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Celebration of Holy Communion

May 25, 2025



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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

Prelude

Theodore Beck

Philip Biedenbender, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PREPARATION (stand)

Look to Christ

Haas



Look to Christ to be your light; fol- low,



Leave be-hind your for-mer self and live.



Don't look back, don't be a- fraid; fol- low,



Come to Christ, walk with Christ, and live.

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 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Neander, Winkworth



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros-per your work and de-fend you;
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus-tain - ing.
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
if with his love he be - friend you.
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

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.

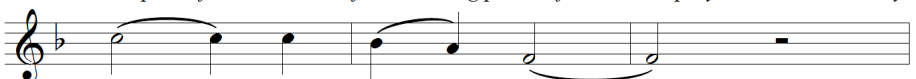
KYRIE

Leader: Gathered in peace, gathered in peace let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy...



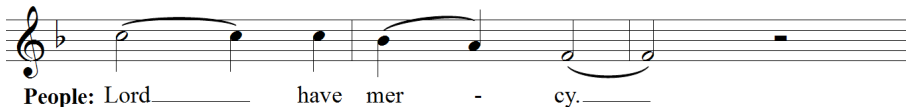
People: Lord, _____ have mer - cy. _____

Leader: For peace from above, and for the saving power of God, let us pray. Christ, have mercy...

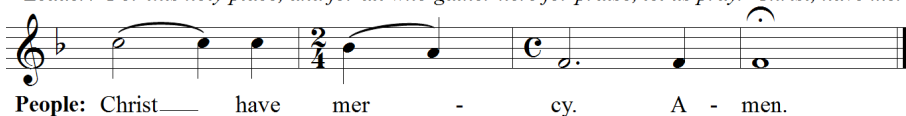


People: Christ _____ have mer - cy. _____

Leader: For peace in the world, for the Church, for the unity of all, let us pray. Lord, have mercy...

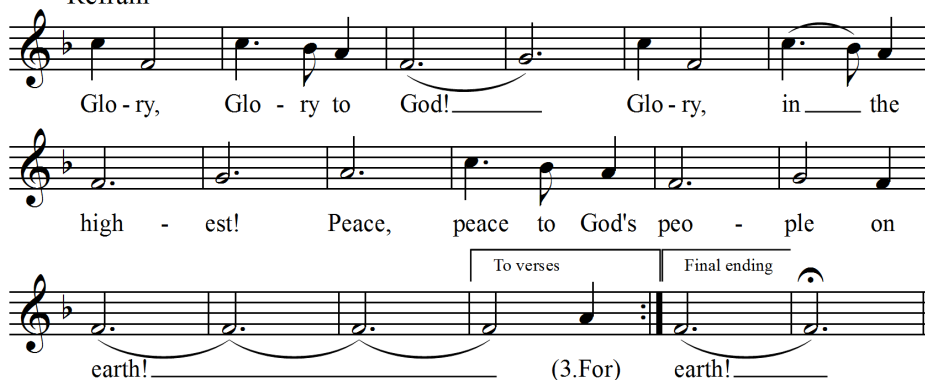


Leader: For this holy place, and for all who gather here for praise, let us pray. Christ, have mercy...



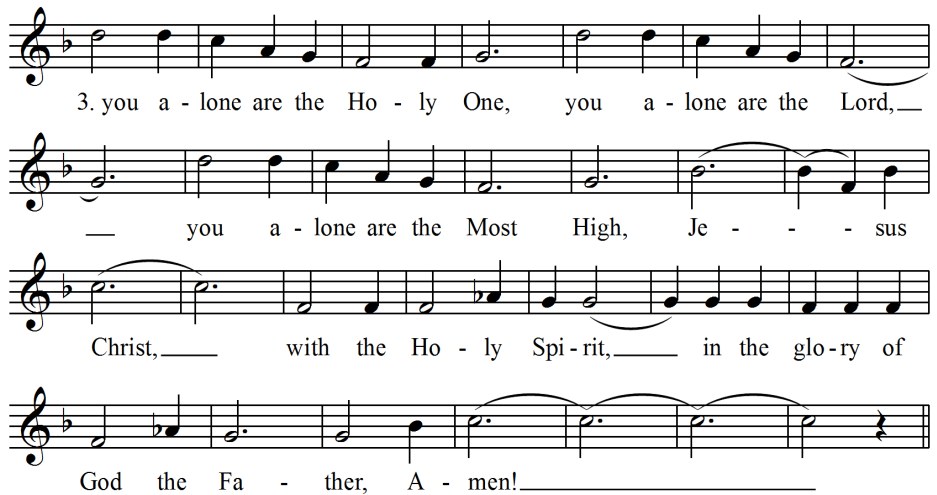
Refrain

GLORY TO GOD



Verses





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Let us pray. Lord God, merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, by sending your only-begotten Son into the world and pouring forth upon us the Spirit of love, you have revealed to us the mystery of your own life and established it as the living pattern for our own. Sustain our faith and fill us with your own love and peace, that, joined together in the communion of your church, we may bless your holy and glorious name. 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 Hebrews 3:7-14 (NLT) (sit)

