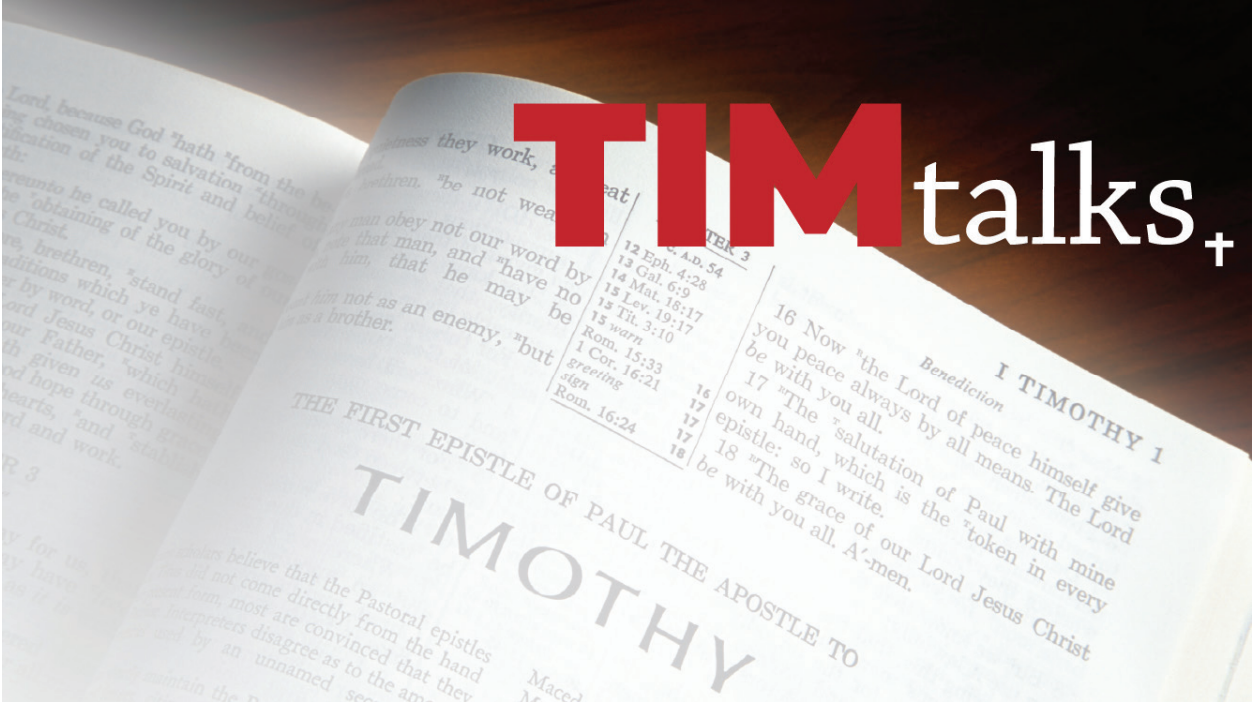




CHRISTLUTHERAN
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Traditional

April 26, 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

I Will Sing of My Redeemer

arr. Lloyd Larson
Luther Ringers

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!

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.

BAPTISM (sit)

Alexis Owens Hanna
daughter of Dale Hanna

(stand)

Leader: Through Baptism God has made this child a member 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 a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker 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
*How Sweet the
Name of
Jesus Sounds*
Newton, Reinagle



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in
2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole and
3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, my



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
calms the heart's un - rest; 'tis man - na to the
shield and hid - ing place; my nev - er - fail - ing



heals our wounds, and drives a - way all fear.
hun - gry soul and to the wea - ry, rest.
trea - sury, filled with bound - less stores of grace.

5 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,
my prophet, priest, and king,
my Lord, my life, my way, my end,
accept the praise I bring.

**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.

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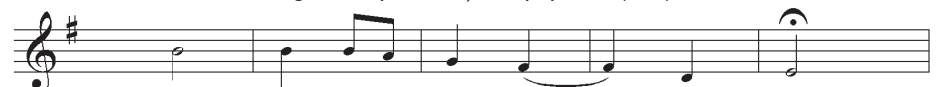
1. Leader: *In peace, in peace,* People (Refrain):
(Let us pray to the) Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have



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
*Now the Feast &
 Celebration*

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 judge, O God, our thoughts and intentions, and from your gaze no creature can hide. May we value aright the things of time and eternity, that we may hear and follow the Good Teacher, Jesus, who looks on us with love, and gladly forsake all lesser wealth for the unrivaled treasure of your kingdom. 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.

