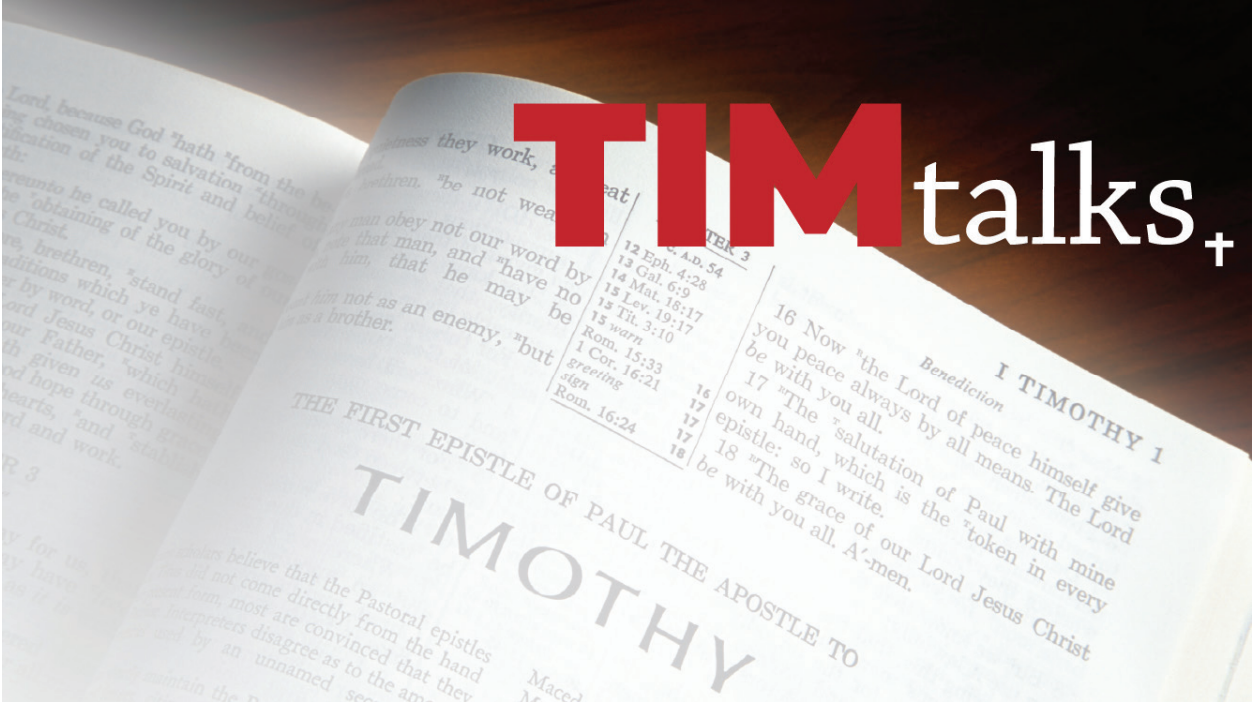




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*Traditional*

**April 12, 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](mailto: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

**Give Me Jesus**  
setting, Moses Hogan  
Philip Biedenbender, solo

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SONG OF PREPARATION (stand)

**Be Not Afraid**  
Berthier

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, Al-le - lu - ia!

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ri-sen, Al-le - lu - ia!

## CONFESSION & 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 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!*

Wesley



- 1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" All on earth with an - gels say;  
2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, fought the fight, the bat - tle won.  
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell.  
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious king! Where, O death, is now your sting?



raise your joys and tri - umphs high; sing, O heav'n's; and earth, re - ply.  
Lo! The sun's e - clipse is o'er. Lo! He sets in blood no more.  
Death in vain for - bids his rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.  
Once he died our souls to save; where your vic - to - ry, O grave?

- 5 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!  
Praise to thee by both be giv'n.  
Thee we greet triumphant now:  
hail, the resurrection, thou!
- 6 King of glory, soul of bliss,  
everlasting life is this:  
thee to know, thy pow'r to prove,  
thus to sing, and thus to love!

