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Traditional

Celebration of Holy Communion

July 20, 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

-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

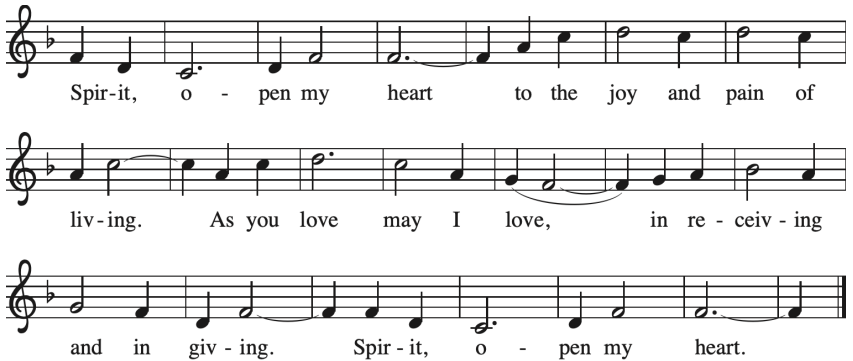
PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PREPARATION (stand)

Spirit, Open My Heart

Duck, Fedak



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 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Perronet, Rippon, Holden



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
Go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe
and crown him Lord of all.

6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.

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.

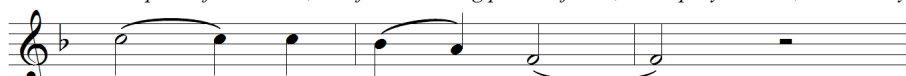
KYRIE

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



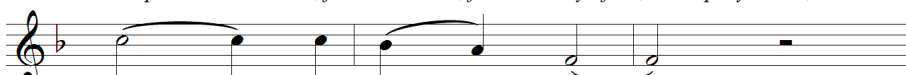
People: Lord, _____ have mer - cy. _____

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



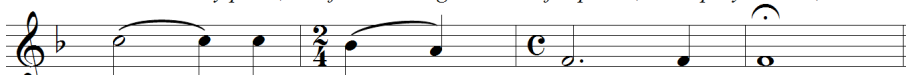
People: Christ _____ have mer - cy. _____

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.

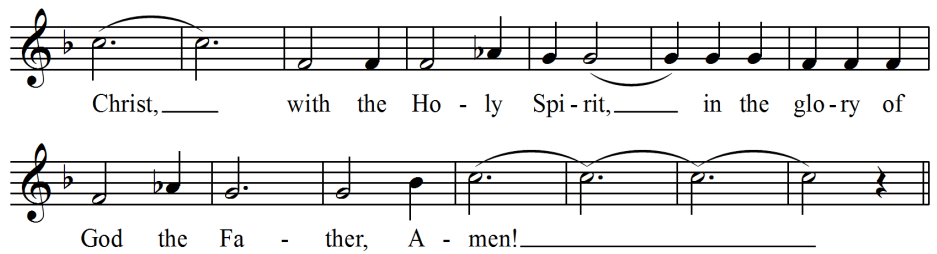
GLORY TO GOD

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. God of unity and peace, your Son has taught us that where two or three are gathered in his name he is present in their midst and you will grant their request. Grant us a new heart to presume the goodness of every brother and sister, and a spirit sensitive to the burdens each of them bears, that by loving our neighbor as ourselves we may bear witness to that love which is the fulfilling of the law. 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

FIRST READING Romans 12:14–21 (NIV) (sit)

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 5:16–21 (NIV)

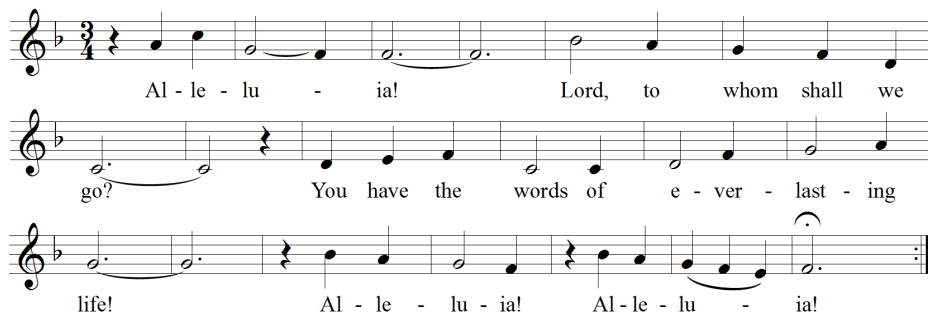
So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(stand)



HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 18:15-22 (NLT)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 15th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

"If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the offense. If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back. But if you are unsuccessful, take one or two others with you and go back again, so that everything you say may be confirmed by two or three witnesses. If the person still refuses to listen, take your case to the church. Then if he or she won't accept the church's decision, treat that person as a pagan or a corrupt tax collector. I tell you the truth, whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven. I also tell you this: If two of you agree here on earth concerning anything you ask, my Father in heaven will do it for you. For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them." Then Peter came to him and asked, "Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?" "No, not seven times," Jesus replied, "but seventy times seven!"

