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Against - the - Grain

Following Jesus

Traditional
Celebration of Holy Communion

January 25, 2026



WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN'S PROVIDENCE CAMPUS

If you would like to learn more about the church, contact Kathy Hofmann, our Guest & Hospitality Director khofmann@christelca.org

-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.



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Traditional Order of Worship

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

arr. David Maxwell

Philip Biedenbender, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PREPARATION (stand)

Listen to the Word

Anonymous

Lis-ten to the word that God has spo-ken; lis-ten to the One who is
close at hand; lis - ten to the voice that be - gan cre - a - tion;
lis - ten e - ven if you don't un - der - stand.

CONFSSION & ABSOLUTION

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

People: Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

SILENT REFLECTION & SELF-EXAMINATION (kneel/sit)

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage 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.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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. Amen.

**SHARING
OF THE PEACE** *The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.*
(stand)

OPENING HYMN
Christ, Be Our Light

Farrell

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark-ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

**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.*

KYRIE

Leader: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Leader: 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 mercy.

Leader: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

GLORIA

2
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al -

**PRAYER
OF THE DAY**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Let us pray. To you no one is a stranger, God of all peoples and nations, for your saving love knows no boundaries, and your compassion extends to all. In Jesus, you have come under our roof to speak but a word, and we are healed. May we, in turn, never set boundaries to your grace, but gladly offer the embrace of your peace to all, without difference or discrimination. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

WORD

READING

**Ephesians 4:25-27,
29-32 (NIV)**

(sit)

Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

The word of the Lord.

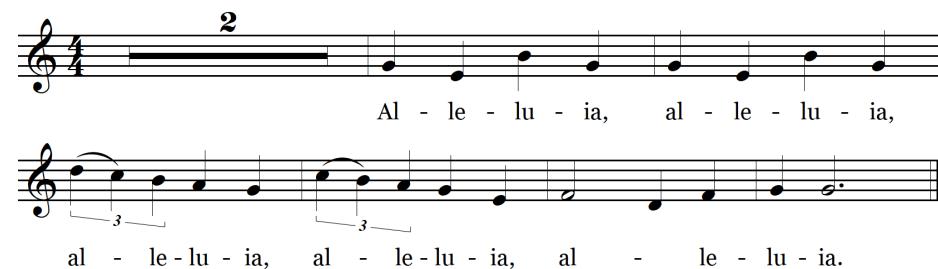
Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL
ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia

Bobb

(stand)



**HOLY GOSPEL
Matthew 8:5-13
(NIV)**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 8th chapter.



When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. "Lord," he said, "my servant lies at home paralyzed, suffering terribly." Jesus said to him, "Shall I come and heal him?" The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, "Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel

with such great faith. I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go! Let it be done just as you believed it would." And his servant was healed at that moment.

The Gospel of the Lord.



**CHRISTKIDS
DISMISSAL**
(sit)

Children ages 3 years through 2nd grade are invited to an age-appropriate lesson in the Ministry Center (M241/242). They will return during the offering.

SERMON

Against the Grain

Just Say the Word
Pastor Scott Suskovic

HYMN OF THE DAY
*Will You Let Me Be
Your Servant*

Gillard, Pukkingham
(stand)

1 Will you let me be your servant, let me be as
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - lers
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
5 Will you let me be your servant, let me be as

Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my ser - - vant, too.
walk the mile and bear - - the load.
speak the peace you long - - to hear.
till we've seen this jour - - ney through.
let you be my ser - - vant, too.

Musical notation for the hymn. The melody is in G major, 2/4 time. The lyrics are in three stanzas, each with a different melody. The first stanza starts with a single note, the second with a quarter note, and the third with a half note.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