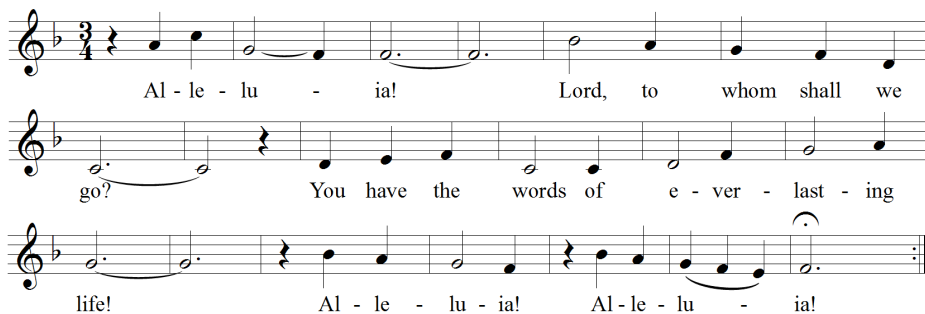
That is why the Holy Spirit says, “Today when you hear his voice, don’t harden your hearts as Israel did when they rebelled, when they tested me in the wilderness. There your ancestors tested and tried my patience, even though they saw my miracles for forty years. So I was angry with them, and I said, ‘Their hearts always turn away from me. They refuse to do what I tell them.’” So in my anger I took an oath: “They will never enter my place of rest.” Be careful then, dear brothers and sisters. Make sure that your own hearts are not evil and unbelieving, turning you away from the living God. You must warn each other every day, while it is still “today,” so that none of you will be deceived by sin and hardened against God. For if we are faithful to the end, trusting God just as firmly as when we first believed, we will share in all that belongs to Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(stand)



HOLY GOSPEL John 3:1-21 (NIV)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him." Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!" Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked. "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him." For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

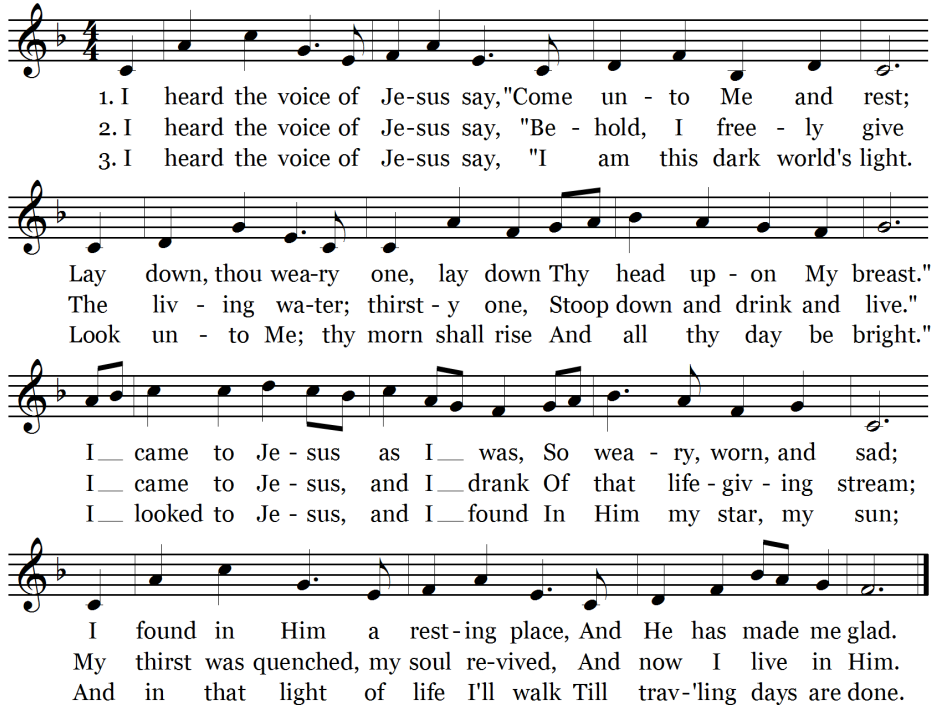
CHRISTKIDS DISMISSAL

(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.