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.

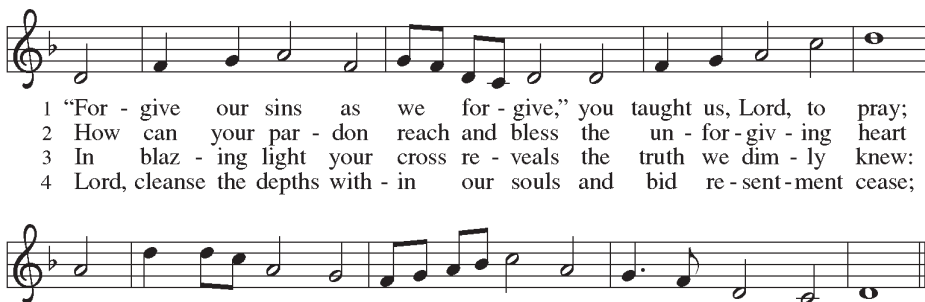
SERMON

Always at War?

Peace with Others
Pastor Scott Suskovic

HYMN OF THE DAY *Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive*

Herklots
(stand)



but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
how tri - fling oth - ers' debts to us; how great our debt to you!
then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

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 *Lord, in your mercy,*
(kneel/sit) **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.

May the Words of My Mouth

Brad Nix
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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: *Congregation:* *Presider:* *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the

Presider: *Congregation:*

Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. 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 Lord, God of po- wer and

might! Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry!

Ho - san - na! Ho - san - a in the high - est!

Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord! Ho - san - na! 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 sin of the world, have mercy on us.
2. Bread of life,
3. Cup of love,




world, grant us your peace; grant us your peace; 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


COMMUNION HYMN *Now We Join in Celebration* Lundeen, Crüger




1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav' - n - ly glad - ness.
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

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.

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**
God, When Human
Bonds Are Broken

Kaan, Monk



1 God, when hu - man bonds are bro - ken and we lack the
 2 Through that still - ness, with your Spir - it come in - to our
 3 You in us are bruised and bro - ken: hear us as we
 4 Send us, God of new be - gin - nings, hum - bly hope - ful
 5 Give us faith to be more faith - ful, give us hope to



love or skill to re - store the hope of heal - ing,
 world of stress, for the sake of Christ for - giv - ing
 seek re - lease from the pain of ear - lier liv - ing;
 in - to life. Use us as a means of bless - ing:
 be more true, give us love to go on learn - ing:



give us grace and make us still.
 all the fail - ures we con - fess.
 set us free and grant us peace.
 make us stron - ger, give us faith.
 God, en - cour - age and re - new!

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

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CenterStage, CLC's
summer theater camp
for middle school youth
returns this summer!

Matilda THE MUSICAL JR.

July 28 - August 1

Middle & High School Youth 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>>



Hope Springs Family Fun Fair & Mini-Build Sunday, July 20

10:00 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



REGISTRATION
IS NOW OPEN!

The Jungle Book

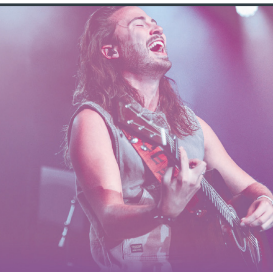
SPOTLIGHT SUMMER CAMP

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)

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SEPH SCHLUTER COUNTING MY BLESSINGS TOUR

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

FOR ALL TICKET LEVELS:
tprlive.co



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for general admission
(limited availability in REALM)

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!



SMALL GROUP ministries

LEADER TRAINING WORKSHOPS
July 30 • Aug. 6 • Aug. 13 • Aug. 20

6-7:30 p.m. in Forum A & B

Scan/Click for More Info & RSVP>
or email mparker@christelca.org



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



Prayers

† People in Washington DC, our government and leaders
† People of Russia and Ukraine
† Israel and Palestine War
† Conflict in the Middle East
† Areas affected by flooding
† Anne Ratcliffe's brother, Mike
† Elizabeth
† Becky Sigmon
† Chris Simmons
† Virginia Pfeiffer
† Terri and Paul D'Albora's niece, Amanda Romito
† The Tonelli family upon the death of Anna
† Joanna Feltovich's niece, Claire
† Ethan Dyer's grandfather, Reid Simms
† Donna Emmans
† Yvette Kerns and family on the death of her mother, Joyce
† Keller Schnier's father, Bill

Hospice List:

† John Barringer

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

In honor of our 65th wedding anniversary,
Don and Judi Bartell

In loving memory of David Jordan-Haas

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

July 13, 2025

Traditional: 234

Contemporary: 305

Christ Online: 388 (Sun - Tue)



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