



CHRISTLUTHERAN
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Traditional

July 27, 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

O Day of Peace

setting, Mark Sedio
Mark Johanson, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PREPARATION (stand)

In the Lord

Taizé, Jacques Berthier

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, In the Lord, I will re -
joice. Look to God, do not be a - fraid; Lift up your
voic - es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near. In the

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

I've Got Peace

Like a River

Traditional African-
American spiritual



1 I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er,
2 I've got joy like a foun - tain, I've got joy like a foun - tain,
3 I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean,



I've got peace like a riv - er in my soul;
I've got joy like a foun - tain in my soul;
I've got love like an o - cean in my soul;



I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er,
I've got joy like a foun - tain, I've got joy like a foun - tain,
I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean,



I've got peace like a riv - er in my soul.
I've got joy like a foun - tain in my soul.
I've got love like an o - cean in my soul.

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.

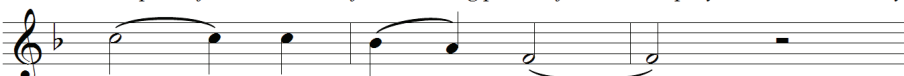
KYRIE

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



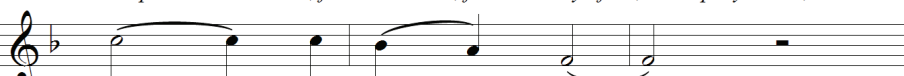
People: Lord, _____ have mer - cy. _____

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. _____

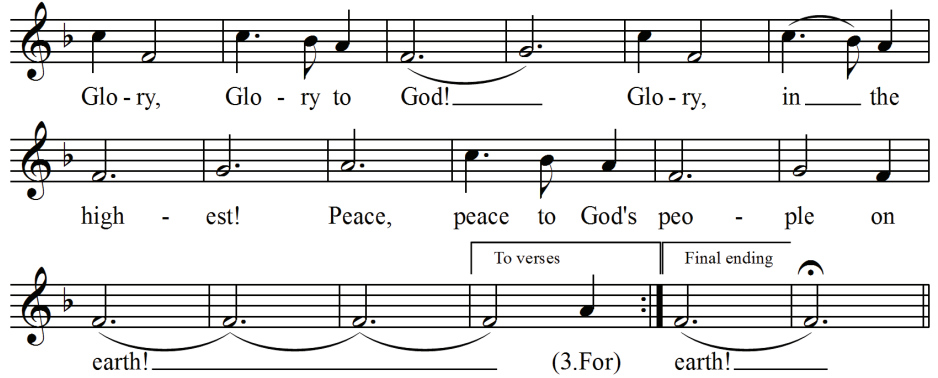
Leader: For this holy place, and for all who gather here for praise, let us pray. Christ, have mercy...



People: Christ — have mer - cy. A - men.

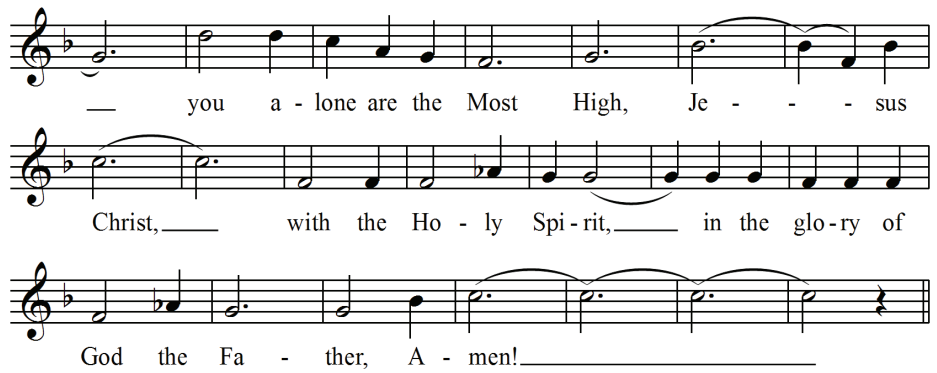
GLORY TO GOD

Refrain



Verses





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Let us pray. Loving God, do not let our hearts be troubled or afraid, but send your Spirit to remind us of all that Jesus said and to make us effective witnesses to your saving plan for all the world. 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