(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

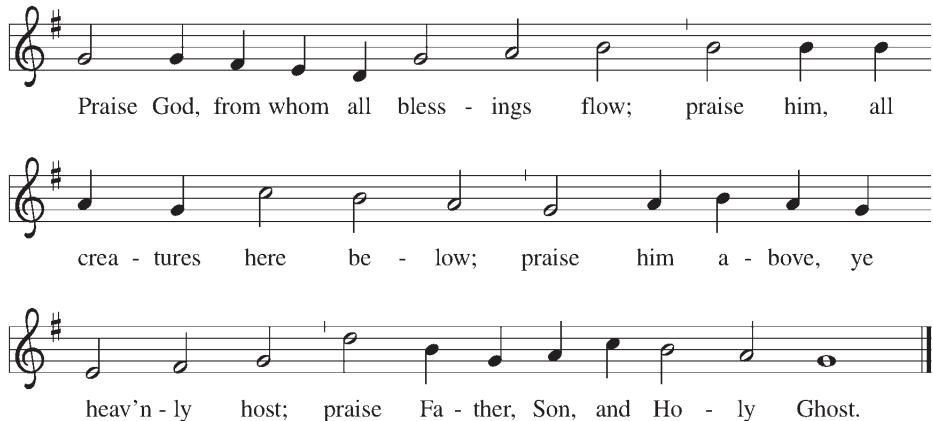
(sit)

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.

This Is My Word
Pepper Choplin
Christ Choir

OFFERTORY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

(stand)



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

OFFERTORY 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.*

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The Lord be with you.
And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

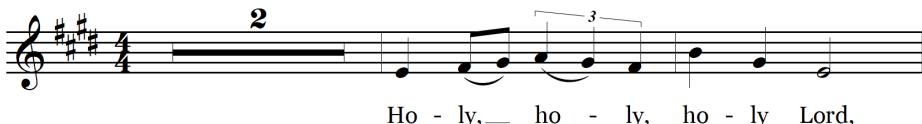
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of pow - er 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

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; 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

COMMUNION HYMN *As We Gather at Your Table*

Daw Jr, Röntgen

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 receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers available upon request.



1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

BLESSING *The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.*
(stand)

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 *To Be Your Presence*

Dufner, Stanford

1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -
2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the
3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your

pas - sion's face and lis - tning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy
poor and shel - ter home-less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,
all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your
peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the

ev - er near,
right up - hold,
love ex - pressed,
church, re - joice,

DISMISSAL *Go in peace. Serve the Lord.*
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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McPIE Programs Coordinator

part-time position



Seeking candidates aligned with the mission of McPIE to support MMS students, families and staff through program coordination. Responsibilities include Family Night, McPIE communication material for e-news and newsletters, and being a liaison for science camp and Freedom School.

**If interested in learning more, contact
Angela Davis at adavis@christelca.org**

A sign for altar flowers. It features a bouquet of flowers at the top, followed by the text "HELP ADORN THE SANCTUARY WITH Altar Flowers \$75 • SIGN UP IN REALM>" and a QR code.

A sign for a new member class. It features a cross icon, the text "NEW MEMBER CLASS Sunday, February 8 & 15 12:15 - 2:30 p.m. in the Forum", and "Scan/Click to Register". It also includes "MORE INFO: khofmann@christelca.org or mparker@christelca.org".

A sign for the annual congregational meeting. It features the Christ Lutheran Providence logo, the text "ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Sunday, January 25 • 12:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary -or- Christ Online FOR LIVESTREAM LINK: christelca.org/online", and a QR code.A sign for nursery help. It features a photo of a baby pointing, the text "NURSERY HELP NEEDED Tuesdays • 6:00-7:15 p.m. at McClintock Middle School", and "Help is needed to watch babies - PreK siblings during McPIE Family Night. There is a dedicated class with toys & supplies." It also includes "If interested, contact Angela: adavis@christelca.org".

Re-Membering Event

Sunday, February 1

12:15-2:00 p.m. in Forum A&B

If you have joined CLC within the past year, we invite you to a special lunch gathering to connect with others and share how your journey has been so far.

Scan/Click for Info & to Register

Please RSVP by January 26



Valentine's Day Soiree!

Saturday, February 14

5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

RSVP & More Info in the Ignite Group in REALM
or contact Laurie Carter (laurie.carter57@gmail.com)



\$7.50 pp
Bring Heavy
Appetizer or
Dessert &
A baby
picture!

