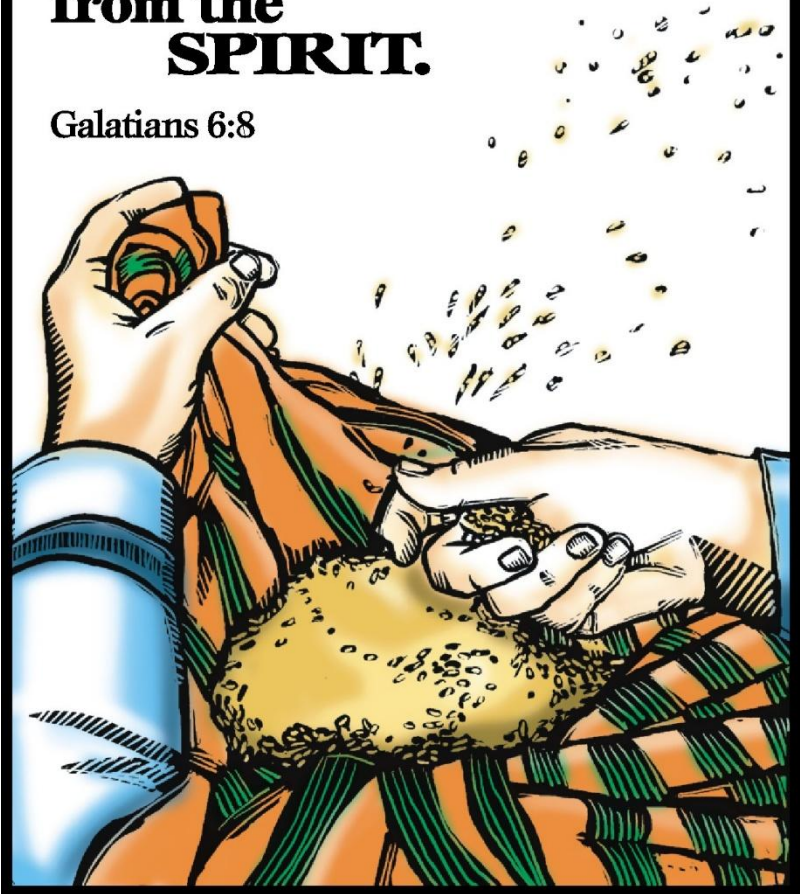


Sunday, July 6, 2025

**If you sow to the
SPIRIT,
you will reap
ETERNAL LIFE
from the
SPIRIT.**

Galatians 6:8



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

“A Place to Believe, Belong, and Become”



Christ's Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered and welcoming, Christian community committed to encouraging faith-filled living, deepening friendships, and life-changing discipleship.

Welcome! If you are new to worship in a Lutheran church, this introduction will help guide you through our worship service. The prayers, responses, and service music are printed in this bulletin. You will need to use the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) hymnals to sing the hymns. Our Sunday morning service is livestreamed on YouTube and your image may appear.

Communion - All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the gift of Holy Communion. Children who haven't received Holy Communion may also come forward for a blessing. You can either kneel or remain standing when you come to the altar. We offer both wheat and gluten-free wafers, and both wine and grape juice. If you would like to receive grape juice, please take a glass from the tray that has already been filled when you come forward. If you would like to receive a gluten-free wafer, please let Pastor Wayne know when he gives you the bread.

Children are always welcome! Please feel free to walk around in the rear area of our worship space if your child becomes restless. Rest rooms (with diaper decks) are located in the hallway to the right of the entryway. You can find cloth bags containing activities for children aged 3 and older in the back of our worship space. We ask you to please return the cloth bags and their contents (minus any artwork your child creates while you are worshiping) at the end of today's service.

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The 4th Sunday After Pentecost

(Please silence your electronic devices)

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING OF CONCERNS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Merciful God,

C: You free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds and show us the path of life. Amen.

P: You belong to Jesus Christ, and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of †Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"How Firm a Foundation"

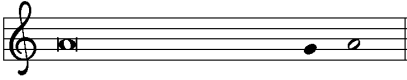
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GREETING

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.



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.



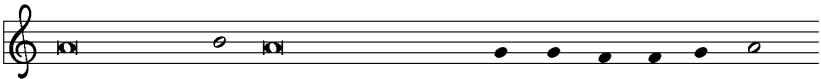
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

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: O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 66:10-14

“Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice greatly with her, all you who mourn over her. For you will nurse and be satisfied at her comforting breasts; you will drink deeply and delight in her overflowing abundance.” For this is what the LORD says: “I will extend peace to her like a river, and the wealth of nations like a flooding stream; you will nurse and be carried on her arm and dandled on her knees. As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem.” When you see this, your heart will rejoice and you will flourish like grass; the hand of the LORD will be made known to his servants, but his fury will be shown to his foes.

