



**CHRISTLUTHERAN**  
providence | online



*Traditional*

**July 13, 2025**



## 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

**Voluntary on Engelberg**

arr. Charles Callahan

Philip Biedenbender, organ

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SONG OF PREPARATION (stand)

**They Who Do Justice**  
**(Psalm 15)**

Haas



They who do jus-tice will live in the pres-ence of God!



They who do jus-tice will live in the pres-ence of God!

## 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

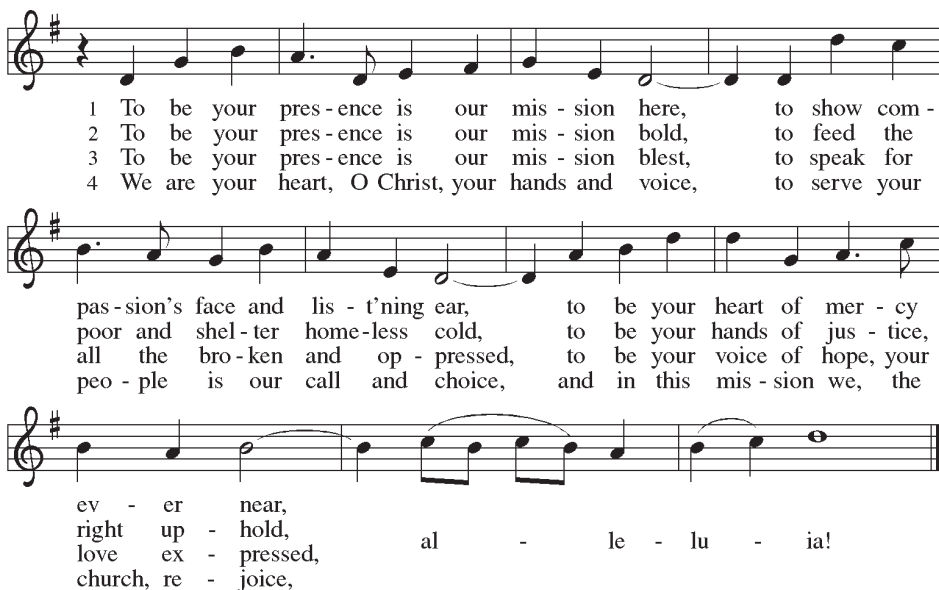
(stand)

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

**And also with you.**

## OPENING HYMN *To Be Your Presence*

Dufner, Stanford



1 To be your pres-ence is our mis-sion here, to show com-  
2 To be your pres-ence is our mis-sion bold, to feed the  
3 To be your pres-ence is our mis-sion blest, to speak for  
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your  
pas-sion's face and lis-t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer-cy  
poor and shel-ter home-less cold, to be your hands of jus-tice,  
all the bro-ken and op-pressed, to be your voice of hope, your  
peo-ple is our call and choice, and in this mis-sion we, the  
ev-er near,  
right up-hold,  
love ex-pressed,  
church, re-joice,

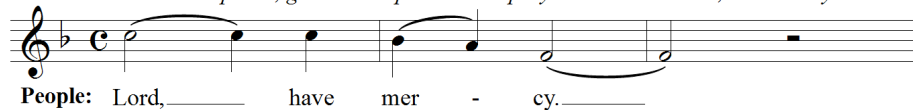
## APOSTOLIC GREETING

*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.**

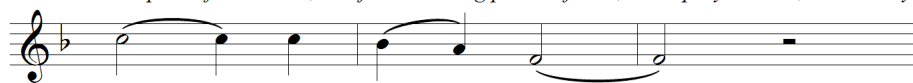
## KYRIE

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



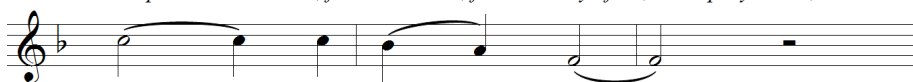
**People:** Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy. \_\_\_\_\_

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



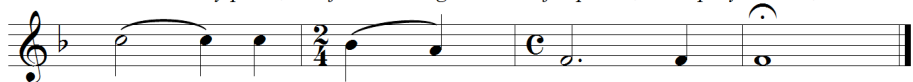
**People:** Christ \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy. \_\_\_\_\_

