



Traditional

April 28, 2024

**WELCOME TO
CHRIST LUTHERAN'S
PROVIDENCE CAMPUS**

If you would like to learn more about the church, contact Kathy Hofmann, our Guest & Hospitality Director
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-or-

Fill out one of the Connect cards located in the pew racks in front of you, and place in the offering plate.

The order of service is divided into several sections. Use this bulletin to participate in the worship service, noting parts spoken by the leader or the people, when to stand, sit, or kneel, and music for congregational singing.

Traditional Order of Worship

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Easter Anthem

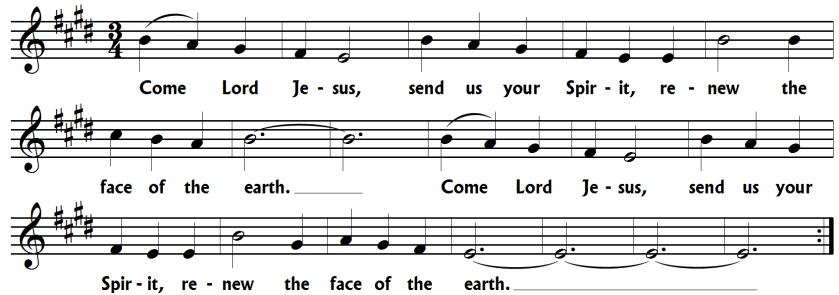
William Billings
Christ Choir

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PREPARATION (stand)

Send Us Your Spirit

Haas



THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the Lord of life who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

People: Amen.

People of God, in the baptismal waters we travel with Christ from death to life. When we confess our sins, we come before a merciful and just God who forgives our sins and cleanses us from all unrighteousness. The water of life washes over us and the Holy Spirit rushes in to build in us new life. To receive this gift of renewal, let us confess together. (kneel/sit)

Holy God, we long to be your new creation. Yet, even in knowing that your Son Jesus died and was raised from the dead, we act like the world is the same. Surrounded by the haze of sin, we cannot see the new day of your reign, and we stay our same selves - the old Adam and the old Eve. Forgive us, wash us clean, and renew us for life as your Easter people.

During this Easter season, we celebrate that Almighty God raised his Son Jesus from the dead. In the waters of baptism, we are made a new creation, and one day we will experience the full resurrected life in our Lord Jesus Christ.

You, O God, give us new life.

The Spirit lives and moves through us now, a great and joyful mystery, so we may bring love and mercy into the world as the body of Christ.

You, O God, give us new life.

Rejoice that God has claimed us in this baptismal grace, not by our own doing or believing but by God's mercy alone.

You, O God, give us new life.

And so, as we begin worship, we receive God's forgiveness. I pronounce to you

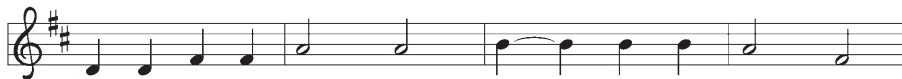
that as a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

**SHARING OF
THE PEACE**

*The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.*

OPENING HYMN
*Holy, Holy, Holy,
Lord God Almighty!*



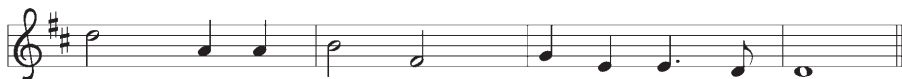
1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty,
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

**APOSTOLIC
GREETING**

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.*

HYMN OF PRAISE
This is the Feast



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Verses



1. Wor - thy is Christ the Lamb who was slain,
 2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom and strength,
 3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God
 4. Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry and might
 5. For the Lamb who was slain



whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *to Refrain*
 and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his. *to Refrain*
 and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *to Verse 4*
 be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er, A - - - - - men. *to Refrain*
 has be - gun his reign, al - le - lu - - - - - ia. *to Final Refrain*

Final Refrain:



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - - - - - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *Leader: The Lord be with you.*
People: And also with you.

