



**CHRISTLUTHERAN**  
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*Traditional*

**May 31, 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

**Horn Concerto No. 3, Mvt. I. Allegro**

W. A. Mozart

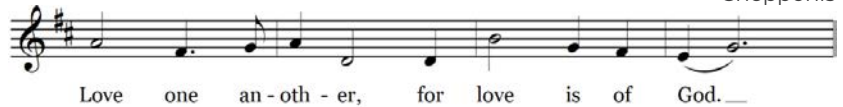
Jack Contreras, French Horn

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SONG OF PREPARATION (stand)

**Love One Another**

Chepponis



## 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 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

## *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Heber, Dykes



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!  
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty,  
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

# 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*



**HYMN OF PRAISE**  
*Now the Feast  
 and Celebration*

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

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

**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. In Jesus, your Son, broken and humiliated on the cross, you have revealed, O God, the unconquerable power of love. Open our hearts to the gift of your Spirit, and break within us the chains of violence and hatred, so that, free to love even our enemies, we may share in the triumph of good over evil and bear witness with our very lives to the gospel of peace. 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 Samuel 25:4-13**  
**(NRSVUE)**  
(sit)

David heard in the wilderness that Nabal was shearing his sheep. So David sent ten young men, and David said to the young men, "Go up to Carmel, and go to Nabal, and greet him in my name. Thus you shall salute him, 'Peace be to you, and peace be to your house, and peace be to all that you have. I hear that you have shearers; now your shepherds have been with us, and we did them no harm, and they missed nothing all the time they were in Carmel. Ask your young men, and they will tell you. Therefore let my young men find favor in your sight, for we have come on a feast day. Please give whatever you have at hand to your servants and to your son David.' "

When David's young men came, they said all this to Nabal in the name of David, and then they waited. But Nabal answered David's servants, "Who is David? Who is the son of Jesse? There are many servants today who are breaking away from their masters. Shall I take my bread and my water and the meat that I have butchered for my shearers and give it to men who come from I do not know where?" So David's young men turned away and came back and told him all this. David said to his men, "Every man strap on his sword!" And every one of them strapped on his sword; David also strapped on his sword, and about four hundred men went up after David, while two hundred remained with the baggage.

*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 5:43-48**  
**(NRSVUE)**

*The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven, for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your

brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

*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**

**Children of Your Father in Heaven**  
Pastor Ryan Ritzmann

**HYMN OF THE DAY**  
*Jesus, Thy Boundless  
Love to Me*

Gerhardt, Cocker  
(stand)



1 Je - sus, thy bound - less love to me no thought can reach, no  
2 Oh, grant that noth - ing in my soul may dwell, but thy pure  
3 This love un - wea - ried I pur - sue and daunt - less - ly to



tongue de - clare; u - nite my thank - ful heart to thee,  
love a - lone; oh, may thy love pos - sess me whole,  
thee as - pire. Oh, may thy love my hope re - new,



and reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly, thine a -  
my joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness from my  
burn in my soul like heav'n - ly fire! And day and night, be



lone, I am; be thou a - lone my con - stant flame.  
heart re - move; my ev - 'ry act, word, thought, be love.  
all my care to guard this sa - cred trea - sure there.

**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.

## God's Peace (Come Away from Rush and Hurry)

arr. C.J. Adams

Morning Melodies  
Summer 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.**

**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**  
**Lord, Whose Love in  
Humble Service**

Bayly



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,  
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light  
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:  
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,  
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;  
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,  
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.  
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.  
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

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

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## Baptismal Class

**Sunday, May 31**  
10 a.m. in Lackey Chapel

THIS CLASS IS  
IN PERSON ONLY

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

BRIDGES  
*out of*  
POVERTY



**Monday, June 8  
& Tuesday, June 9**

**12:00–4:00 p.m.**

in Church Office Great Room  
(lunch included)

In two afternoons, learn how people from different economic backgrounds approach life differently and why this knowledge is essential in building relationships with people from another economic class. Led by Rebecca Felder (former Asst. Principal for McClintock).

**For more info & RSVP, contact Angela:**  
[adavis@christelca.org](mailto:adavis@christelca.org)

## Freedom School FUNDRAISING

Gifts, pledges & matching gifts have allowed us to reach our fundraising goal for **\$100,000** for **80 scholars** for this summer's Freedom School.

# FULLY FUNDED!

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!**

JOIN THE

## FLOWER MINISTRY

Our flower ministry needs a few more volunteers to help assemble floral arrangements for Sunday worship.

