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Against - the - Grain

Following Jesus

Traditional

February 15, 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

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

arr. Howard Helvey & Deborah Governor

Philip Biedenbender & Mark Johanson, organ/piano duet

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PREPARATION (stand)

Alleluia

Taizé

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
1. lu - - - ia. 2. Al - le - lu - - - ia!

CONFESION & 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 (stand)

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

OPENING HYMN
*Immortal, Invisible,
 God Only Wise*
 Chalmers, Smith

**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.

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

KYRIE

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

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.*

A musical score for a vocal part. The key signature is G major (one sharp). The time signature is 4/4. The vocal line starts with a quarter note, followed by a eighth note, a sixteenth note, another eighth note, a sixteenth note, and a quarter note. Above the vocal line, there is a melodic line consisting of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics "Lord, have mercy" are written below the staff, with a curved line under "Lord" and "have".

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

A musical score for a soprano or alto voice. The key signature is A major (three sharps). The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics "Lord, have mercy." are written below the notes. The first "Lord," is on a single note, "have" is on two notes, "mercy" is on three notes, and the final "y" is on a single note.

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

A musical score for a piano-vocal duet. The vocal line is in soprano C major, 2/4 time. The piano accompaniment is in G major, 2/4 time. The vocal part begins with a melodic line: a quarter note on A, followed by a eighth note on A, a quarter note on B, another eighth note on A, and a quarter note on C. This is followed by a fermata over a half note on C, a half note on D, and a half note on E. The piano part consists of eighth-note chords in G major. The lyrics "Amen." are written below the vocal line.

GLORIA

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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.

A musical score for a single melodic line. The key signature is G major (one sharp). The time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Lord Je-sus Christ on - ly Son of the Fa-ther." The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes, with a fermata at the end of the line.

A musical score in G major with a common time signature. The melody is in soprano range. The lyrics are: "Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the". The notes are: a whole note, a whole note, a half note, a dotted half note, a half note, a half note, a half note. The vocal line ends with a fermata over the last note.

A musical score in G major with a treble clef. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "sin ____ of the world: have mer - cy on". The first two notes of the melody are on the first line, the next two are on the second line, the next two are on the third line, the next two are on the fourth line, and the final note is on the fifth line.

us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the

Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

**PRAYER
OF THE DAY**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Let us pray. O God, whose Son, your Beloved, was transfigured in dazzling light, with reverent awe we enter your holy presence. Your presence cannot be contained in tents our hands have made but must be sought in your creatures and all that your hands have fashioned. Lead us from the high mountain to seek you in the lowly of the earth, serving them, after Christ's example, in peace and sacrificial love. 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
Deuteronomy
18:15-19 (NIV)
(sit)**

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him. For this is what you asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, "Let us not hear the voice of the Lord our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die." The Lord said to me: "What they say is good. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him. I myself will call to account anyone who does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name."

*The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.*

**GOSPEL
ACCLAMATION**
Alleluia
Bobb
(stand)

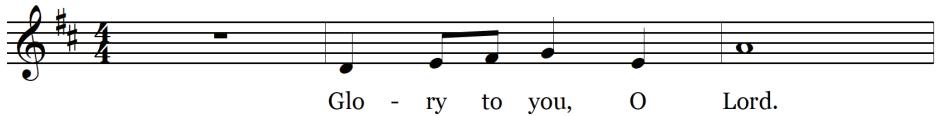
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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
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HOLY GOSPEL
Luke 9:28-36
(NIV)

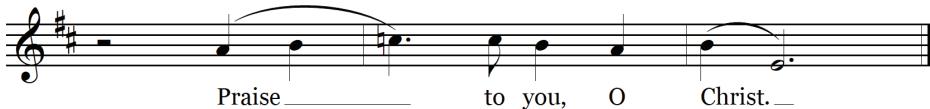
The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 9th chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying.) While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise _____ to you, O Christ.

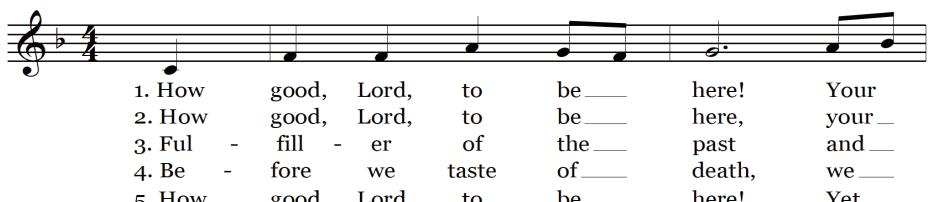
**CHRISTKIDS
DISMISSAL**
(sit)

Children ages 3 years to 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 **Can't We Just Stay
on the Mountaintop?**
Pastor Scott Suskovic

HYMN OF THE DAY
***How Good, Lord,
to Be Here***
Robinson, Williams
(stand)



1. How good, Lord, to be here! Your
2. How good, Lord, to be here, your
3. Ful - fill - er of the past and
4. Be - fore we taste of death, we
5. How good, Lord, to be here! Yet

glo - ry fills the night; your face and gar - ments,
 beau ty to be - hold where Mo - ses and E -
 hope of things to be, we hail your bod - y
 see your king - dom come; we long to hold the
 we may not re - main; but since you bid us

like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.
 li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.
 glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.
 vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.
 leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

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.

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 Beloved Son
Pepper Choplin
Christ Choir

OFFERTORY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

(stand)

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
 crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, 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.*

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.

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.