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



**People:** Lord \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy. \_\_\_\_\_

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



**People:** Christ \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy. A - men.

# GLORY TO GOD

## Refrain

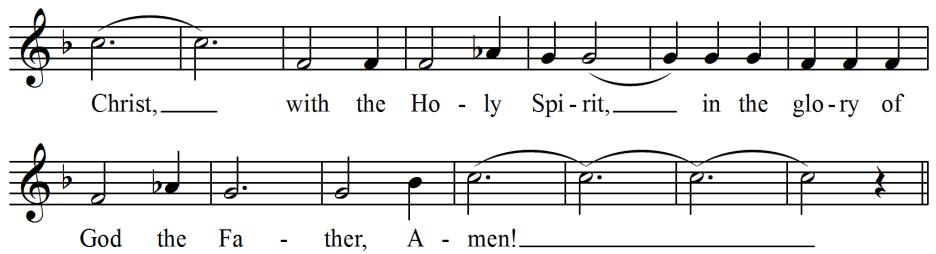
Glo - ry, Glo - ry to God! \_\_\_\_\_ Glo - ry, in \_\_\_\_\_ the  
high - est! Peace, peace to God's peo - ple on  
earth! \_\_\_\_\_ (3.For) earth! \_\_\_\_\_

## Verses

1. Lord God, hea-ven-ly king, \_\_\_\_\_ al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther: We  
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry! (to Refrain)

2. Lord Je - sus Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,  
Lord God, Lamb of God: \_\_\_\_\_ You take a-way the sin of the  
world; \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy on us. \_\_\_\_\_ You are seat - ed at the  
right hand of the Fa - ther; \_\_\_\_\_ re - ceive our prayer. \_\_\_\_\_ to Refrain

3. you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ you a - lone are the Most High, Je - - - sus



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Leader: The Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you.**

*Let us pray. To us, sinners and yet disciples, O Lord of the harvest, you entrust a share in the mission of Jesus, who sent the Twelve to take up the cross and to lose their lives for his sake. Let no earthly affection dissuade us, no inner fear deter us from taking up the cross and following Jesus, that by losing ourselves in sacrifice and service, we may find life and the reward promised to the righteous. 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 James 2:1-13 (NIV) (sit)

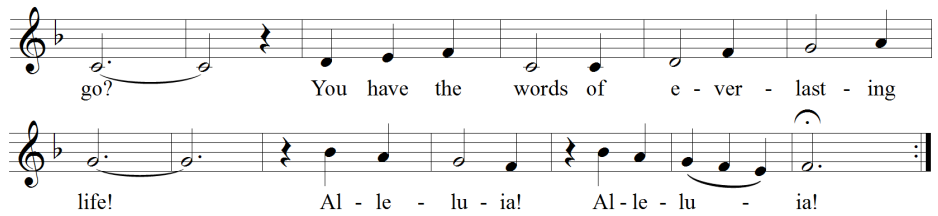
My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong? If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right. But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. For he who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker. Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (stand)





## HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 10:34-39 (NRSV)

*The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 10th chapter.*  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father; and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

*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.

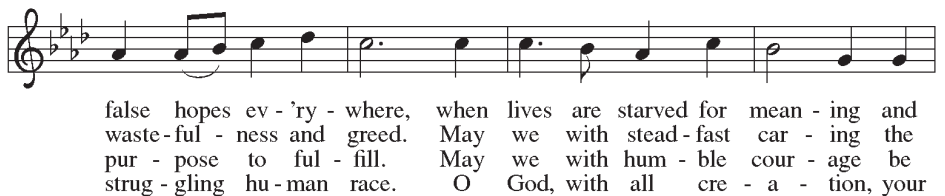
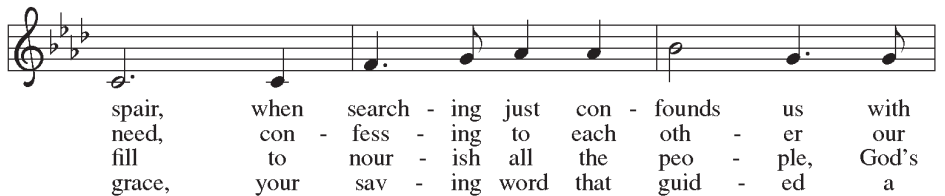
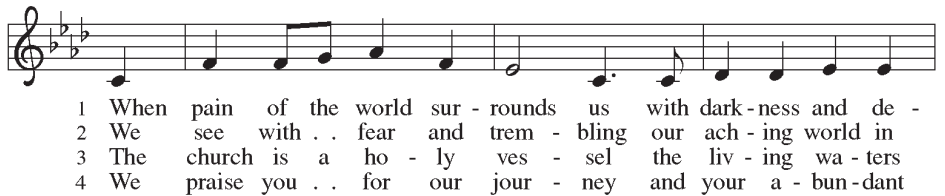
## SERMON

