

Sunday, January 9, 2022



**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 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.)*

**PRELUDE**

*"Prelude sur l'Introit de l'Epiphanie"*

Maurice Durufle

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING OF CONCERNS**

**ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**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 have sinned against you  
and your beloved children.**

**We have turned our faces away from your glory  
when it did not appear as we expected.**

**We have rejected your word  
when it made us confront ourselves.**

**We have failed to show hospitality  
to those you have called us to welcome.**

**Accept our repentance for the things we have done  
and for the things we have left undone.**

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

**Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe  
in the glory of your Son born among us,  
and reflect your love for all creation.**

**Amen**

P: Rejoice in this good news:

In + Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are descendants of the Most High,  
adopted into the household of Christ,  
and inheritors of eternal life.

Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

**C: Amen**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"*

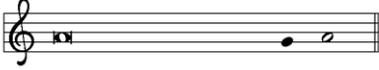
ELW #311 (Vs 1,2,3)

## 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 AND HYMN OF PRAISE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



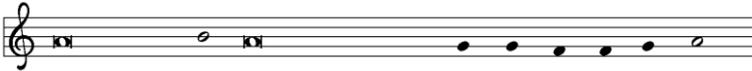
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.



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



All  
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: Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C: Amen



**GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

15 As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, 16 John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." 21 Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, 22 and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**

*Pastor Wayne Gillespie*

*(please be seated)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"When Jesus Came to Jordan"*

ELW #305 (ALL)

**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, 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, and 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

*"He Comes to Us as One Unknown"*

Robert Powell

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Blessed are you, O God, Ruler of the Universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our Light. 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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Come to Christ's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

## **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, gracious God, for we have feasted on your goodness and love. Send us into the world to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened by the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen

**C: Amen.**

## **THE BLESSING**

P: May God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, + bless you both today and in the coming week.

**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**

*"Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized"*

ELW #304 (ALL)

## THE DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*"Carillon"*

Louis Vierne

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Pastor

Wayne G. Gillespie

Pastor Emeritus

Steven J. Myers

Organist

Kevin Clemens

Parish Administrator

Breana Howard

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Many of you mentioned that you like our new Advent/Christmas banners. Banners can be displayed to highlight different Seasons of the Church Year (for example: Lent, Easter, Pentecost). If you would like to purchase a banner(s) in memory of (or in honor of) a loved one, please contact Nancy Sheehan at 412-841-5263 or at: [nfsheehan@yahoo.com](mailto:nfsheehan@yahoo.com).
2. 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, Susie Lasher, Sandy Buehner, Barb Hall and Pam Zimmerman.
3. The Church Council and Support Team would like to thank all of you for making our "End of the Year Appeal" successful. We truly appreciate your continued generosity and your faithful support of our ministry.
4. Sunday School classes have resumed and are being held every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. in our downstairs Social Hall. Masks are being worn by the teachers and volunteers, and we are asking students to wear a mask as well. Confirmation classes are being held online on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Children of all ages are invited to come and learn more about Jesus.
5. We are planning to make a transition and to begin broadcasting our Sunday morning worship services only on YouTube Live in the

coming weeks. To join our live stream on YouTube Live, you can simply visit our website at: <https://christsmurrysville.org> and click the green box: "Join Our Church's Livestream Service." We hope that this transition will help us to provide better audio and video for those who are worshipping with us online. If you need some help to make this transition, please call the Church Office or send an email to: [office@christsmurrysville.org](mailto:office@christsmurrysville.org). We have people who are willing to help you to make this transition with us.

6. 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.
7. We are continuing to explore ways that we can offer a telephone call-in option to those who do not have an Internet connection in their home after we make the transition to YouTube Live. We will be sharing more information with you in the coming weeks.
8. Please remember that you need to send announcements that you would like us to include in the bulletin to the Church Office no later than noon on Wednesday (to provide time for bulletin preparation and printing). The deadline for submitting information you want us to include in our monthly newsletter is the end of the business day on the 20<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month.

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# **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**January 9, 2022 – January 16, 2022**

## **Sunday 1/9**

9:00 am

10:00 am

7:30 pm

Sunday School

Sunday Morning Worship

Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

## **Monday 1/10**

5:00 pm

8:00 pm

Kindermusik

Alcoholics Anonymous

## **Tuesday 1/11**

9:00 am

9:00 am

10:00 am

Kindermusik

Sewing Group

Congregational Life Team

## **Wednesday 1/12**

9:00 am

6:00 pm

Kindermusik

Girls Scouts

## **Thursday 1/13**

9:00 am

Kindermusik

## **Friday 1/14**

## **Saturday 1/15**

6:00 pm

### **All Reports for Our Annual Meeting Due**

Saturday Evening Worship

## **Sunday 1/16**

9:00 am

10:00 am

7:30 pm

Sunday School

Sunday Morning Worship

Narcotics Anonymous Meeting