HYMN OF THE DAY
*I Heard the Voice of
Jesus Say*

Bonar, Husberg
(stand)



1. I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "Come un - to Me and rest;
2. I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3. I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "I am this dark world's light.

Lay down, thou wea-ry one, lay down Thy head up - on My breast."
The liv - ing wa-ter; thirst - y one, Stoop down and drink and live."
Look un - to Me; thy morn shall rise And all thy day be bright."

I__ came to Je - sus as I__ was, So wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I__ came to Je - sus, and I__ drank Of that life - giv - ing stream;
I__ looked to Je - sus, and I__ found In Him my star, my sun;

I found in Him a rest-ing place, And He has made me glad.
My thirst was quenched, my soul re-vived, And now I live in Him.
And in that light of life I'll walk Till trav-'ling days are done.

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.

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.

Praise Him!
Craig Courtney
Morning Melodies
Summer Choir

OFFERTORY

As the Grains of Wheat
Marty Haugen
(stand)

As the grains of wheat once scat - tered on the hill were
gath - ered in - to one, were gath - ered in - to one to be -
come our bread; so may all your peo - ple from the ends of the
earth be gath - ered in - to one in you.

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

President: Congregation: President: Congregation:
The Lord be with you. And al-so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the
President: Congregation:
Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and
might! Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry!
Ho - san - na! Ho - san - a in the high - est!
Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord! Ho - san - na! 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)

1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
2. Bread of life,
3. Cup of love,
Final Ending
world, grant us your peace; grant us your peace; peace.

HOLY COMMUNION

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

COMMUNION HYMN

Softly and Tenderly

Thompson



- 1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
- 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
- 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,



Refrain

watch - ing for you and for me.
mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!
par - don for you and for me.



You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

BLESSING

(stand)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

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

Sent Forth by God's Blessing



- 1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
- 2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of our God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—

The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed,
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,

the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.

The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now

reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.

Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing

to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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

POSTLUDE

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Freedom School FUNDRAISING

Gifts, pledges & matching gifts have allowed us to reach our fundraising goal for **\$120,000** for **80 scholars** for this summer's Freedom School.

FULLY FUNDED!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: **Tutor Coordinator**

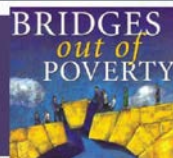


Responsibilities include:

- Recruiting tutors through church publications & a table display at the start of the school year.
- Gather preferences & coordinate with school rep to place tutors.
- Send out reminders & check in periodically with each tutor.

If interested, contact:

Angela Davis (adavis@christelca.org)



**Tuesday, June 17 and
Wednesday, June 18
12:30–4:00 p.m.**

*in Church Office Great Rm.
(lunch included)*

In two afternoons, learn how people from different economic backgrounds approach life differently & why this is essential knowledge in building relationships with people from another economic class.



Scan/Click to Register

MORE INFO: adaniels@christelca.org

Nursery Assistant

part-time (5-8 hrs. per week)



Seeking a caring and consistent nursery assistant for children aged 6 weeks through 36 months. Responsibilities include providing care on Sunday mornings during each worship service, as well as some Wednesday evenings.

**If interested in learning more, contact
Rachel Dyer at** rdyer@christelca.org

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



HIGH SCHOOL
**summer
BIBLE
STUDY**

**Starts
May 28!!**

**Wednesdays • 7:30-9:00 p.m.
in the Adult Library**

Join other high schoolers for a weekly Bible Study this summer led by Cole Zoutewelle. We'll dive into the Word in a laid-back, conversation-based environment.

MORE INFO: Tyler Weller
(tweller@christelca.org)

Morning Melodies
SUMMER CHOIR

every Sunday at 8:15 a.m. (in the Sanctuary)

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

MORE INFO: pbiedenbender@christelca.org



UPDATE YOUR REALM PICTURE

Sunday, June 1

Bring your phone and let's update your profile picture in REALM! Join us in the Lower Commons between 9-11 a.m. and we will help you update your picture(s).

**up to 75% off!!
\$1 and \$2 items!!
mystery bags!**

FIRESIDE SALE
June 8 (9a-1p) • June 15 (9:30a-12:30p)

CHRIST LUTHERAN
cornerstone
gifts

WANTED
EOG Proctors

for McClintock Middle School

Volunteers** needed to help monitor students during end-of-year testing sessions:

May 22-23 • May 27-30 • June 4-5



<<Click or Scan to Signup
or go to: t.ly/4jU4u

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

Dance/Movement Instructor
part-time position



Seeking a dance/movement/fitness instructor who has experience working with children and adults for our Wednesdays Ablaze programming and ministry partnership with CLCC Children's Center. The position is available beginning in September.