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

(sit)

SENDING

BENEDICTION

(stand)

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

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

tr. Mason Neale; Goss



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless-ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;
al - le - lu - ia joy - ful moth-er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;
al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for - go;
at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith-ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn-ing ex - ilies still are we.
for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.
there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

DISMISSAL & POSTLUDE

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Ash Wednesday

FEBRUARY 18

12:00 p.m. Worship (Christ Chapel)
followed by a light lunch in Forum (\$5)

5:00 p.m. Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
RSVP for dinner in REALM • No W.A. Classes

6:30 p.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

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NEW SUNDAY ADULT CLASS • STARTS FEBRUARY 22

The Marks of Discipleship



worship



devotion



people



service



stuff

**Sundays • 10:00–10:45 a.m.
in Fellowship Hall**

Explore what a follower of Jesus looks like and get ready to spark your spiritual life as you learn about The Marks of Discipleship! Led by CLC pastors.

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



JOIN US FOR
Wednesdays During Lent
FEBRUARY 25 – APRIL 1

12:00 p.m. Midday Lenten Service
in Christ Chapel

in-person & online • followed by lunch in the Forum • \$5

Evenings will be regular
Wednesdays Ablaze programming

5:00 p.m. Dinner • 6:00 p.m. Classes
more info: christelca.org/wednesdays-ablaze



LIVE-STREAM LINKS: christelca.org/online

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



REALM



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

Bible Study

Meets every other Thursday
6:30 p.m. in W150

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

UPCOMING DATES:

Feb. 12 • Feb. 26 • March 12 • March 26 • April 9

Third THURSDAY
for adults of all ages

February 19

11:45 a.m.-2 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Bring your lucky charm &
join us for lunch & Bingo!
Great food, prizes & fun!!

\$12 • Scan/Click to Register



RESCHEDULED!

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Sunday, February 15 & 22
12:15 - 2:30 p.m. in the Forum

Join us for our upcoming New Member class! This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with our pastors & staff while delving into the Lutheran faith & the history of CLC. Lunch will be provided.

Scan/Click to Register

MORE INFO: khofmann@christelca.org
mparker@christelca.org

Brothers in Faith Book Study

Thursdays at 7:00 a.m.
at the South Land
(315 Reid Dairy Rd. in Waxhaw)

Adult men are invited to join this new, weekly book study as we delve into *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis. We look forward to seeing you there!

MORE INFORMATION:
David Dietert (dietert0103@gmail.com)

Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study

meets weekly from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
in Forum A&B -or- Christ Online

From February 12-March 5, we will embark on a pastor led, 4-week study on Galatians. This pastor led study will be offered in person and online. Join us!

The live-stream link can be found on our website at christelca.org/online.

MORE INFO: julia.edelson@gmail.com

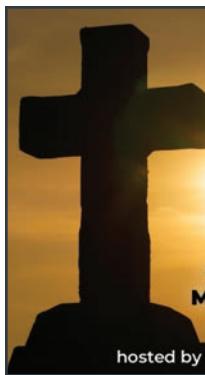
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LENTEN SUNDAY SERMON SERIES
FEBRUARY 22 – MARCH 22

christelca.org/sermon-series

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





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/5g5P>

hosted by Contemplative Outreach of Piedmont NC

FAITH FELLOWSHIP LENTEN SERIES:
The 7 Greatest Words of Love
Sundays • 10-10:45 a.m.
Forum A&B -or- Online (Zoom)

As Jesus was dying on the cross, He made 7 statements of love in the final hours of His earthly life. Pastor & author Rick Warren returns to this moment in a 7-wk Lenten video series to define their deeper meaning.

ZOOM LINK: christelca.org/online

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HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT
Hit the Streets!
Sunday, February 15 • 2:00-5:30 p.m.

9th - 12th graders are invited to Uptown Charlotte as we take part in handing out meals to those in need. Be prepared for a 2-mile walk alongside other youth from Advent Lutheran. Our students will meet at CLC & drive together.

Scan/Click for More Info & to Register


REALM

Quillow Workshop
Sunday, February 22
12:15-2 p.m. in Center Six

Our CLC Quilters have graciously offered to help families with high school graduates create their Quillow for this graduation Stepping Stone.

Any quilters, sewers & families with a graduate are welcome to join.

Scan/Click to Register>>


REALM

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' Forgivin 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

peer
ministry leadership

Sunday, February 22
3:00-5:00 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.

Scan/Click to Register>>


REALM

XPERIENCE
SUMMER TOUR FUNDRAISER
Sunday, March 8
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.

No RSVP required • Come and join us!



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



Prayers

† People in Washington DC, our government and leaders

† People of Russia and Ukraine

† Conflict in the Middle East

† Remove fear and bring peace in our community

† Natalie Brown

† Lois Witham

† Fred Reddel

† Chris Wrenn's father, Dave

† Tony Hyde and family on the death of his father, Larry

† Bruce Voelker's brother, George

† Mark Johanson's sister, Elizabeth Johanson

† Frank Henry's mother, Jean

† Charlie Shepard

Hospice List

† Kevin Ellefson's sister-in-law, Cheryl

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

In memory of our beloved Kate by
The Brydon Family

In loving memory of my mom on her birthday,
love, Mary & Tripp

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

February 8, 2026

Traditional: 258

Bridge: 122

Contemporary: 331

Christ Online: 436 (Sun - Tue)



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— Our Ministry Leaders —



Dr. Scott Suskovic
Senior Pastor



**Pastor
Ryan Ritzmann**
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**Pastor
Adrienne Ladd**
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Alexis Williams
Christ Online
Minister



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