



Traditional

February 23, 2025



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

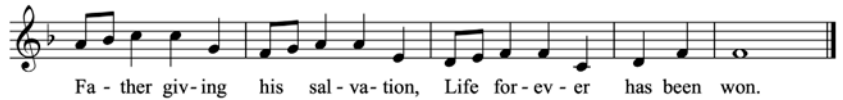
GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PREPARATION (stand)

Father Welcomes
Mayhew



SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (sit)

APOSTLES' CREED (stand)

Leader: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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. (sit)

BAPTISM (sit)

Emilia Ann Yahl

daughter of Marc & Jennifer Yahl

Austin Richard Bearhalter

son of Adam & Sara Bearhalter

(stand)

Leader: Through Baptism God has made these children members of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

People: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

OPENING HYMN
*God of Promise,
Let These Signs
of Grace*

Damico-Carper

Refrain

God of prom - ise, let these signs of grace

kin - dle in our hearts a song of praise.

1 Life - giv - ing wa - ter soak - ing our dry - ness,
2 Word of pro - claim - ing, breath on the wa - ter,
3 Oil of a - noint - ing, fra - grant with pow - er,
4 Bright light of Eas - ter cleav - ing the dark - ness,
5 Robe of a - dop - tion grow - ing God's fam - 'ly,

drown - ing our sin each day, mak - ing us new—
plant - ing your prom - ise— the voice from a - bove:
nam - ing us ho - ly while hold - ing our pain—
shin - ing up - on and with - in us to - day—
wrap - ping our bro - ken - ness in the di - vine—

mer - cy come stream - ing from you.
"This is my child, my be - loved."
mark of the life that we gain.
bea - con of hope on the way.
love be - come sym - bol and sign.

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: 1. Ga - thered in peace, the peace from our Fa - ther;
2. peace in the world, light in our dark - ness,

long - ing for sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mer -
par - don to the sin - ner, and strength to the weak: Christ, have mer -

cy; All: Lord, have mer - - - cy. 2. For
 cy; Christ, have mer - - - cy.

Leader: 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, hope of the poor, light of the na - tions and
 Prince of peace: Lord, have mer - - - cy;

All: Lord, have mer - - - cy. Leader: May al -
 might - y God have mer - cy on us, for - give us our sins, and
 bring us to ev - er - last - ing life. All: A - - - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE
*Glory to God
 in the Highest*

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

1. 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. **To Refrain**

2. 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. **To Refrain**
 3. 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. **To Refrain**
After Final Refrain
 A - - - - men. A - - - - men.

**PRAYER
OF THE DAY**

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Let us pray. On this day that you have made, Lord God, your church on its journey, we disciples on our pilgrimage, implore your Son, stay with us, Lord! As we hear the word that brings salvation, make our hearts burn within us. Through the presence of every friend and stranger, reveal to us the face of the One who had first to suffer but who has entered now into glory: your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

WORD

READING
Genesis 21:1-21
(NLT)
 (sit)

The Lord kept his word and did for Sarah exactly what he had promised. She became pregnant, and she gave birth to a son for Abraham in his old age. This happened at just the time God had said it would. And Abraham named their son Isaac. Eight days after Isaac was born, Abraham circumcised him as God had commanded. Abraham was 100 years old when Isaac was born. And Sarah declared, “God has brought me laughter. All who hear about this will laugh with me. Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse a baby? Yet I have given Abraham a son in his old age!” When Isaac grew up and was about to be weaned, Abraham prepared a huge feast to celebrate the occasion. But Sarah saw Ishmael—the son of Abraham and her Egyptian servant Hagar—making fun of her son, Isaac. So she turned to Abraham and demanded, “Get rid of that slave woman and her son. He is not going to share the inheritance with my son, Isaac.