**If interested, contact Mark Johanson
at (mjohanson@christelca.org)**

Quillows

**HONORING OUR HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATES • CLASS OF 2025**

Sunday, June 1

**during both 9:00 & 10:45 a.m. services
at Christ Providence**

NEW EPISODE EACH WEEK!

**deeper
dive**

Led by Christ Lutheran pastors, Deeper Dive will tackle your big questions about religion & life.

Check it out now>>
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Register Now!

Vacation Bible School June 16-20

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



Food! Music! Fun!



Pentecost Celebration

Sunday, June 8
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Click/Scan to Register for Lunch
\$15 adults • \$7 kids (10 & under)
PLEASE RSVP BY JUNE 2



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Disney

The Jungle Book KIDS

SPOTLIGHT SUMMER CAMP

July 28 - August 1

Rising 2nd-5th graders are welcome to register for this all-day summer camp featuring singing, drama & choreography. Cost: \$300
Performance: Fri., Aug. 1st • 6pm (Fellowship Hall)

Click/Scan QR Code for More Info & RSVP



CenterStage, CLC's summer theater camp for middle school youth returns this summer!

RONALD DAVID
Matilda JR.
THE MUSICAL

July 28 - August 1

Rising 6th-8th graders are welcome to register for this all-day summer camp featuring singing, drama & choreography. Cost: \$300
Performance: Fri., Aug. 1st • 7pm in The Pit

Click/Scan QR Code for More Info & RSVP>>



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Science Camp
Donations & Recyclables

Newly purchased items needed:
white coffee filters, bags of sugar, baking soda, vinegar, sandwich bags, snack bags & gallon-size bags.
The ONLY recyclable we will be collecting is: **water bottles**

Donations can be dropped off at the Outreach Office -or- leave them at the Info Desk in the Lower Commons on Sunday mornings.

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XPERIENCE

COMMISSIONING SUNDAY
Sunday, June 22

The Xperience will present their worship show at both Traditional and Contemporary worship services on June 22 as they leave for their summer tour to the Carolina coast.

Baptismal Class

Sunday, June 22
1:00 p.m. on Zoom

For info, email Mary Parker
mparker@christelca.org

ZOOM LINK:
christelca.org/online

RESCHEDULED FROM MAY 9

Fellowship
at the ballpark

Charlotte Knights

Saturday, July 19
6:00 p.m.
(Faith & Family Night)

\$22 • Click/Scan to Register



SMALL GROUP ministries


LEADER TRAINING WORKSHOPS
July 30 • Aug. 6 • Aug. 13 • Aug. 20
6-7:30 p.m. in Forum A & B

Scan/Click for More Info & RSVP>
or email mparker@christelca.org



Coffee with the Pastors
BOOK STUDY

Wednesdays • 9:00 a.m.
at Christ Providence (W150) -or- Online (Zoom)

 **christelca.org/online**



Prayers

† People in Washington DC, our government and leaders
† People of Russia and Ukraine
† Israel and Palestine War
† All those in recovery and addiction
† All those who are fighting cancer
† Those suffering with mental illness
† Those impacted by wildfires
† All those impacted by the earthquakes in Myanmar and Thailand
† Steve Deal
† Elizabeth
† Deanna Hunter
† Tricia Vidal's sister, Tracy
† Donna Emmans
† Gregg Hunter on the loss of his brother, Steven
† To honor the men and women who died while serving in the US Armed Forces
† Becky Sigmon
† The family of Susan Brackett upon her death
† Terry and Vicki Legvold on the death of their nephew, Tanner
† Ilse Mengel
† Doris Creason
† Jack Whittemore's brother, Scott
† Marissa and Chandler Casner on the birth of their baby girl, Charlotte Rose. Proud grandparents, Kristen and Dean Rank
† Aron Boyette

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

In honor of my mom, Marjorie Liljefors,
99th birthday, love Janet Edsell

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

May 18, 2025

Traditional: 231

Bridge: 94

Contemporary: 236

Christ Online: 330 (Sun - Tue)



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— Our Ministry Leaders —



Dr. Scott Suskovic
Senior Pastor



**Pastor
Ryan Ritzmann**
Evangelism
& Faith Formation



**Pastor
Adrienne Martin**
Family Ministries



Alexis Williams
Christ Online
Minister



Mark Johanson
Minister of
Music & Worship



Amy Daniels
Director of
Outreach

— Serving in Worship —

Philip Biedenbender Associate Minister of Music
Shelby Johns Tech Director
Kevin Lane Associate Tech Director
Olivia Gerik Media Director
Dennis Contreras Music Associate
Craig Cole Music Associate
Noah DePalma Tech Associate



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