



CHRISTLUTHERAN
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Traditional

August 2, 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

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

Michael Burkhardt, setting

Philip Biedenbender, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PREPARATION (stand) ***Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am***
Bell



Take, oh, take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;



set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

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)

Clara Ruth Sensenbrenner

daughter of Eric and Hannah Sensenbrenner

(stand) *Leader: Through Baptism God has made this child a member 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 a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker 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 *Son of God, Eternal Savior* Lowry, Röntgen



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

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



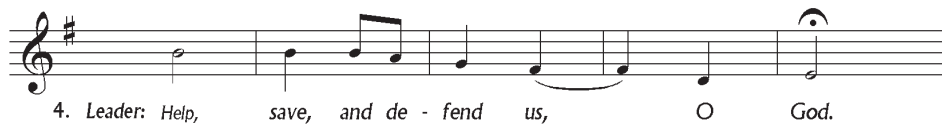
(Let us pray to the) Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have



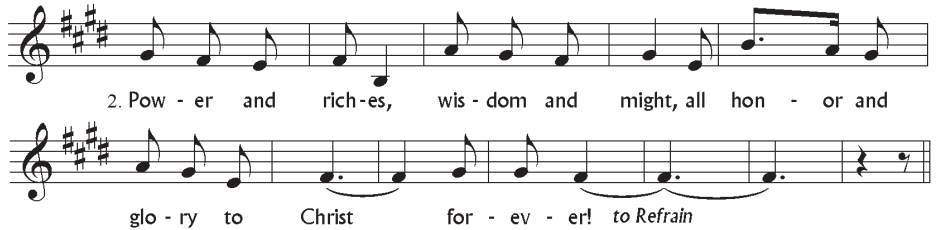
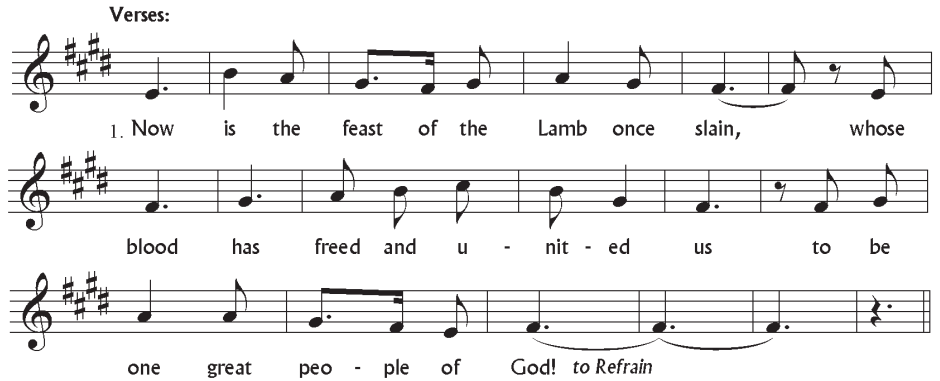
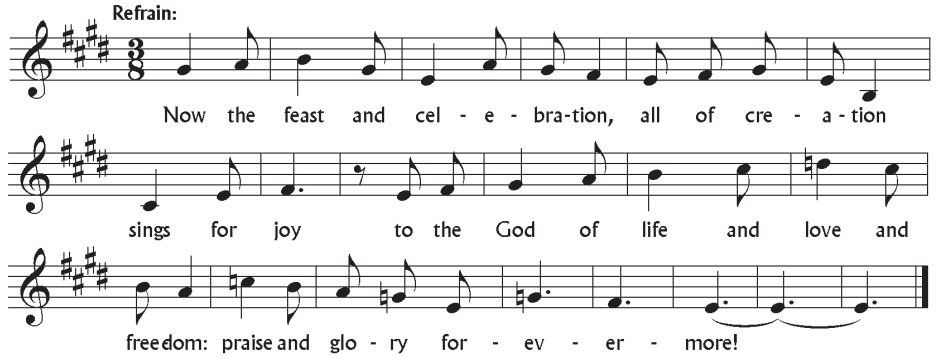
mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

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



HYMN OF PRAISE Now the Feast & Celebration



**PRAYER OF
THE DAY**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Let us pray. You have called us, O God, to love you and to serve you as the one only God. Take pity on our human condition, save us from the seduction of riches, and grant that, lifting our hands up to heaven, hands that are free and undefiled, we may give you glory with our whole lives. 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 3:12–14
(NIV)**
(sit)

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

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
Luke 16:1–13 (NIV)**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 16th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’ The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg— I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’ So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ‘Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied. The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’ Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’ ‘A thousand bushels of wheat,’ he replied. He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’ The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with



someone else's property, who will give you property of your own? No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

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



The Ways of the World Pastor Scott Suskovic

HYMN OF THE DAY *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

Edward, Perry
(stand)



- 1 God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store;
- 2 Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son;
- 3 Trea-sure, too, you have en-trust-ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con-ferred;



na-ture's won-der, Je-sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat-tered door,
all at peace in health and free-dom, rac-es joined, the church made one.
ours to use for home and kin-dred, and to spread the gos-pel word.



gift-ed by you, we turn to you, of-f'ring up our-selves in praise;
Now di-rect our dai-ly la-bor, lest we strive for self a-lone;
O-pen wide our hands in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age-less call,



thank-ful song shall rise for-ev-er, gra-cious do-nor of our days.
born with tal-ents, make us ser-vants fit to an-swer at your throne.
heal-ing, teach-ing, and re-claim-ing, serv-ing you by lov-ing all.