An Introduction to
Centering Prayer Program

Saturday, February, 21

9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

at St. John's Episcopal Church
(1623 Carmel Rd. in Charlotte)

Click/Scan QR Code for
More Info & Registration
or go to <https://t.ly/5g5Pf>



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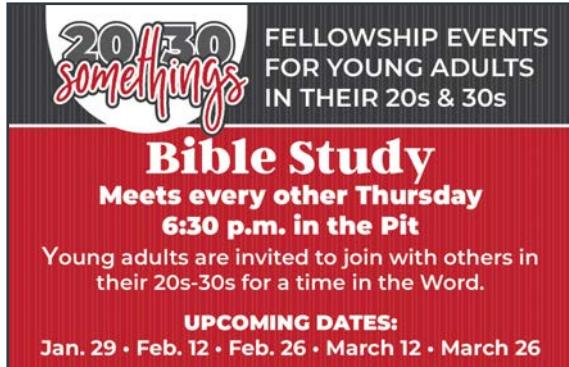
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FELLOWSHIP EVENTS
FOR YOUNG ADULTS
IN THEIR 20s & 30s

Bible Study
Meets every other Thursday
6:30 p.m. in the Pit

Young adults are invited to join with others in their 20s-30s for a time in the Word.

UPCOMING DATES:
Jan. 29 • Feb. 12 • Feb. 26 • March 12 • March 26



GRIEF SHARE

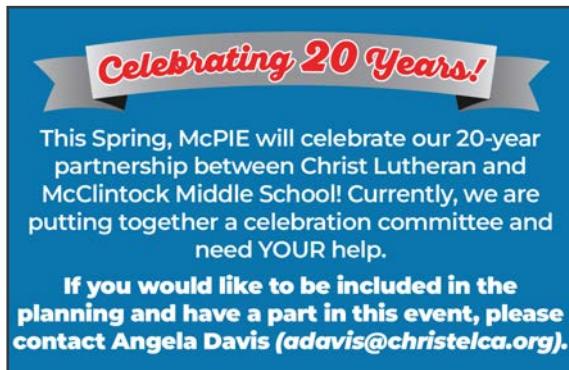
Wednesdays • 6-7:30 p.m.
in the Church Office Great Room

This Christ-centered, grief support group helps those who have lost loved ones find healing and hope. Open to members & nonmembers.

Griefshare follows a 13-wk. curriculum • Cost: \$20
For questions, please email cpmengel@gmail.com

Scan/Click to Register>

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Celebrating 20 Years!

This Spring, McPIE will celebrate our 20-year partnership between Christ Lutheran and McClintock Middle School! Currently, we are putting together a celebration committee and need YOUR help.

If you would like to be included in the planning and have a part in this event, please contact Angela Davis (adavis@christelca.org).



McPIE Amazon Wishlist

Items from this list will benefit MMS teachers & students, fulfill our Family Night incentives, snacks & supplies, and help with our weekly grocery bags. This list will be updated frequently! You can decide which supplies you want to donate, pay for the items and they will be shipped straight to the church!

Scan/Click for Amazon Wishlist
or go to <https://t.ly/zxmcZ>





NAMI
National Alliance on Mental Illness

Become a NAMI Navigator Volunteer
NAMI Charlotte is seeking adult volunteers for their Navigator Call Line to respond to incoming calls and offer mental health information, types of services available and encouragement. No professional mental health experience is required.

To learn more & apply, scan/click
or go to <https://t.ly/46NVF>





QUEEN CITY POPS *presents*

Defying Gravity

BLOCKBUSTER BROADWAY

Friday, March 20

7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

DIRECT FROM BROADWAY - STARRING!

Scott Coulter Jessica Hendy Kelli Rabke John Boswell

\$30 GENERAL ADMISSION

\$15 STUDENT | \$40 VIP

Scan Qr Code for More Info and RSVP



WEDNESDAYS ABLAZE

Dinner 5:00-6:00 p.m.

in Fellowship Hall (\$8 adults/\$6 child/\$30 family max)
To speed up your check-in, prepay for dinner in Realm

Activities & Classes 6:00-7:30 p.m.

JANUARY 7 - APRIL 29

LEARN MORE & RSVP FOR DINNERS:
christelca.org/wednesdays-ablaze

Christ Choir

Wednesdays • 7:15 p.m. in the Music Room

Singers aged high school and up are invited to join our Traditional choir.

MORE INFO: pbiedenbender@christelca.org



PASTOR SCOTT'S CLASS:

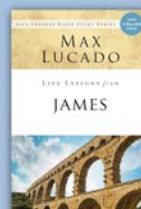
Experiencing God

Wednesdays • 6-7:30 p.m.