## 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



1. *Leader: In peace, in peace,* **People (Refrain):**  
(Let us pray to the) Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have



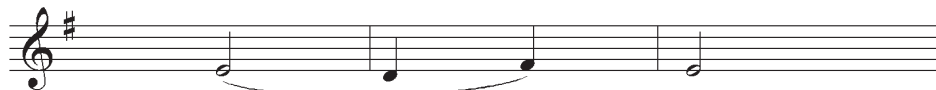
mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

2. *Leader: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world,  
for the unity of all, let us pray to the (Lord) Refrain*

3. *Leader: For your people here, who have come to give you praise,  
for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the (Lord) Refrain*



4. *Leader: Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.*



5. **People:** A - - - - - men.

# HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion  
sings for joy to the God of life and love and  
freedom: praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

Verses:

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose  
blood has freed and u - nit - ed us to be  
one great peo - ple of God! to Refrain

2. Pow - er and rich-es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and  
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er! to Refrain

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to make us  
peo - ple of God; to make all things new. to Refrain

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

*Let us pray. You have rescued us, O God, from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your beloved Son, that we might share the justice and love of Christ's reign. Grant that we may walk in the footsteps of Jesus, the path of obedient faith and self-sacrificing love, laying down our lives, as he did, for our brothers and sisters, in the sure and certain hope that Jesus will remember us*

when he comes into his kingdom and share with us one day the glory of Paradise. 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**  
**1 Timothy 1:1-7,**  
**12-17 (NIV)**  
(sit)

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope, to Timothy my true son in the faith: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain people not to teach false doctrines any longer or to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies. Such things promote controversial speculations rather than advancing God's work—which is by faith. The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. Some have departed from these and have turned to meaningless talk. They want to be teachers of the law, but they do not know what they are talking about or what they so confidently affirm.

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL**  
**ACCLAMATION**  
**Alleluia**  
(stand)

People: Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e-ter-nal life, Al-le-u-ia!

**HOLY GOSPEL**  
**Matthew 7:15-20**  
**(NIV)**

*The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 7th chapter.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them."

*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.

## MINISTRY PRESENTATION

CREATING FUTURE STORIES, BUILDING COMMUNITY, SUPPORTING FAMILIES AND INSPIRING VOLUNTEERS...



...SO THAT ALL McCLINTOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS SUCCEED!

## SERMON

# TIM talks<sub>+</sub>

## Beware of False Teachers

Pastor Scott Suskovic

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

Schalling, tr. Winkworth;  
Schmid  
(stand)



1 Lord, thee I love with all my heart; I pray thee, ne'er from me de-part;  
2 Yea, Lord, thine own rich boun-ty gave my bod - y, soul, and all I have  
3 Lord, let at last thine an-gels come, to A-br'ham's bos-om bear me home,



with ten-der mer-cy cheer me. Earth has no plea-sure I would share,  
in this poor life of la - bor. Lord, grant that I in ev - 'ry place  
that I may die un-fear - ing; and in its nar - row cham-ber keep



yea, heav'n it - self were void and bare if thou, Lord, were not near me.  
may glo - ri - fy thy lav - ish grace and serve and help my neigh - bor.  
my bod - y safe in peace-ful sleep un - til thy re - ap - pear - ing.



And should my heart for sor-row break, my trust in thee can noth-ing shake.  
Let no false teach-ing me be-guile, let Sa - tan not my soul de - file.  
And then from death a-wak-en me, that these mine eyes with joy may see,



Thou art the por - tion I have sought; thy pre - cious  
Give strength and pa - tience un - to me to bear my  
O Son of God, thy glo - rious face, my Sav - ior



blood my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and Lord,  
 cross and fol - low thee. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and Lord,  
 and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at - tend,



my God and Lord, for - sake me not! I trust thy word.  
 my God and Lord, in death thy com - fort still af - ford.  
 my prayer at - tend, and I will praise thee with - out end!

