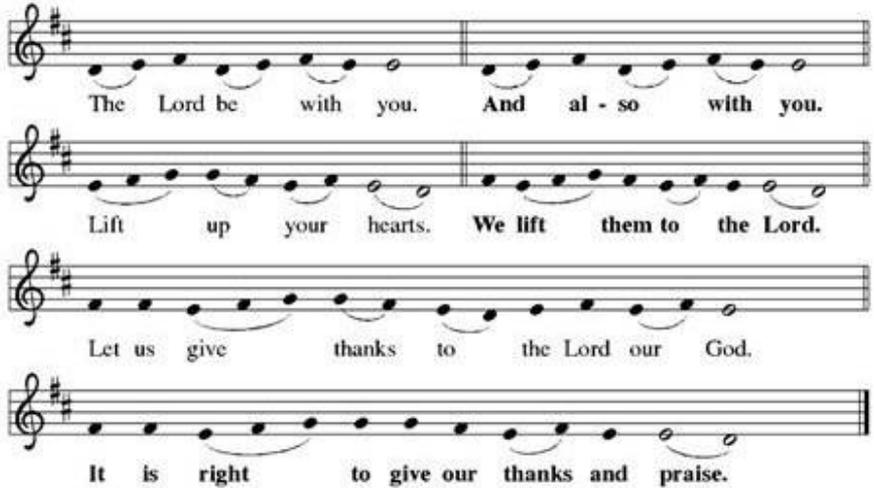
F. Mendelssohn

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.

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.

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

“My Life Flows On in Endless Song”

ELW #763

THE DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Allegro Maestoso, Sonta #2”

F. Mendelssohn

Pastor

Wayne G. Gillespie

Pastor Emeritus

Steven J. Myers

Organist

Kevin Clemens

Parish Administrator

Breana Howard

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: Amy Lederer, Linda Reed, Lauren Huffman, Karen Palesta & Harriet Schwartz.
2. Our congregation raised \$990 for Heifer this Lenten season. This total was more than we gave the last two years combined. I want to thank everyone who was kind enough and able to donate to this worthy cause. Your generous gifts will be put to good use to help

many people. I also want to thank our Outreach Committee for promoting Heifer this year and Pastor Wayne for having me speak at both services. It truly was a team effort as we continue our ministry here at Christ's Lutheran Church. Sincerely, Eric Waxbom.

3. We are excited to announce that our Monthly Men's Breakfast will be resuming on June 18th 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
4. Special shout out to the Church Grounds Team for coming together this Saturday to help take care of our church. Thank you to each and every one of you who took the time out of your day to weed, spread soil, serve lunches, and came together on Saturday to make this happen. Your hard work and commitment doesn't go unnoticed! We appreciate all our volunteers & property team!
5. This year's flea market is Saturday, June 4th 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.
6. **Sanctuary Singers!** rehearsals on Sunday mornings have begun and we still have openings for additional singers. We begin rehearsal at 9:00 a.m. in the choir room and finish around 9:45 a.m. We are presently rehearsing music for Sunday, June 5, 2022, (Pentecost). Come join us on Sunday mornings and become a part of the music ministry of Christ's Lutheran Church.
7. 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.

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 20th of the preceding month.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 22, 2022 – May 29, 2022

Sunday 5/22

10:00 am

Sunday Morning Worship

7:30 pm

NA Meeting

Monday 5/23

5:00 pm

Kindermusik

8:00 pm

AA Meeting

Tuesday 5/24

9:00 am

Kindermusik

9:00 am

Sewing Group

6:00 pm

Girls Scouts

Wednesday 5/25

9:00 am

Kindermusik

6:00 pm

Girls Scouts

Thursday 5/26

9:00 am

Kindermusik

Friday 5/27

Saturday 5/28

6:00 pm

Saturday Evening Worship

Sunday 5/29

10:00 am

Sunday Morning Worship

7:30 pm

Narcotics Anonymous Meeting