I won't have it!" This upset Abraham very much because Ishmael was his son. But God told Abraham, "Do not be upset over the boy and your servant. Do whatever Sarah tells you, for Isaac is the son through whom your descendants will be counted. But I will also make a nation of the descendants of Hagar's son because he is your son, too." So Abraham got up early the next morning, prepared food and a container of water, and strapped them on Hagar's shoulders. Then he sent her away with their son, and she wandered aimlessly in the wilderness of Beersheba. When the water was gone, she put the boy in the shade of a bush. Then she went and sat down by herself about a hundred yards away. "I don't want to watch the boy die," she said, as she burst into tears. But God heard the boy crying, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, "Hagar, what's wrong? Do not be afraid! God has heard the boy crying as he lies there. Go to him and comfort him, for I will make a great nation from his descendants." Then God opened Hagar's eyes, and she saw a well full of water. She quickly filled her water container and gave the boy a drink. And God was with the boy as he grew up in the wilderness. He became a skillful archer, and he settled in the wilderness of Paran. His mother arranged for him to marry a woman from the land of Egypt.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL
ACCLAMATION**
Alleluia
(stand)

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

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

HOLY GOSPEL
Luke 24:13-32
(NLT)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

That same day two of Jesus' followers were walking to the village of Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem. As they walked along they were talking about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things, Jesus himself suddenly came and began walking with them. But God kept them from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing so intently as you walk along?" They stopped short, sadness written across their faces. Then one of them, Cleopas, replied, "You must be the only person in Jerusalem who hasn't heard about all the things that have happened there the last few days." "What things?" Jesus asked. "The things that happened to Jesus, the man from Nazareth," they said. "He was a prophet who did powerful miracles, and he was a mighty teacher in the eyes of God and all the people. But our leading priests and other religious leaders handed him over to be condemned to death, and they crucified him. We had hoped he was the Messiah who had come to rescue Israel. This all happened three days ago. Then some women from our group of his followers were at his tomb early this morning, and they came back with an amazing report. They said his body was missing, and they had seen angels who told them Jesus is alive! Some of our men ran out to see, and sure enough, his body was gone,

just as the women had said.” Then Jesus said to them, “You foolish people! You find it so hard to believe all that the prophets wrote in the Scriptures. Wasn’t it clearly predicted that the Messiah would have to suffer all these things before entering his glory?” Then Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. By this time they were nearing Emmaus and the end of their journey. Jesus acted as if he were going on, but they begged him, “Stay the night with us, since it is getting late.” So he went home with them. As they sat down to eat, he took the bread and blessed it. Then he broke it and gave it to them. Suddenly, their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And at that moment he disappeared! They said to each other, “Didn’t our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?”

The Gospel of the Lord.



CHRIST KIDS
(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



HYMN OF THE DAY
The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Baker
(stand)



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
high voices 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
low voices 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

**RECEPTION OF
NEW MEMBERS
APOSTLES' CREED**

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.

Be Not Afraid
Craig Courtney
Christ Choir

OFFERTORY
As the Grains of Wheat
Haugen
(stand)

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat - tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.
1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with - in our midst,
may we share the pres - ence of your love.

Refrain

**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.

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 *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine (Leaning on the Everlasting Arms)*

Hoffman, Showalter



1 What a fel - low - ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Our deepest appreciation goes to our Tech Ministry for all the behind-the-scenes work they do each Sunday as well as throughout the week. We'd like to especially thank Bill Porter, our Tech Director, who has accepted a new position as Retreats & Hospitality Director at Camp Tekoa in Hendersonville, North Carolina.

We wish Bill, Emily, Anna, Harper and Eltyn all the best on their next adventure!

2020
some things

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

Social Event

Thursday, February 27 • 6:30 p.m.

Let's meet at OpenTap (5010 Carmel Ctr Dr) for drinks & fellowship with other young adults.

MORE INFO: rritzmann@christelca.org

Third THURSDAY
for adults of all ages

RESCHEDULED!

February 27 • 11:45am - 2pm
in Fellowship Hall

Create your own painted masterpiece with local artist Kris Bechtel. \$30 includes lunch & you take home your personal painting.

Registration is Still Open>>



peer
ministry leadership

Sunday, February 23
12:30 - 2:30 p.m. in the Forum

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>>



Baptismal Class

Sunday, March 2
1:00 p.m. on Zoom

For info, email Pastor Adrienne amartin@christelca.org

ZOOM LINK:
christelca.org/online

Lenten Micro Prayer Groups

Prayer groups are now available to join for this coming Lent!

Scan/Click to Learn More & Register!