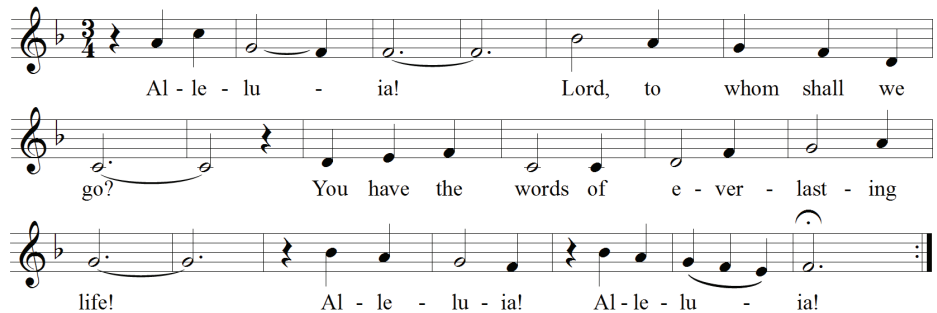
READING Philippians 4:4-7 (NIV) (sit)

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (stand)



HOLY GOSPEL John 14:25-27 (NIV)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

"All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHRISTKIDS DISMISSAL (sit)

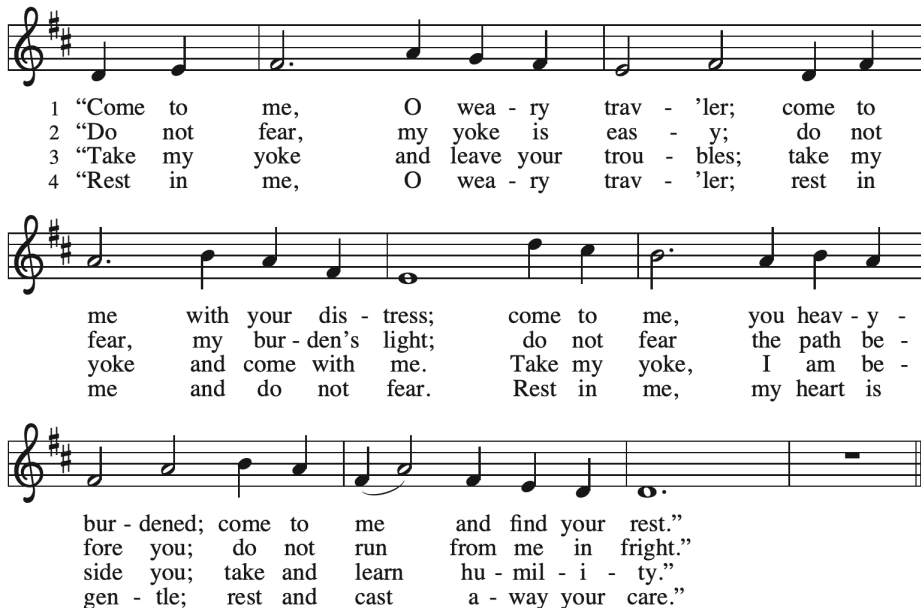
Children ages 3 years to 2nd grade are invited to an age-appropriate lesson in the Ministry Center (M241/242). They will return during the offering.

SERMON

Always at War?

Peace with God
Pastor Scott Suskovic

HYMN OF THE DAY *Come to Me, O Weary Traveler* Dunstan, Rowan (stand)



1 "Come to me, O wea - ry trav - 'ler; come to
2 "Do not fear, my yoke is eas - y; do not
3 "Take my yoke and leave your trou - bles; take my
4 "Rest in me, O wea - ry trav - 'ler; rest in

me with your dis - tress; come to me, you heav - y -
fear, my bur - den's light; do not fear the path be -
yoke and come with me. Take my yoke, I am be -
me and do not fear. Rest in me, my heart is

bur - dened; come to me and find your rest."
fore you; do not run from me in fright."
side you; take and learn hu - mil - i - ty."
gen - tle; rest and cast a - way your care."

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.

(Something Inside) So Strong
Labi Siffre
Freedom School Scholars

OFFERTORY
*As the Grains
of Wheat*
(stand)



**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

O Day of Peace

Daw Jr., Parry
(stand)



1 O day of peace that dim-ly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce de-vour the small;



guide us to jus-tice, truth, and love, de-liv-ered from our self-ish schemes.
as beasts and cat-tle calm-ly graze, a lit-tle child shall lead them all.