Let us pray. You open wide your hand, O God, and satisfy with your good gifts the needs of all. Pour forth your Holy Spirit on your church gathered here in prayer, and cause springs of living water to well up within it, so that all may quench their thirst for justice and truth. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

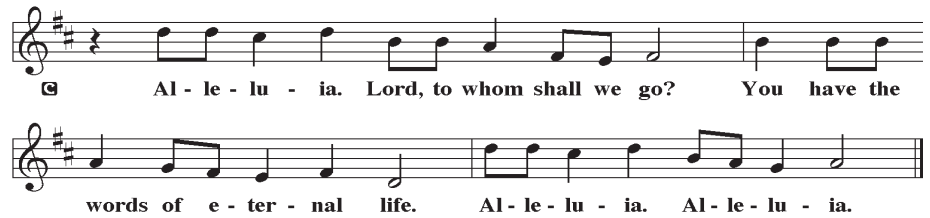
WORD

READING
1 Corinthians 2:10-13
NIV
 (sit)

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA
(stand)



HOLY GOSPEL
John 16:7-15

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 16th chapter (v7-v15)
Glory to you, O Lord

NIV

But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because people do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

“I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHRIST KIDS
(sit)

Children ages 3 years to 2nd grade are invited to an age-appropriate lesson in the Ministry Center. They will return during the offering.

SERMON



HYMN OF THE DAY

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine (stand)

1 Ho - ly Spir - it, truth di - vine, dawn up - on this soul of mine;
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, glow with - in this heart of mine;
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, for - ti - fy this will of mine;
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, peace di - vine, still this rest - less heart of mine;
5 Ho - ly Spir - it, right di - vine, king with - in my con - science reign;

breath of God and in - ward light, wake my spir - it, clear my sight.
kin - dle ev - 'ry high de - sire; purge me with your ho - ly fire.
by your will I strong - ly live, brave - ly bear, and no - bly strive.
speak to calm this toss - ing sea, stayed in your tran - quil - i - ty.
be my guide, and I shall be firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free.

NICENE CREED We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS
(kneel/sit)

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING

(sit)

Place cash or checks in Give envelopes, located in pew racks, and drop in offering plate. Credit cards can be used via online giving. Text "PRAISE" to 73256 or scan QR Code on envelope.

Canticle of Hope

Joseph Martin

Christ Choir

OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards be Fruitful (stand)

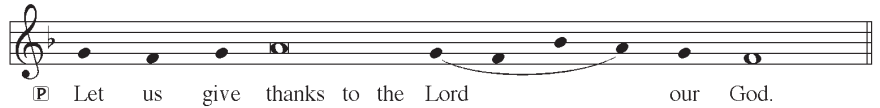
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful Father,

we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us: our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



Holy, Holy, Holy

"It is our duty and delight...we praise your name and join their unending hymn."



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

AGNUS DEI Lamb of God

(sit)

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians who have been instructed in the sacrament and believe Christ is present for the forgiveness of sins are invited to commune. Young children are invited to come with parents to receive a blessing. Communion is distributed by the method of intinction. Dip the wafer into either the darker wine or the lighter grape juice. Please inform the server if you require a gluten-free wafer.

COMMUNION MUSIC Eye Has Not Seen

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has read-y for
 those who love him; Spir - it of love, come, give us the mind of
 Je - sus, _____ teach us the wis - dom of God. _____

- When pain and sorrow weigh us down,
be near to us, O Lord;
forgive the weakness of our faith,
and bear us up within your peaceful word.
- Our lives are but a single breath,
we flower and we fade,
yet all our days are in your hands,
so we return in love what love has made.
- To those who see with eyes of faith,
the Lord is ev-er near,
reflected in the faces
of all the poor and lowly of the world.
- We sing a mystery from the past
in halls where saints have trod,
yet ever new the music rings
to Jesus, Living Song of God.