<https://t.ly/Z8VTF>



Dinner for New & Expectant Families

Wednesday, February 26
5-6 p.m. in the Forum

This meal, held during Wednesdays Ablaze programming, will be an opportunity for new families to come and engage in fellowship with others who are also beginning the journey of parenthood.

Scan/Click to Register>>

MORE INFO: rdyer@christelca.org



NEW PLANTING SEASON IS STARTING NOW

Beds available for new & seasoned gardeners!

Growing TO GIVE

COMMUNITY GARDEN

MORE INFO:
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Ash Wednesday
MARCH 5

 **CHRIST providence**

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

5:00 p.m. Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
RSVP required • No WT Classes

6:30 p.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

WORSHIP IN PERSON OR ONLINE
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Associate Tech Director
full-time, hourly position



Join the Music/Worship/Tech team in this A/V production role! You will provide support in the technical aspects of worship. Come work alongside our group of tech staff & volunteers, using audiovisual technology to produce high-quality services, events & more.

For more information, please contact
Shelby Johns at sjohns@christelca.org

Family Ministry Administrative Assistant
part-time position



Join our Family Ministry team & help support the growth of families within our church community. You will be the organizational backbone of our team, assisting with scheduling, communication, & event coordination while fostering a welcoming & efficient environment.

For more information, please contact
Pastor Adrienne at amartin@christelca.org



Hear the Charlotte Master Chorale and talented area high school singers join forces in a vibrant choral collaboration featuring André Thomas' Mass: A Celebration of Love & Joy.

Saturday, March 8, 2025
4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary


CharlotteMasterChorale

TICKETS & INFO:
charlottemasterchorale.ticketspice.com/celebration-of-joy

FAITH ALIVE

Confirmation Retreat
March 14 - 16, 2025
at Lutheridge

Middle schoolers will enjoy an unforgettable camp-like experience through a theme of "Living & Hearing."

More Info/Register in REALM >>
or email tweller@christelca.org


REALM

Stepping Stones

FIRST COMMUNION

PREPARATION CLASSES • SAVE THE DATES
March 9 • Meaning of the Meal
March 29 • Story Day
April 13 • Livin' Forgivin

First Communion will take place during Maundy Thursday's service on April 17th (after the completion of the Seder Meal). Prep classes are for 2nd graders & their parents to attend together.

MORE INFO: krank@christelca.org

High School WNC Mission Trip
July 27 - August 1, 2025

Join us for a week of service with NovusWay & Lutheran Disaster Relief. We will stay at camp each night with a bonfire & worship, & work nearby each day. There will be 1 fun day at the end.


NovusWay Ministries

RSVP by March 1 >>
<https://t.ly/ojk2e>


REALM

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



Prayers

† Matilda Ann Plonk
† Denise Vorpapel's brother, Bert
† Steve Deal
† Paula Edgren's mother, Lea
† Ethan Dyer and family upon the death of his grandfathers, Joe Harris and John Dyer
† Elizabeth
† Pastor Roger Storms
† Elizabeth Knightly
† Julia Edelson's mother, Betsy
† Deanna Hunter
† Katherine VanHoy
† Hilary and Grant Dover on the birth of their baby, Maxwell James
† The family of Del Eck upon her death
† Tricia Vidal's sister, Tracy Boggs
† Donna Ormand
† Kathy and Bob Hofmann on the birth of their granddaughter, Annie Grace Wilson
† Linda and Mark Cagley on the birth of their granddaughter, Claire Juliet Beaudoin
† Rob MacGregor and family on the death of his mother, Cathy
† Wayne Clark
† Marie and Arden Hobwin on the birth of their son, Henry Woods. Proud grandmother, Jeanne Ebert.
† Students traveling on mission trips
† Wilhelmina Silveira
† Bob Sisco and family on the death of his mother, Beverly

Hospice List:
† Donna Hanna

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

In Thanksgiving to God for our CLC staff,
from Lisa & Brian Carrigan.

The birthdays of our grandchildren, Richard and Ellis.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE February 16, 2025

Traditional: 185
Bridge: 91
Contemporary: 256
Christ Online: 461
(Sunday - Tuesday)



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— Our Ministry Leaders —



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Senior Pastor



Pastor Ryan Ritzmann
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