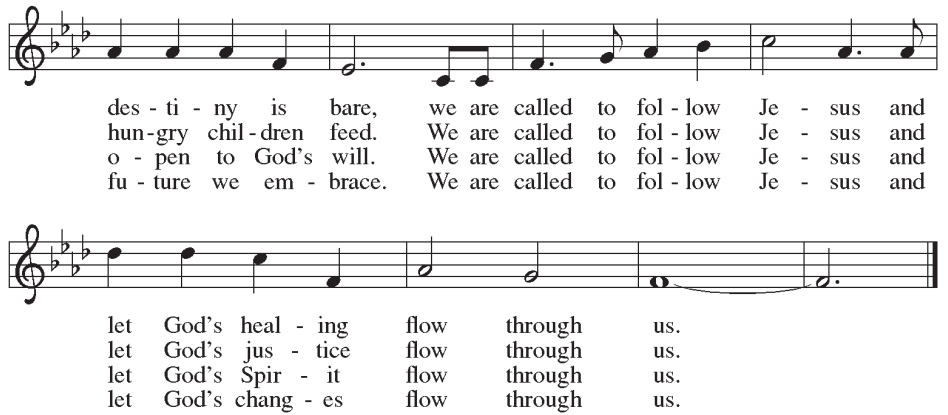
*Always at War?*

**Peace Within Society**  
Pastor Ryan Ritzmann

## HYMN OF THE DAY *When Pain of the World Surrounds Us*

Strathdee  
(stand)





des - ti - ny is bare, we are called to fol - low Je - sus and  
 hun - gry chil - dren feed. We are called to fol - low Je - sus and  
 o - pen to God's will. We are called to fol - low Je - sus and  
 fu - ture we em - brace. We are called to fol - low Je - sus and

let God's heal - ing flow through us.  
 let God's jus - tice flow through us.  
 let God's Spir - it flow through us.  
 let God's chang - es flow through us.

**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.

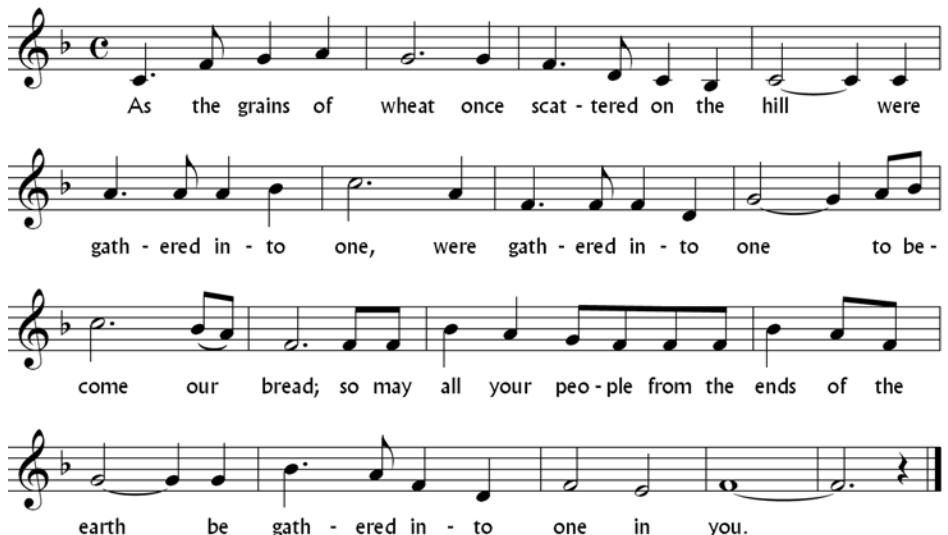
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**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.

*Dreamers and Doubters*  
 Joseph Martin  
 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, 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.**

## 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.**

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### SENDING

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## 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 *God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind* Stuempfle, Hughes



1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -  
2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your  
3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from  
4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;  
pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,  
leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,  
rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,  
let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,  
for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;  
may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;





there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!  
kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!  
make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!  
claim us for your king-dom's work, claim us for your king-dom's work!

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

**POSTLUDE**

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**Hope Springs  
Family Fun Fair & Mini-Build**  
**Sunday, July 20**  
**10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Portico Area**  
Help build a playhouse for a Habitat family while children can build with Legos, K'Nex & Magnatiles. There will be fair-themed food, ice cream, popsicles & much more!

**Scan/Click to Register**



We invite you to the wedding of  
**Adrienne Martin & Stephen Ladd**  
**July 26, 2025 • 2:00 p.m.**  
at Christ Lutheran Church (Sanctuary)



**RSVP Requested by July 15th**  
Scan QR Code or go to [t.ly/m8ahy](https://t.ly/m8ahy)



*SEPH SCHLUETER*  
**COUNTING  
MY BLESSINGS**  
TOUR  
*1, 4, 11, ∞*

**Friday, September 19th  
7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

FOR ALL TICKET LEVELS:  
[tprlive.co](https://tprlive.co)





Scan/Click to save on processing fees for general admission (limited availability in REALM)

LIGHT A CANDLE  
the **75<sup>th</sup>** Birthday  
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN  
PASS THE FAITH

**Cabin Naming Rights**

Since CLC members donated over \$235k, we now have naming rights on one of the Lutheridge cabins.

