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*Traditional*

Celebration of Holy Communion

June 7, 2026



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-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

### *How Firm a Foundation*

Lani/Smith

Philip Biedenbender & Mark Johanson, piano/organ duet

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SONG OF PREPARATION (stand)

### *The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation*

Haas



The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion, of



whom should I be a - fraid, of



whom should I be a - fraid?

## 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**  
*How Firm a  
Foundation*

Rippon



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

**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 *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. Just and merciful God, you tend your people with unceasing care and do not abandon the vine your right hand has planted. Cultivate your church, we pray, enriching it always with new shoots, so that, grafted onto Christ, the true Vine, the community of your people may bear fruit in abundance and produce a rich harvest for eternal life. 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.*

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WORD

**READING**  
**Acts 4:5-12 (NIV)**  
(sit)

The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. Jesus is 'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.' Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

*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 21:42-46**  
(NIV)

*The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter.*  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes’? Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.” When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus’ parables, they knew he was talking about them. They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

*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.

**SERMON**

**Scott Suskovic & Rebekah Switzer**

**STEPPING STONE**



**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.**

## 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.

## *You Are Mine*

arr. Mark Hayes

Morning Melodies  
Summer Choir

## OFFERTORY *As the Grains of Wheat*

(stand)



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.



As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,



may we share the pres - ence of your love.

## 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.*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you. People: And al - so with  
 you. Leader: Lift up your hearts. People: We lift them to the  
 Lord. Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our  
 God. People: 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 are you, God of pow - er and might;  
 Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est! Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est, 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 sins of the world: have mer-cy on us,  
 2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear:  
 3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and peace:  
 4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer - cy and love:

mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Final verse  
 take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us 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.

**Sicilienne (Op. 78)**  
Gabriel Fauré  
Rebekah Switzer, flute

**BLESSING**  
(stand)

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

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

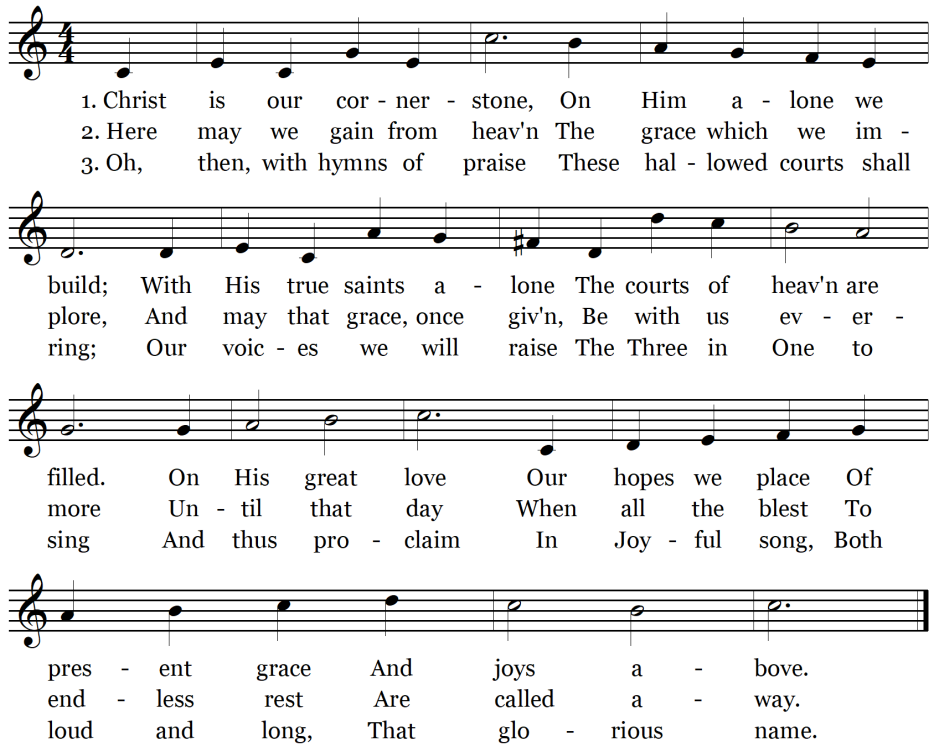
*Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.*  
**Amen.**

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**  
*Christ Is Our Cornerstone*  
tr. Chandler, Darwall



1. Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we  
2. Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im -  
3. Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall  
build; With His true saints a - lone The courts of heav'n are  
plore, And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er -  
ring; Our voic - es we will raise The Three in One to  
filled. On His great love Our hopes we place Of  
more Un - til that day When all the blest To  
sing And thus pro - claim In Joy - ful song, Both  
pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.  
end - less rest Are called a - way.  
loud and long, That glo - rious name.