Forum A&B -or- Online

How do you know the will of God for your life? This 13-wk course will walk through the seven steps to consider as you submit your will to God's. Purchase your book at Amazon.com. Led by Pastor Scott & Leigh Ann Harris.

VIRTUAL LINK: christelca.org/online



FAITH FELLOWSHIP NEW SERIES:

Life Lessons from James

Sundays • 10-10:45 a.m.

Forum A&B -or- Online (Zoom)

Pastor & author Max Lucado asks, "Do your Monday actions reflect your Sunday worship?" and leads us to the book of James for answers and practical wisdom.

ZOOM LINK: christelca.org/online

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





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ministry leadership

Sunday, January 25
1:00–3:00 p.m. in the Pit

All high school students are invited to come learn some important life skills that can be used to help their peers get through tough life problems.

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Parent's Time Out
Sunday, February 8
12:15 - 2:15 p.m. in the Pit

Parents, do you need a break or a chance to set up your Super Bowl party without your children being underfoot? Then mark your calendars and drop off children aged 3 through middle school. Lunch provided.

Scan/Click to Register>>  REALM

PLEASE REGISTER BY FEBRUARY 1



Stepping Stones

FIRST COMMUNION

PREPARATION CLASSES • SAVE THE DATES

Feb. 22 • Meaning of the Meal • 1–3 p.m.

March 14 • Story Day • 8:45 a.m.–12 p.m.

March 29 • Livin' Forginin' 1–3 p.m.

First Communion will take place during Maundy Thursday's service on April 9th (after the completion of the Seder Meal). Prep classes are for 2nd graders & their parents to attend together.

MORE INFO: krank@christelca.org



SPOTLIGHT SUMMER CAMP **August 3-7**

A Year With Frog and Toad

Rising 2nd–5th graders are welcome to register for this all-day summer camp featuring singing, drama & choreography, led by CJ Michael & Jessica Luedeman.

Performance: Fri., Aug. 7th • 6pm (Fellowship Hall)

\$300 • Click/Scan QR Code for More Info & RSVP  REALM



CENTERSTAGE SUMMER CAMP **August 3-7**

Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka Jr.

Rising 6th - 12th graders are welcome to register for this all-day summer camp featuring singing, drama & choreography, led by Aj Calpo & Lamar Davis.

Performance: Fri., Aug. 7th • 7pm (The Pit)

\$300 • Click/Scan QR Code for More Info & RSVP  REALM



VBS **Register Now!**

Vacation Bible School for ages 4 through rising 5th grade

June 15–19

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TO VOLUNTEER: krank@christelca.org



XPERIENCE

SUMMER TOUR FUNDRAISER

Sunday, February 1
5:00 p.m. in the Pit

The Xperience will host a fundraiser dinner to support their summer tour to Texas. Chef Mike & Alicia will provide a Tex-Mex style dinner (dine in or to go). Proceeds will support our fundraising goal of \$10,000.

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Lutheridge

CONFIRMATION CAMP for current 6th–8th graders

July 5–10 at Lutheridge

Click/Scan for More Info & RSVP>>  REALM

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: JULY 5



Prayers

† People in Washington DC, our government and leaders
† People of Russia and Ukraine
† Israel and Palestine War
† Conflict in the Middle East
† Remove fear and bring peace in our community
† Chris Simmons
† Donna Emmans
† Natalie Brown
† Kim Sciacero
† Kristen Kilpatrick
† Lois Witham
† Fred and Janet Reddel
† Evie King
† Chris Wrenn's father, Dave
† Mark Johanson and Elizabeth Marquardt on the birth of their baby boy, Isaac Jens Johanson
† Jane and Randy Satterfield on the birth of their grandson, Walker Reed
† Kristy Eddleman
† Linda Cagley
† Tony Hyde's father, Larry
† Robin Tonelli's father, Roger Thompson
† Bruce Voelker's brother, George



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Senior Pastor



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FREE WI-FI NETWORK: CLC-Guest PW: OneChurch!

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Altar Flowers

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WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

January 18, 2026

Traditional: 216

Bridge: 89

Contemporary: 238

Christ Online: 583 (Sun - Tue)

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