SECOND READING: GALATIANS 6:1-16

Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, for each one should carry their own load. Nevertheless, the one who receives instruction in the word should share all good things with their instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. See what large letters I use as I write to you with my own hand! Those who want to impress people by means of the flesh are

trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ. Not even those who are circumcised keep the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your circumcision in the flesh. May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule—to the Israel of God.

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

GOSPEL: LUKE 10:1-11, 16-20

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road. “When you enter a house, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’ If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house. “When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, ‘Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a

warning to you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God has come near.'

"Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me." The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Wayne Gillespie *(please be seated)*

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Before You, Lord, We Bow"

ELW #893

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 OF INTERCESSION

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

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

C: Hear our prayer.

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

Lindsey Boyer, the family and friends of Kraige Cutler, Debbie Faust, Debra, Joann Hauger, Peggy Henry, Karen, Derwood Montgomery, Linda O'Donnell, Paul Rizzo, Ron Spagna, Stephanie Sluka, Sue Werner and Charlie Word



PRAYING FOR OUR MISSION PARTNERS AND FRIENDS:

John & Gertrude Laughrey
Daniel LeDonne
Sandra Lee
Cindy Lemon

P: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love, through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C: Amen.

OFFERING

To Support God's Work in Our Church and Beyond

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.

You can place your offering in the offering plate that is passed at this time in our service,

You can scan this QR code to go to our online giving page,

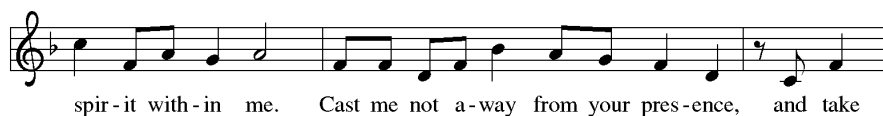
*You can use our app to send your offering,
or mail your offering to the church:*



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OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



OFFERING PRAYER

A: Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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 four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: '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.', and '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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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.

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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 kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

C: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



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 *(please be seated)*

(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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Holy God, you gathered us to your table, and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

THE BLESSING

P: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ☩ bless you and give you peace

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

"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

ELW #888

THE DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Pastor	Rev. Wayne G. Gillespie Email: revwaynegillespie@gmail.com
Pastor Emeritus	Rev. Steven J. Myers
Organist	Joshua Beck
Pianist	Nancy Finke Sheehan
Parish Administrator	Laura Vincenti

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks to our Worship Assistants, Greeters, those who Set Up and Clean Up, Reconcilers, the Tech Team and many others who make our worship services happen.



You can volunteer via our app -- click on "Join a Weekend Worship Team" or contact the church office.

Thank you for making our Weekend Worship services possible!

July 5th & 6th is MAKE NOISE FOR MISSION!!! Weekend

We celebrate the first weekend of each month with the donation of your loose change to benefit our sister church, Trinity Lutheran on the North Side.



Collection cans are located on the offering table and up front by the baptismal font. So,



gather up your change and let's all make some NOISE!!!



Thank you to everyone that donated their goods and time before, during, and after VBS to help the children discover more about Jesus and their True North. This year was a wonderful success because of all of you.

CLC's Men's Breakfast is a space for men to connect, encourage one another, and grow in their walk with Christ.



For many, our Men's Breakfast is a spiritual lifeline. In a world that often pressures men to go it alone, the event fosters accountability, encouragement, and shared purpose.

Whether someone is a long-time church member or attending for the first time, they are welcomed as brothers.

Newcomers are encouraged to join us on **Saturday, July 11th** at 8:30 am in the downstairs social hall.

Come hungry for food and fellowship.

July 12th & 13th is CHRIST'S LITTLE PANTRY weekend!

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

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

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

We're so grateful to all who donate food to support our Little Pantry. When you bring your donations to the church, you can put your items directly into the Little Pantry to immediately get food into the hands of a family.

Here are some ideas: Pancake mix (made with water), syrup and other breakfast items, soup, tuna, jelly, fruit (canned or in individual packs), fresh apples, oranges, and carrots; other items are welcomed, too. We also accept donations of toilet paper and paper towels. Right now, **we have an overabundance of CANNED VEGETABLES, CEREAL, PEANUT BUTTER, PASTA and PASTA SAUCE** and cannot accept any more at this time. Keep watching this space because our supply needs do change. CASH DONATIONS ARE ALSO GLADLY ACCEPTED.



When choosing food to donate, remember that the food available in our pantry might be the only food a family gets to feed their family. Consider the nutritional value of the items we offer -- PROTEIN is very important.