**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.

**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.

*Awake, My Soul*  
Elaine Hagenberg  
Christ Choir

**OFFERTORY**  
*Thanks Be to You*  
(stand)



1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
 2. From of old you loved and sought us: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!



Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
 Truth and jus - tice you have taught us: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!



Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re - mem - b'ring your  
 cov - e - nant of life with us. 3. Praise to you O God of mer - cy:  
 Thanks be to you for - ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:  
 Thanks be to you for - ev - er: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

**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.**

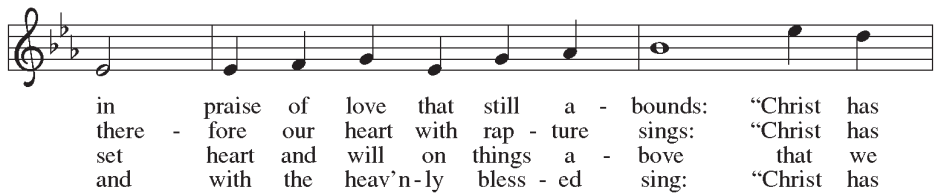
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**BENEDICTION**  
 (stand)

*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**  
*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*  
 Strodach

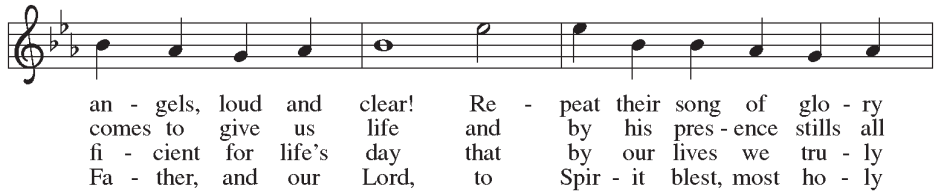
1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds  
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,  
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;  
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has  
there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has  
set heart and will on things a - bove that we  
and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of  
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he  
con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -  
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
and give us life and by his pres - ence stills all  
fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly  
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!"



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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

**POSTLUDE**

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# FAMILY FIELD DAY

**Saturday, April 18 • 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.**  
**at Our South Land Property**  
*(315 Reid Dairy Rd. in Waxhaw)*

Lace up your sneakers & join us for our 1st ever Family Field Day! This event will be packed with races, games & activities for all ages. Gather the family & get ready for an amazing afternoon!

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**Join us Sunday, April 12 as McPIE kicks off their 20-year anniversary celebration.**

Be sure to stop by the table in the Lower Commons for information on ways to get involved!



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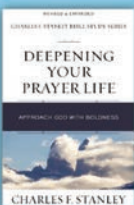
## CONGREGATIONAL VOTE

Regarding the sale of a residential lot near Lake Tillery that was donated several years ago.

**Sunday, April 12**

immediately following the 11 a.m. service

**FOR LIVESTREAM: [christelca.org/online](http://christelca.org/online)**



FAITH FELLOWSHIP SERIES:

## Prayer

**Sundays • 10–10:45 a.m.**  
*Forum A&B -or- Online (Zoom)*

Do we know how to pray? Why is prayer so important? Doesn't God already know what I need? In this 6-wk. series, Pastor Max Lucado, Dr. Charles Stanley & Lutheran Ministries will answer these questions & much more!

**ZOOM LINK: [christelca.org/online](http://christelca.org/online)**

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## Easter Wreaths

You can still purchase a handmade, artificial Easter floral wreath. We have a few Yellow wreaths still available for a limited time.

**\$75**

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**Third THURSDAY**  
*for adults of all ages*

**April 16: Journey to Margaritaville**  
**11:45 a.m.–1:30 p.m. in the Pit**

Join us for cheeseburgers in paradise, mocktail Margaritas, Pina Colodas & cool island tunes. Wear your favorite island inspired outfits!