**Scan/Click to Submit Your Idea!!**  
or go to <https://t.ly/Mppu9> • deadline July 15

**American Red Cross**

NEXT BLOOD DRIVE:  
**Sunday, July 20**  
**8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**  
**at Christ Providence**

SIGN UP TO DONATE at [redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org)

*Baptismal Class*

**Sunday, July 13  
1:00 p.m. on Zoom**

For info, email Mary Parker  
[mparker@christelca.org](mailto:mparker@christelca.org)

**ZOOM LINK:**  
[christelca.org/online](https://christelca.org/online)

**OUT & ABOUT** -family outing-

**POOL PARTY**  
**Saturday, August 2 • 10:00 a.m.**

Let's celebrate the summer and go swimming at Sardis Swim Club.  
Lunch will be provided.

**(Registration Coming Soon)**  
MORE INFO: [rritzmann@christelca.org](mailto:rritzmann@christelca.org)  
or [rdyer@christelca.org](mailto:rdyer@christelca.org)



**School Supply Drive**  
for McCLINTOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

**STUDENT NEEDS:** pencils, book bags, over-the-head headphones

**TEACHER WISHES:** headphone organizers (buy YOCOMEY Over-the-Door Shoe Organizers from Amazon), brooms, dustpans, hall passes (buy ABAMERICA Hall Passes from Amazon)

**Donation Dropoff:** Lower Commons on Sundays -or- Outreach during the week.





## Hand-in-Hand TEC Retreat

Take part in a faith-building experience where others share their faith stories & how being in Christian Community has affected their life. *Open to 9th graders through adults.*



**August 30 - Sept. 1**

at Tekoa Foothills in Casar, NC

**\$100 • Click/Scan to Register>>**

MORE INFO: [tweller@christelca.org](mailto:tweller@christelca.org)



## XPERIENCE

**Next Summer Tour:**

**June 19-27, 2026**

The Xperience will tour  
"Deep in the Heart of Texas"

in the Summer of 2026. All  
interested rising 9-12 graders are  
encouraged to join the Xperience  
on Wednesday evenings in the Fall.

**More information will be announced in the Fall**



## FREEDOM SCHOOL

*finale*

**Thursday, July 31 • 1:00 p.m.**  
*in the Sanctuary*

Come watch the culmination of these  
Scholars' hard work!

Each class will give a presentation through  
song, dance, spoken word, video & more!



*Save the Date*

**RITE OF  
CONFIRMATION**

**Sunday, August 24**

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

## Brothers in Faith Social Outing

**Thursday, July 24 • 7:00 p.m.**

**Open Tap Brewing**

*(5010 Carmel Center Drive in Charlotte)*

This is a great opportunity for some  
fellowship, faith and friendship with one  
another. We look forward to seeing you  
there! All adult men welcome.

**MORE INFORMATION:**

David Dietert ([dietert0103@gmail.com](mailto:dietert0103@gmail.com))

**SAVE THE DATE • SIGNUP STARTS AUGUST 1!!!**

**8 DAYS OF SERVICE  
AUGUST 17-24**

Interested in leading a project or have a  
non-profit in mind to support?

**Contact Amy Daniels:**  
[adaniels@christelca.org](mailto:adaniels@christelca.org)

REGISTRATION  
IS NOW OPEN!



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**  
THE MUSICAL  
JR.

**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>>**



# Prayers

† People in Washington DC, our government and leaders  
† People of Russia and Ukraine  
† Israel and Palestine War  
† Conflict in the Middle East  
† Flooding in Texas  
† Anne Ratcliffe's brother, Mike  
† Elizabeth  
† Becky Sigmon  
† Chris Simmons  
† Virginia Pfeiffer  
† Terri and Paul D'Albora's niece, Amanda Romito  
† Anna and the Tonelli family  
† Leslie  
† Joanna Feltovich's niece, Claire  
† Becky Chubb's sister-in-law, Pat  
† Ethan Dyer's grandfather, Reid Simms  
† Linda Fabian's sister, Karen

## Hospice List:

† Yvette Kerns' mother, Joyce

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

In Memory of Chuck Arthur, with love,  
Emily and Erin

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

**July 6, 2025**

Traditional: 250

Contemporary: 229

Christ Online: 399 (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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