Please continue to support this ministry, knowing that your generosity will help families right here in the Plum & Murrysville area. Again, please add your goodies directly into the Little Pantry, if there is room. If the pantry is full, you can drop your items into the shopping cart in the entryway when you come to worship or during office hours.

Let's work together every week to keep our Little Pantry full!!



**Saturday, August 10th
11:00 AM**

Our Gardens are Up for Adoption



Thanks to all who have already adopted church gardens to care for this summer, but more help is needed!

This isn't a huge commitment of time...the most important task is pulling/killing the weeds. You can plant flowers if you want to, but it's not necessary; if you'd keep up with the weeds for the rest of the summer/early fall, that would be so helpful. **This is a perfect mission project for folks who don't have the time to make a long term commitment to one of CLC's ministries.**

There is a sign up sheet in the Entryway and a numbered layout of the church gardens so you can choose which garden you wish to adopt. You can also sign up on our website or app.

Thank you for helping to keep our church grounds attractive to members, visitors and those who see the church from the street.

QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS

Did you know those over age 70 1/2 can withdraw funds federally tax free from Retirement Accounts such as IRAs through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)?



The withdrawal is made payable directly to the qualified charity by the IRA custodian and counts toward any federal annual Required Minimum Distribution.

Contributions made through QCD's are an available vehicle to support Christ's Lutheran Church's mission while reducing personal income subject to federal taxes. Talk with your financial planner to learn more.



Ronald McDonald House

We're collecting aluminum tabs for Ronald McDonald House. Working with a local recycler, pop tabs from soda cans, soup cans, pet food, and other canned goods are turned into money to support RMHC.

Money from our recycled tabs helps RMHC provide comfort, care and support for families around the world with children who are sick. You can help by depositing tabs you collect in the container in the church Entryway.

NexTrex Recycling Challenge 2025



Please keep bringing in clean and dry plastic bags. Our goal is to recycle another 1,000 lbs of plastic bags with NexTrex and keep more plastic out of landfills in 2025. We've already collected nearly 600 lbs!

The following items can be recycled (All plastic must be clean, dry, and free of food residue). Please be mindful that we cannot accept hard plastic items (*Milk jugs, glass bottles, food storage containers, etc.* **Thanks so much for your support!**)



Grocery bags



Bread bags



Bubble wrap



Dry cleaning bags



Newspaper sleeves



Ice bags



Plastic shipping envelopes



Ziploc & other reclosable food storage bags



Cereal bags



Case overwrap



Salt bags



Pallet wrap & stretch film



Wood pellet bags



Produce bags

The CLC Support Team is working on our database, and we are asking members to update and complete their profiles in the CLC app. We'd like to **restart the Monthly Birthday list in our newsletter** (only your name is listed for your birthday month) so our church family can pray for and send birthday wishes to fellow members.

If you don't already have the CLC app:

Download the app at www.christsmurrysville.org or by scanning this barcode:



- Enter an email address and create a password.
- Login and open the app and go to the upper right corner and click on your initials (or picture)
- Click on the "Edit your Profile" tab at the top
- Complete the Phone Number, Birthday, and Address fields
- Click on "Save" at the top right
- You can also upload a picture for your profile by clicking on the circle and uploading a photo
- Click on "Save" at the top right

There's a video on how to update your profile, email the office and we'll send the link. And feel free to email the church office if you have any questions or need further information. Thank you!

Our church office is open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm *and* 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm. Please call before coming to the church to be sure someone is available to help.

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**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**July 6<sup>th</sup> – July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

*Keep our Ministry and Community in Your Prayers Each Day This Week*

**Sunday 7/6**

***Members of Our Sister Church, Trinity Lutheran in Pittsburgh***

10:00 am

Sunday Morning Worship

7:30 pm

Narcotics Anonymous

**Noise for Mission Weekend**

**Monday 7/7**

***The Ministry of Light of Life Mission***

6:30 pm

Worship and Music Committee Meeting

8:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous

**Tuesday 7/8**

***Our Support Team, Who Keep the Administrative Functions of Our Church Running Smoothly***

9:00 am

Stitched With Love - Knitting/Crocheting

6:00 pm

Girl Scouts

6:30 pm

Support Team Meeting

**Wednesday 7/9**

***Homebound Members of our Congregation***

**Thursday 7/10**

***Our Caring Hearts and Hands Ministry***

9:30 am

Caring Hearts and Hands

**Friday 7/11**

***The Ministry of Ronald McDonald House***

**Saturday 7/12**

***All of the Men of Our Congregation***

8:30 am

Men's Breakfast

6:00 pm

Saturday Evening Worship

**Christ's Little Pantry Weekend**

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