**PRESENTATION OF  
THE GRADUATING  
CLASS OF 2026**



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

**POSTLUDE**

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# Quillows

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

**Sunday, June 7**

**during both 9:00 & 10:45 a.m. worship reception after both services in Lower Commons**

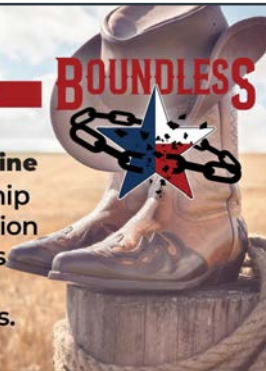
**XPERIENCE**

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.

**BOUNDLESS**



CHRIST LUTHERAN  
**cornerstone**  
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!!**

NET PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE OUTREACH MINISTRIES OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH.

**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!!**

**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  
**\*please no recyclables\***

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



# 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

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

## FREEDOM SCHOOL

*volunteer opportunities*

Freedom School begins June 22. There are lots of volunteer opportunities available.

To access them, scan or click the QR Code (or go to [t.ly/wVFxt](http://t.ly/wVFxt)).

After you create a volunteer profile you will be able to sign up. Come and join the fun this summer!



2030  
*some things*

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

## Social Event

**Thursday, June 18 • 6:30–7:30 p.m.**

Join us for a game of pickleball at the Tippy Pickle (201 Camp Rd. Suite 120). Bring your own or rent a paddle and join us for a fun night!

**No registration necessary • Just show up!**

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)



# 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.

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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)**



## 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)**

HELP ADORN THE SANCTUARY WITH

## Altar Flowers

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# 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/hV5J5](https://t.ly/hV5J5)

\*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)

## Southland Deck Barn 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](mailto:thyde@christelca.org) or [awallace@christelca.org](mailto:awallace@christelca.org)

# 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 Snow (704) 806-0064



## 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 Cherwen as clinicians.

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



# 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)

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# 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)

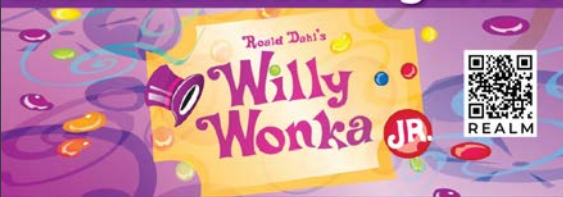


SPOTLIGHT SUMMER CAMP August 3-7



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



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**

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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS equipped with  
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and serving — LIVED every day, everywhere  
and in every relationship — LOVING  
because Christ first loved us.

To learn more, contact Natalya  
([nlegvold@christelca.org](mailto:nlegvold@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

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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
- † Kristi Ausrud
- † Sharhonda Morgan
- † Perfecta Modesto
- † Matthew Harrison's mother, Tondia
- † Vicki Legvold
- † Linda Moresi
- † Tyler Weller and family on the death of his grandmother, Peg
- † Aleesa Legvold
- † Delaney Martin
- † Russ Barbour
- † Celeste Lupo-Hack
- † Janet Clift
- † Trudie Crigler
- † Mary Ann Crutcher
- † Megan and Thor Stensrud on the birth of their son, Graham Robert. Proud grandparents, Ellen and John Stensrud

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

All praise, honor and glory be to our Heavenly Father, Son and Holy Spirit for his 60 years of grace and mercy upon the marriage of Walt and Bonnie Roth and their family. Also the recent wedding of granddaughter, Kelly and her husband, Henry Branson

In Loving Memory of My Mother, Sharon Deming

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

**May 31, 2026**

Traditional: 281

Contemporary: 293

Christ Online: 280 (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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