READING
1 Timothy 6:3-10,
17-19 (NIV)
 (sit)

If anyone teaches otherwise and does not agree to the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to godly teaching, they are conceited and understand nothing. They have an unhealthy interest in controversies and quarrels about words that result in envy, strife, malicious talk, evil suspicions and constant friction between people of corrupt mind, who have been robbed of the truth and who think that godliness is a means to financial gain. But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

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-lu-ia!

HOLY GOSPEL
Matthew 6:19-21
(NIV)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 6th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

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

TIMtalks₊

The Love of Money
 Pastor Scott Suskovic

HYMN OF THE DAY
Rock of Ages,
Cleft for Me

Toplady, Hastings
 (stand)



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
 could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
 when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
 all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
 foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

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.

The Perfect Wisdom of Our God

arr. Sunmin Kim
 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.

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
Come, We That Love the Lord
 Watts, Lowry

1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
 2 Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;
 3 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou - sand sa - cred sweets
 4 Then let our songs a - bound, and ev - 'ry tear be dry;

join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with but chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, but chil - dren of the be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, be - fore we reach the we're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Im -



sweet ac - cord and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur-round the throne.
heav'n-ly King may tell their joys a-broad, may tell their joys a - broad.
heav'n-ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets.
man-uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

Refrain



We're march-ing to Zi - on, beau - ti-ful, beau - ti-ful Zi - on:



we're march-ing up-ward to Zi - on, the beau - ti-ful cit-y of God.

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

POSTLUDE

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Music Concert
Sunday, April 26 • 2 p.m.
at the Matthews Glen Clubhouse

The Joyful Noise Boys from Christ Lutheran will give a concert to the residents at Matthews Glen. Residents & guests are invited to join us for this program.

TIM talks,
Going Deeper

Wednesday, April 22 & April 29
 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in the Forum & Christ Online

Dive deeper with our current sermon series on 1st & 2nd Timothy. Join Pastor Scott during Wednesdays Ablaze for this two session study on these two epistles.

FOR LIVESTREAM LINK: christelca.org/online

Morning Melodies
SUMMER CHOIR

Sundays at 8:15 a.m. (in the Sanctuary)
MAY 24 – SEPTEMBER 6

Calling all singers! Join Mark, Phil and Christ Choir as we prepare an accessible anthem for the musical offering during Traditional worship. No robes or experience required – just bring your enthusiasm and love for singing!

MORE INFO: pbiedenbender@christelca.org

Thursday Morning
Women's Bible Study
 meets weekly from 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
 in Forum A&B

Starting April 23, join author Max Lucado on a 5-session book study that journeys through the Book of Esther. *You Were Made for This Moment* is available for purchase on Amazon.

MORE INFO: julia.edelson@gmail.com

Clothing Donations for
Crisis Assistance

Bring new or gently used clothing (cleaned & in bags please) to donate to our neighbors in need! Drop off **CLOTHING ONLY** at the Outreach Office Mon-Fri. On Sunday, the blue bins will be outside the Outreach Office doors.

PLEASE, NO TOYS OR HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Questions? nealmann@bellsouth.net

Southland Deckbarn is NOW OPEN



-located at 315 Reid Dairy Road in Waxhaw-

TO RESERVE THE SPACE FOR YOUR SMALL GROUP, EVENT OR MEETING, EMAIL: thyde@christelca.org or awallace@christelca.org

20/30 Somethings

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:
 April 30 • May 14 • May 28 • June 11

McPIE 20 YEARS
 2007-2027

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

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



OCEAN ISLE

Memorial Weekend Worship

Sunday, May 24 • 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
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


DEEPENING YOUR PRAYER LIFE

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



CHARLES F. STANLEY

260517

DO YOU HAVE A College Graduate?




Send us their: **name, high-res picture, degree/college, and any post graduation plans** to be honored in our July/August newsletter.