**The team meets on Saturday mornings in the Sanctuary.**

*No prior experience needed. Our leaders will be glad to train you.*

**Contact Mark Johanson if interested:**  
[mjohanson@christelca.org](mailto:mjohanson@christelca.org)



**McPIE**  
20 YEARS  
2007-2027

## Science Camp Donations

To help with this summer's supply list, please bring in these items during the month of June:

1-gallon bags, 1-quart bags, zip lock sandwich bags, Morton ice cream rock salt boxes, sugar

**Donations can be dropped off at the Outreach Office -or- the McPIE box in the Lower Commons near the Pit desk on Sunday mornings.**

260628

## Summer Worship MAY 24 - SEPTEMBER 6

**TRADITIONAL • 9:00 a.m.**

**CONTEMPORARY • 10:45 a.m.**

- no Sunday School classes -

- nursery available for ages 0-36 months -

WORSHIP IN PERSON -or- ONLINE

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## 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](mailto:pbiedenbender@christelca.org)

CHRIST LUTHERAN  
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*gifts*

located between  
the Ministry Center  
& Lower Commons

**Summer Hours:**  
**SUN | WED | THU**  
**9:30a.m. - 12:30p.m.**

**Spring into  
summer  
with a great  
selection  
of gifts!!**

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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH.

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**XPERIENCE**  
**COMMISSIONING SUNDAY**  
**Sunday, June 14**  
**in the Sanctuary & Online**

Join us for either worship service as we commission the Xperience students and adults for their upcoming tour to Texas.



HELP ADORN THE SANCTUARY WITH  
**Altar Flowers**

**\$75 • SIGN UP IN REALM>>**




260630

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](mailto:mkelliher@christelca.org)




**CONCERT**  
 presented by  
*The Charlotte Singers*  
*American Composers*  
**Sunday, June 7**  
**4:00 p.m. in Christ Chapel**

*Helen McCorkle Finch, Director*  
**FREE! • Donations Welcome**



**Quillows**

**HONORING OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES • CLASS OF 2026**

**Sunday, June 7**  
 during both 9:00 & 10:45 a.m. worship reception in Lower Commons between services



**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](https://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](https://cmsvolunteers.com)



ADULT 40+  
**Open Court Basketball**

Find your old high-tops & join us for some exercise, fun & fellowship. Throughout the summer months, Spirit Hall will be open

**Wednesdays • 7-9 p.m.**

for adults 40+ to shoot, play a game of horse or join a pick-up game. Join in to relive the glory days & remember—no dunking allowed.



260819

**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](mailto:mjohanson@christelca.org)






**Lutheridge**

# 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>



# SOUP KITCHEN

3rd SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH  
at Roof Above

Serve up a warm meal  
for those in need!  
*Limited volunteer capacity.*

**To get Involved, contact:**  
Liza Show (704) 806-0064




**VBS**

## Register Now!

# Vacation Bible School

for ages 4 through rising 5th grade

# June 15-19

**Scan/Click QR Code to Register>>**  
TO VOLUNTEER: [krank@christelca.org](mailto:krank@christelca.org)




**Lutheridge**

# CONFIRMATION CAMP

for current 6th-8th graders

# July 5-10

at Lutheridge

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



# 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



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**




CENTERSTAGE SUMMER CAMP **August 3-7**

Ronald Dahl's **Willy Wonka** JB

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**



# HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

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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
- † Tyler Weller's mother, Karen
- † Kristi Ausrud
- † Sharhonda Morgan
- † Perfecta Modesto
- † Matthew Harrison's mother, Tondia
- † Sara Rentmeester
- † Vicki Legvold
- † Linda Moresi
- † Kym Furney's family
- † John Capecci and family on the death of his sister, Dawn
- † Charles Abel
- † Tyler Weller and family on the death of his grandmother, Peg
- † Aleesa Legvold
- † Delaney Martin
- † Russ Barbour
- † Celeste Lupo-Hack

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

In honor of our daughter Alice Tyson's  
high school graduation, from the Tysons

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

**May 24, 2026**

Traditional: 242

Ocean Isle with Pastor Tenny: 48

Contemporary: 343

Christ Online: 362 (Sun - Tue)



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## — Our Ministry Leaders —



**Dr. Scott Suskovic**  
Senior Pastor



**Pastor  
Ryan Ritzmann**  
Evangelism  
& Faith Formation



**Pastor  
Adrienne Ladd**  
Family Ministries



**Alexis Williams**  
Christ Online  
Minister



**Mark Johanson**  
Minister of  
Music & Worship



**Angela Davis**  
Director of  
Outreach

## — Serving in Worship —

**Philip Biedenbender** Minister of Music

**Shelby Johns** Tech Director

**Kevin Lane** Associate Tech Director

**Dennis Contreras** Music Associate

**Craig Cole** Music Associate

**Noah DePalma** Tech Associate

**Rachel Dyer** Director of Nursery & Pre-School Ministries

**Kristen Rank** Director of Elementary Ministries



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