**\$12 • Scan/Click to Register**

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**cornerstone gifts**

**Trunk Show**  
**Thursday, April 16**

Jewelry artisan Elizabeth Arnall will be hosting a Trunk Show from 9:30a to 1:30p outside of Cornerstone Gifts on the Forum side. Check it out!

**Elizabeth Arnall**  
*Whimsies*  
HANDMADE JEWELRY

A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO CORNERSTONE GIFTS TO SUPPORT THE OUTREACH MINISTRIES OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH.

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**NEW MEMBER CLASS**

**Sunday, April 19 & 26**  
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.



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or [mparker@christelca.org](mailto:mparker@christelca.org)

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**BLOOD DRIVE**

**Sunday, April 19**  
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**TO REGISTER, GO TO:**  
[oneblood.org/donate-now](http://oneblood.org/donate-now)

**Fellowship**  
*at the ballpark*

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**Saturday, May 2**  
GAME 6:00 p.m.  
CONCERT 4:00 p.m.  
GATES OPEN 3:30 p.m.

**\$21 • Click/Scan to Register**  
DEADLINE: April 10  
MORE INFO: [mparker@christelca.org](mailto:mparker@christelca.org)



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**VOLUNTEER & DONOR APPRECIATION**

**Tuesday, May 5 • 5-7 p.m.**  
at Edge City Brewing (MORA)

Join us at Edge City Brewing as we celebrate all you do to support McPIE. Food & music provided.

MORE INFO: [adavis@christelca.org](mailto:adavis@christelca.org)

MIDDLE SCHOOL

**GAME NIGHT**

**Sunday, April 12 • 4-6 p.m.**  
in the Pit

Grades 6-8 are invited for an afternoon of fun and games! We will have time for devotion, games and snacks!



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**Sunday, April 12 & Sunday, April 26**  
12:00-2:00 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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**TIME/LOCATION CHANGE**

**Baptismal Class**

**Sunday, April 12**  
10 a.m. in Lackey Chapel

**THIS CLASS IS IN PERSON ONLY**

For info, email Caroline at [cdiffley@christelca.org](mailto:cdiffley@christelca.org)

**Stepping Stones**

**CONFIRMATION**

**Apostles' Creed**  
Sunday, April 19 • 3-5 p.m.  
in the Forum

Parents & 8th graders are invited to explore the 3 Articles of the Apostle's Creed & discover their significance in our faith journey.



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# Prayers

- † National, state and local leaders
  - † People of Russia and Ukraine
  - † Conflicts in the Middle East
  - † Lois Witham
  - † Bruce Voelker's brother, George
  - † Leighton Garner
  - † Marge Storms' sister, Martha
  - † Robin Tonelli's father, Roger Thompson
  - † Kristi Ausrud
  - † Sharhonda Morgan
  - † Judy Shaffer's sister, Mary
  - † Jack Whittemore's mother
  - † Janet Clift
  - † Dy English and family on the death of her father
  - † Matthew Harrison's mother, Tondia
  - † Doug Bevington
  - † Stephen and Ashley Deal's daughter, Hallie
  - † Caroline & Will Richter on the birth of their son, Luke
  - † Janet Phillips
- Hospice List**
- † Lisa Jeter's sister, Pam Comer

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

In memory of George Cowles, from Kathy Cowles

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE April 5, 2026 • Easter Sunday

Sunrise: 56  
Traditional: 439  
Bridge: 275  
Contemporary: 678  
Christ Online: 627\*

\*YouTube views from Sunday - Tuesday

### April 1, 2026

Midweek Noon: 82 (Christ Online: 28)

### April 2, 2026 • Maundy Thursday

Noon: 36 (Christ Online: 68)  
Evening: 317 (Christ Online: 135)

### April 3, 2026 • Good Friday

Family Service: 104  
Noon: 51 (Christ Online: 124)  
Tenebrae: 278 (Christ Online: 151)



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Senior Pastor



**Pastor Ryan Ritzmann**  
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Minister



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**Angela Davis**  
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