Deadline: June 10
 Scan QR code to fill out a quick form -or- email info to: mkelliher@christelca.org



VAN DRIVERS WANTED

for McPIE students after Wednesdays Ablaze & Sunday Worship



Wednesdays: 7:30-8:30 p.m.
Sundays: 10:00-1:00 p.m.
(no CDL required)

If interested, contact:
Angela (adavis@christelca.org) or Sharhonda (smorgan@christelca.org)

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

WANTED EOG Proctors

for McClintock Middle School

Volunteers* needed to help monitor students during end-of-year testing sessions from 8-12:30pm:

May 27-29 • June 1-5 • June 8-9

<<Click or Scan to Signup
 or go to: t.ly/hv5J3

*Volunteers MUST be a registered CMS volunteer. If you are not an approved CMS Volunteer, go here to register for that: cmsvolunteers.com



INSIDE THE SOUNDS OF SUNDAY



JUNE 10 • JULY 29 • AUGUST 19
 ORGAN PIANO HANDBELLS

Join Mark and Phil this summer in Cornerstone Cafe at 11:45 a.m. for three in-depth seminars where we'll explore different musical equipment that leads and shapes our worship. Bring your lunch!

MORE INFO: mjohanson@christelca.org



MUSIC WEEK

July 5 - 10 at Lutheridge

Adults are invited to sing, ring, play and pray along with others as we are strengthened in our faith and musicianship. Mark Johanson will serve as choral accompanist with Mark Sedio and David Cherwien as clinicians.

Scan/Click To Register With Lutheridge
 or go to <https://t.ly/10F60>



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



peer
ministry leadership

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.

Scan/Click to Register>>

REALM

Stepping Stones

HIGH SCHOOL (ALL)

APOLOGETICS
Sunday, May 3 • 3–5 p.m. (Forum)

All high school students are invited to come & learn some important apologetic skills. Led by Pastor Ryan, this class will arm students with the tools to defend their faith when questioned. These are important skills to learn before going off to college and out into the world!

Scan/Click to Register

REALM

Register Now!

Vacation Bible School
for ages 4 through rising 5th grade

June 15-19

Scan/Click QR Code to Register>>
TO VOLUNTEER: kranck@christelca.org

REALM

CONFIRMATION CAMP
for current 6th–8th graders

July 5–10
at Lutheridge

Click/Scan for More Info & RSVP>>
DEADLINE TO REGISTER: JULY 5

REALM

EXPEDITION CAMP **IMAGINE more**

July 12–17

Current 7th–12th graders are invited to a camp at Lutheridge in preparation for the ELCA Nat'l Youth Gathering in the summer of '27. This will bring together the best parts of camp & the best parts of the Gathering for an unforgettable week.

Scan/Click to Register

MUST REGISTER SEPARATELY WITH LUTHERIDGE, THIS IS FOR TRANSPORTATION & PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY

REALM

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**

Ronald Dahl's **Willy Wonka** **JR.**

REALM

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

CHRIST kids

VIDEOS FILLED WITH SONGS, ACTIVITIES
A WEEKLY LESSON AND MORE!
- for elementary students & younger -

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CLC YOUTUBE CHANNEL**

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Prayers

- † National, state and local leaders
- † People of Russia and Ukraine
- † Conflicts in the Middle East
- † Persecution and conflict in Africa
- † Lois Witham
- † Bruce Voelker's brother, George
- † Leighton Garner
- † Marge Storms' sister, Martha
- † Robin Tonelli's father, Roger Thompson
- † Kristi Ausrud
- † Sharhonda Morgan
- † Matthew Harrison's mother, Tondia
- † Stephen and Ashley Deal's daughter, Hallie
- † Joerg Kuehni and family on the death of his father, Rolf
- † Harvey Lightstone
- † Janet Reddel
- † Debbie Kempter
- † Lisa Carrigan's mother, Sandy
- † John and Margie Payne's brother-in-law, Pete
- † Jeanette Bugg's parents, Mary & John LaFond
- † Katherine Tang
- † Lisa Jeter & family on the death of her sister, Pam
- † Drew & Maggie Brydon on the birth of their baby girl, Nora. Proud grandparents, Sylvia & Tom Brydon

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

In loving memory of Janet Voelker
from Bruce, Rebecca and Maggie.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

April 19, 2026

Traditional: 214

Bridge: 129

Contemporary: 241

Christ Online: 351 (Sun - Tue)



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— Our Ministry Leaders —



Dr. Scott Suskovic
Senior Pastor



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Ryan Ritzmann**
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**Pastor
Adrienne Ladd**
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Minister



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Minister of
Music & Worship



Angela Davis
Director of
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