BLESSING

(Stand)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

**POST COMMUNION
PRAYER**

Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

SENDING

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN
O Spirit
All-Embracing



1. O Spir - it all - em-brac - ing and coun-sel - or all - wise,
2. O Beau - ty ev - er blaz - ing in flow - er, field, and face.



Un - bound - ed splen - dor grac - ing a shore-less sea of skies:
You show your - self a - maz - ing in un - ex - pect - ed place.



Un - fail - ing is your treas - ure, un - fad - ing your re - ward;
We see you and re - mem - ber what once our dreams had been;



Sur - pass - ing world - ly pleas - ure, the rich - es you af - ford.
You fan the glow - ing em - ber and kin - dle hope with - in.



Come, stream of end - less flow - ing, and res - cue us from death;
Come, fire of glo - ry gra - cious, bless all who trust in you;



Come, wind of spring-time blow - ing, and warm us by your breath.
Un - dy - ing flame te - na - cious, burn in your Church a - new.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Food! Music! Fun!



Pentecost Celebration

Sunday, May 19
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Click/Scan to Register for Lunch
\$15 adults · \$7 kids (10 & under)
RSVP DEADLINE: MAY 12th



REALM

YOUTH GROUP EVENT

Mini-Golf

Saturday, April 27 • 2-4 p.m.
at Trails Dynasty Mini Golf & Creamery

Middle & high school youth are invited for a delightful day of miniature golf. (Bring your own money for ice cream.)

\$10 • Scan/Click to Register



REALM



Adult Volunteers Needed

We are looking for energetic, adult volunteers to help shepherd campers from station to station during this summer's VBS (June 10-14). Training is provided. Wear your sneakers and get ready to scatter the seeds of faith!

Click/Scan to Signup
or email: krank@christelca.org
BACKGROUND CHECK REQUIRED



REALM

OCEAN ISLE

Memorial Weekend Worship

Sunday, May 26 • 10am - 12:30pm
at Ocean Isle Beach

Join Pastor Tenny for worship at the beach over Memorial Day weekend. Brunch to follow. Find more information in REALM.

Click/Scan for Info & RSVP
or email tcshifley@carolina.rr.com



REALM



Affirmation of Faith
Sunday, May 19 • all services

On Pentecost, anyone who is interested in publicly affirming their baptism will have the opportunity during worship.

MORE INFO: rritzmann@christelca.org



BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, April 21

8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

at Christ Providence (Fountain Plaza)

TO REGISTER, GO TO:
oneblood.org/donate-now

Fellowship
at the ballpark



Friday, June 21
7:00 p.m.

\$22 • Click/Scan to Register
DEADLINE: MAY 20



REALM

MEXICO MISSION TRIP

Join Pastor Tenny June 23-29 for a week helping our neighbors in Reynosa, Mexico.

More Info: Contact Pastor Tenny Shifley
tcshifley@carolina.rr.com or 704-651-8660

Click/Scan to Register
REGISTRATION ENDS APRIL 29



REALM

For more on our latest news, events & other announcements: christelca.org/latest-news



Prayers

- † All women fighting breast cancer
- † Kristi Ausrud
- † Janet Voelker
- † Barbara West
- † Pastor Drew, Navy Chaplain and the entire group currently deployed in the Red Sea.
- † Kathy Hofmann's mother, Joyce
- † Chris O'Boyle
- † Leslie Martin
- † Joerg Kuehni
- † Sandra Bell and family on the death of her father-in-law and brother-in-law
- † Charles Abel
- † Jonathan Teich, family and friends on the death of his grandfather, Hans Teich
- † Sandy Harris' brother, Ray

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God...

In honor of Jackson Grady Schellhorn's baptism by his Grandparents, Billy & April Booe and Jerry & Michele Schellhorn.



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— Our Ministry Leaders —



Dr. Scott Suskovic
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WORSHIP ATTENDANCE 4/21/24

Traditional: 207
The Bridge: 135
Contemporary: 207

CONCORD: 50
ONLINE: 437
(Sunday - Tuesday)



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