



CHRISTLUTHERAN
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Traditional

July 19, 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.



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Traditional Order of Worship

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (BWV 140)

J.S. Bach

Mark Johanson, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PREPARATION (stand)

Wait for the Lord

Berthier



Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.



Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (sit)

APOSTLES' CREED (stand)

Leader: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

BAPTISM (sit)

Hudson Alexander Vieregg

Emilia Lennon Vieregg

son and daughter of Alexander and Kristen Vieregg

(stand) *Leader: Through Baptism God has made these children members of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.*

People: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

OPENING HYMN *People, Look East* Farjeon, Rose



1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing
2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is
3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the
4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new



of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,
bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming



trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

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. Your Wisdom, O God, comes in search of all who will listen to her voice. Let us hear and heed the word that warns us to increase the store of oil for our lamps, that they may not flicker and go out while we await the Bridegroom's return, but that they may be burning brightly and we may be ready to run out to meet Christ and enter with him into the wedding feast. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. **Amen.***

WORD

READING Jeremiah 29:4-9 (NRSV) (sit)

Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the LORD.

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 25:1-13
(NRSV)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the LORD.

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



Keep Your Lamps Trimmed
Pastor Ryan Ritzmann

HYMN OF THE DAY
Wake, O Wake, and
Sleep No Longer

Nicolai, tr. Idle; Bach
 (stand)



1. Wake, O wake, and sleep no long - er, For
 2. Zi - on hears the sound of sing - ing; Our
 3. Glo - ry, glo - ry, sing the an - gels, While



he who calls_ you is no stran - ger: A -
 hearts are thrilled with sud - den long - ing: She
 mu - sic sounds from strings and cym - bals; All



wake, God's own Je - ru - sa - lem! Hear, the mid - night
 stirs, and wakes, and stands pre - pared. Christ, her friend, and
 hu - man - kind, with songs a - rise! Twelve the gates in -



bells are chim - ing The sig - nal for his roy - al com -
 lord, and lov - er, Her star and sun and strong re - deem -
 to the cit - y, Each one a pearl of shin - ing beau -



ing: Let voice to voice an - nounce his name! We
er at last his might - y voice is heard. The
ty; The streets of gold ring out with praise. all



feel his foot - steps near, The Bride - groom at the
Son of God has come to make with us his
crea - tures round the throne A - dore the ho - ly



door Al - le - lu - ia! The lamps will shine with
home: Sing Ho - san - na! The fight is won, the
One with re - joic - ing: A - men be sung by



light di - vine as Christ the sav - ior comes to reign.
feast be - gun; we fix our eyes on Christ a - lone.
ev - 'ry tongue to crown their wel - come to the King.

MINISTRY PRESENTATION

(sit)



Freedom
School
Partners

Something Inside So Strong

Siffre
Freedom School Scholars

MUSICAL OFFERING

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.

Come to Jesus

arr. Hayes
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

Joy to the World

Watts, Mason



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

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

POSTLUDE

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FAITH IN ACTION

(formerly 8 Days of Service)

Sign up for one (or more!) service projects. For a full list, go to:

christelca.org/faith-in-action



FAITH IN ACTION
(formerly 8 Days of Service)
PROJECT HIGHLIGHT
Hunger Fight
Meal Packaging
Sunday, August 9

At 10 a.m. & 12 p.m., we will package 25,000 meals in Spirit Hall for our local community. Light lunch available. Great family event!

Click/Scan QR Code to Register



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20 YEARS
2003-2023

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 for Monetary Donations
or go to onrealm.org/christelca-/give/now
DESIGNATE "FEED A FAMILY" FUND



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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

FREEDOM SCHOOL

finale

Thursday, July 30 • 1:00 p.m.
in the Sanctuary

Come watch the culmination of these Scholars' hard work! It's a celebration filled with energy and emotion. Each class will give a presentation through song, dance, spoken word, video and more!

A SPECIAL SERVICE OF

Loss & Remembrance

for families grieving pregnancy loss, infant loss & infertility



Monday, August 10
6:00 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. Special Service



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This event is part of Faith in Action. Those who've experienced loss or want to show their support are welcome to attend.

2020 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

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



REALM





American Red Cross

NEXT BLOOD DRIVE:

Sunday, July 19
in Spirit Hall

SIGN UP TO DONATE at redcrossblood.org

SPOTLIGHT SUMMER CAMP presents



PERFORMANCE DATE:

Friday, August 7th
6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

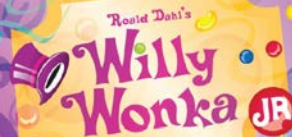
Baptismal Class

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

THIS CLASS IS
IN PERSON ONLY

For info, email Caroline at
cdiffley@christelca.org

CENTERSTAGE SUMMER CAMP presents



PERFORMANCE DATE:

Friday, August 7th
7:00 p.m. in The Pit



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.



FALL FAMILY RETREAT



October 17-18, 2026

Come to the mountains as a family for a fun weekend to grow together as disciples of Jesus!

\$185 per adult • \$90 per child
(scholarships available)

Scan/Click for Details & RSVP
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 1



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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



Christ Connecting
BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

july/august 2026
NOW AVAILABLE!

christelca.org/latest-news/newsletter



Prayers

† Conflicts in the Middle East
† Earthquake victims of Venezuela
† Lois Witham
† Kristi Ausrud
† Sharhonda Morgan
† Delaney Martin
† Jackie Misenheimer's mother, Mildred Wells
† Karen Roode
† Sonny Parker
† Bill Porter
† Virginia Pfeiffer
† Shelby Johns and family on the death of her uncle, Dave
† Cheri Adams
† Fred Reddel
† Allison Runge and family on the death of her father, Jim
† David Nelson and family on the death of his father, David
† Claire Fingerlin and family on the death of her grandfather
† Janet Locke and family on the death of her sister, Lynn
† Robbie and Lauren Kinniburgh on the birth of their daughter, Emery Mae Kinniburgh. Proud grandparents, Marsha and Rob Kinniburgh

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

In loving memory of David Jordan-Haas
from Julia and Greg Edelson

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

July 12, 2026

Traditional: 250

Contemporary: 359

Christ Online: 327 (Sun - Tue)



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— Our Ministry Leaders —



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Senior Pastor



Pastor Ryan Ritzmann
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Pastor Adrienne Ladd
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Minister



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