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Traditional

July 5, 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.

Traditional Order of Worship

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PREPARATION (stand)

Sing Praise and Bless the Lord
Taizé



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.



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**SHARING
OF THE PEACE**
(stand)

*The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.*

OPENING HYMN
*Before You,
Lord, We Bow*
Key, Darwall



1 Be - fore you, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns a - bove and
2 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, each vale and for - est green, shine
3 Earth, hear your mak - er's voice; your great re - deem - er own; be -
4 And when in pow'r he comes, oh, may then ev - 'ry land from



rules the world be - low with bound-less pow'r and love. Our thanks we
forth in wis - dom's light, and its rich fruits be seen! May ev - 'ry
lieve, o - bey, re - joice, and wor - ship God a - lone. Cast down your
all its rend - ing tombs send forth a glo - rious band, a count - less



bring in joy and praise, our hearts we raise, to you we sing!
tongue be tuned to praise and join to raise a grate - ful song.
pride, your sin de - plore, and bow be - fore the Cru - ci - fied.
throng, with joy to sing to heav'n's high king sal - va - tion's song!

**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
 and 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 call us, O God, to follow where Jesus has gone before, without compromise or condition and without counting the cost. Sustain us in our decision to follow where Jesus leads, and by the power of your own love, at once both strong and gentle, keep us faithful to Christ and compassionate in serving others. 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
Ruth 1:6–18 (NIV)

(sit)

When Naomi heard in Moab that the Lord had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, she and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there. With her two daughters-in-law she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah. Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go back, each of you, to your mother’s home. May the Lord show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me. May the Lord grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband.” Then she kissed them goodbye and they wept aloud and said to her, “We will go back with you to your people.” But Naomi said, “Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands? Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me—even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth to sons—would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the Lord’s hand has turned against me!” At this they wept aloud again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her. “Look,” said Naomi, “your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her.” But Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me.” When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.

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
John 8:31–36 (NIV)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?” Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

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

Free Indeed
Pastor Adrienne Ladd

HYMN OF THE DAY *This Is My Song*

Stone, Harkness, Sibelius
(stand)



1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,



a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.



This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,



here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.



but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;



with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
my - self I give you; let your will be done.

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.

Sanctuary
arr. Lloyd Larson
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.

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
Let Streams of Living Justice
Whitla, Holst

1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;
give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.
The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,
the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.

Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
 O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
 In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;

a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
 dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
 your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

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

POSTLUDE

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20 YEARS
2007-2027

FEED-A-FAMILY

Donations Needed in July: 10-count boxes of granola bars, 1-lb bags of rice, Spaghettios, toilet paper and canned tuna! Bring donations to the Lower Commons or Outreach office.

Scan/Click QR Code to Donate
or go to onrealm.org/christelca/-/give/how



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Christ Connections
BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

july/august 2026
NOW AVAILABLE!


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SERMON SERIES
July 12 – August 30

TALES FROM THE CHRIST

Secrets of the Kingdom of God

READ MORE:
christelca.org/sermon-series




American Red Cross

NEXT BLOOD DRIVE:
Sunday, July 19
in Spirit Hall

SIGN UP TO DONATE at redcrossblood.org

Baptismal Class

Sunday, August 2
10 a.m. in Lackey Chapel

THIS CLASS IS
IN PERSON ONLY

For info, email Caroline at cdiffley@christelca.org

FREEDOM SCHOOL

volunteer opportunities

Freedom School runs from June 22 – July 30 & there are lots of volunteer opps available. To access them, scan or click the QR Code (or go to t.ly/wVFxt).

After you create a volunteer profile you will be able to sign up.

Come and join the fun this summer!



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:
July 9 • July 23 • August 6 • August 20 • Sept. 3

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20/30 somethings

JULY SOCIAL EVENTS FOR YOUNG ADULTS IN THEIR 20s & 30s

Tuesday, July 21 • 7:00 p.m.
Sketch Swap @ Divine Barrel
Bring a sketchbook, paper and pencil

Thursday, July 30 • 7:00 p.m.
Taproom Trivia
@ Sugar Creek Brewery

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

Christmas in July Lunch

Thursday, July 30
11:15 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
in the Lower Commons



Cool off from the summer heat and enjoy christmas-themed music, decorations and lunch including turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes & more.

Kids & adults of all ages are welcome!

\$12 • Scan/Click QR Code to Register




Huge thank you to our VBS campers for helping our neighbors in need by donating 451 pounds of food to Nourish Up!!

Fall Dates to Know

Church Offices Closed • Sept. 7
In observance of Labor Day

Kick-Off Sunday • September 13
Traditional 8:45 a.m. • Contemporary 11 a.m.
Sunday School Classes 10–10:45 a.m.

Wednesdays Ablaze Resumes • Sept. 16
Dinner 5–6 p.m. • Activities & Classes 6–7:30 p.m.

Bridge Service Resumes • Sept. 20
10 a.m. in Christ Chapel

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

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

YOUTH KICK-OFF EVENT

Sunday, August 23 • 12 p.m. in the Pit

All rising 8-12 grade students are invited as we kick off youth programming at the end of summer with an off-site activity, lunch and making new friends. Parents, join us for an informational meeting at the end of the event to learn about the 2027 National Youth Gathering and the Xperience Tour.

SAVE THE DATE!!



Save the Date

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Sunday, August 30

The congregation is invited to the Rite of Confirmation during both services. Reception between services in the Lower Commons.

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



Prayers

- † Gratitude for freedom on this 250th anniversary of America
- † National, state and local leaders
- † People of Russia and Ukraine
- † Conflicts in the Middle East
- † Earthquake victims of Venezuela
- † Lois Witham
- † Bruce Voelker's brother, George
- † Kristi Ausrud
- † Sharhonda Morgan
- † Delaney Martin
- † Sara Rentmeester's father, David
- † Jackie Misenheimer's mother, Mildred Wells
- † Allie and Sonny Parker's brother-in-law, Billy Miller
- † Karen Roode
- † Sonny Parker

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

In honor our of 65th wedding anniversary,
Joyce & Buzz Pitner.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

June 28, 2026

Traditional: 278

Contemporary: 285

Christ Online: 306 (Sun - Tue)



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