May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en-vy find re-lease,
Then en-e-mies shall learn to love, all crea-tures find their true ac-cord;



till by God's grace our war-ring world shall see Christ's prom-ised reign of peace.
the hope of peace shall be ful-filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

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

POSTLUDE

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**Fundraiser for
Habitat for Humanity**

As of July 23rd, the fundraising total to support Habitat for Humanity is
\$42,850

*Thank you to those who have donated!
There is still time to donate & every bit helps!!*

Click/Scan to Donate
Select "Habitat Build" Fund



 **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



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

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

Potluck Dinner
Wednesday, August 6 • 6:30 p.m.
in the Pit

Bring a dish to share and join other young adults for a potluck dinner!

More Info: rritzmann@christelca.org

School Supply Drive


for McCLINTOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

STUDENT NEEDS: pencils, book bags, over-the-head headphones, bottled glue, 0.7 mm lead, ear buds

TEACHER WISHES: headphone organizers, brooms, dustpans, hall passes

Scan/Click for Amazon Wishlist

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



 **SEPH SCHLUTER
COUNTING
MY BLESSINGS
TOUR**

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

FOR ALL TICKET LEVELS:
tprlive.co



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

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

Matilda JR.
THE MUSICAL

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>>



 **The Jungle Book KIDS**

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



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



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!

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



HIGH SCHOOL EVENT
RAFTING RETREAT
@ Nantahala Outdoor Center

\$275 includes transportation,
lodging, meals & activities
scholarships available

October 10-12 LIMITED SPOTS
AVAILABLE

Click/Scan to Register>>
Registration Deadline: Sept. 15
MORE INFO: tweller@christelca.org



**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.

NEW EPISODE EACH WEEK!



Led by Christ Lutheran pastors,
Deeper Dive will tackle your big
questions about religion & life.

Check it out now>>
christelca.org/podcast



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)

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



Morning Melodies SUMMER CHOIR

every Sunday at 8:15 a.m. (in the Sanctuary)

Calling all singers! Join Mark, Phil and Christ
Choir as we prepare an accessible anthem for
the Musical Offering during Traditional Worship
service. No robes or experience required – just
bring your enthusiasm and love for singing!

MORE INFO: pbiedenbender@christelca.org



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.

Scan/Click to Register

MORE INFO: rdyer@christelca.org



Coffee with the Pastors

BOOK STUDY

Wednesdays • 9:00 a.m.
at Christ Providence (W150) -or- Online (Zoom)



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Tutor Coordinator



Responsibilities include:

- Recruiting tutors through church publications & a table display at the start of the school year.
- Gather preferences & coordinate with school rep to place tutors.
- Send out reminders & check in periodically with each tutor.

If interested, contact:

Angela Davis (adavis@christelca.org)



HELP FUND A
SERVICE PROJECT WITH

thrivent

Action Teams

For more information:

Dee Dee Petronis (dpetronis@christelca.org)

HIGH SCHOOL summer BIBLE STUDY

meets
weekly

Wednesdays • 7:30-9:00 p.m.
in the Adult Library

Join other high schoolers for a weekly Bible Study this summer led by Cole Zoutewelle. We'll dive into the Word in a laid-back, conversation-based environment.

MORE INFO: Tyler Weller
(tweller@christelca.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
† Chris Simmons
† Terri and Paul D'Albora's niece, Amanda Romito
† Renato Tonelli and family on the death of his mother, Anna
† Joanna Feltovich's niece, Claire
† Donna Emmans
† Yvette Kerns' and family on the death of her mother, Joyce
† Keller Schnier's father, Bill
† Gloria Barringer and family on the death of her husband, John
† Paula and Greg Hoogerland on the birth of their granddaughter, Claire Elise
† Laura Tang's sister, Nancy
† Allison Melton's mother, Linda Little
Hospice List:
† Bobby Mauney's sister, Ginny

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

...in celebration of our 56th Wedding Anniversary,
Don & Vicky Essick

...in honor of Scott Whittemore,
from Jack Whittemore

...in Celebration of Stephen and Adrienne
Ladd's Wedding

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

July 20, 2025

Traditional: 224
Contemporary: 286

Christ Online: 357
(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

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