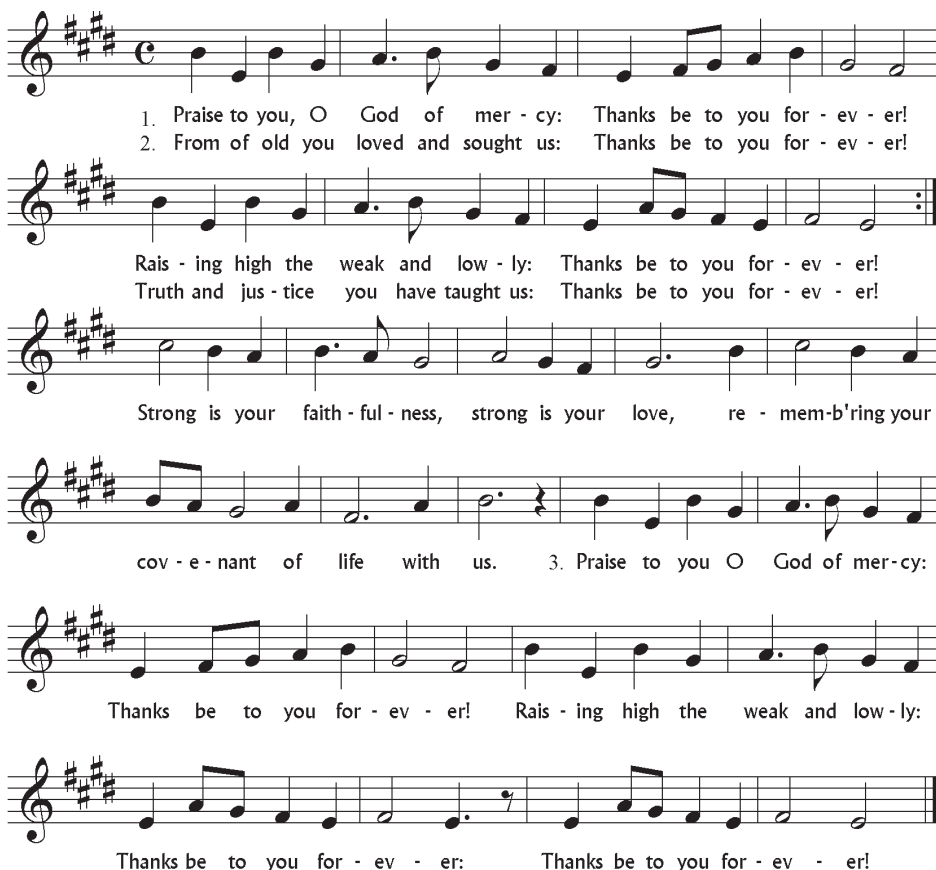
MUSICAL OFFERING (sit)

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.

Be Thou My Vision
arr. Alice Parker
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.

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***Rise Up,**O Saints of God!*

Forness, Walter



- 1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
- 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;
- 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
- 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
- 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
 as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
 re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
 stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
 and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

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

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

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



CENTERSTAGE SUMMER CAMP presents



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

SPOTLIGHT SUMMER CAMP presents



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



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



REALM

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



Scan/Click QR Code to Register

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

MEXICO MISSION TRIP



Join Pastor Tenny September 27–October 3 for a week helping our neighbors in Reynosa, Mexico.

Informational Meetings:
 Sun., Aug. 2 • 10:15–10:45 (W150 A&B)
 Sun., Aug. 23 • 10:15–10:45 (W150 A&B)

Click/Scan to Register for the Trip
 REGISTRATION ENDS SEPTEMBER 1
 MORE INFO: tcshifley@gmail.com



REALM

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

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Presentation



Sunday, August 23
 12–1 p.m. in the Forum

Join with Thrivent representatives as they explain how members can fully utilize their account benefits for the service projects within CLC they care most about.



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REALM

CHARLOTTE-AREA LUTHERAN MEN'S

CHICKEN & CORN ROAST



Saturday, August 22
 12 p.m. in Spirit Hall

Enjoy an afternoon with Charlotte-area Lutheran men, great food, door prizes & more!

Keynote Speaker: Captain Steve Scheibner

To register, email Ed Eddlemen:
ed.eddlemen@edata-charlotte.com



Morning Melodies SUMMER CHOIR

**Sundays at 8:15 a.m. (in the Sanctuary)
MAY 24 – SEPTEMBER 6**

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

MORE INFO: pbiedenbender@christelca.org

ADULT 40+ Open Court Basketball

Find your old high-tops & join us for some exercise, fun & fellowship. Throughout the summer months, Spirit Hall will be open

Wednesdays • 7–9 p.m.

for adults 40+ to shoot, play a game of horse or join a pick-up game. Join in to relive the glory days & remember—no dunking allowed.

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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

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

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To learn more, contact Natalya
(nlegvold@christelca.org)

August 23rd **10:00 a.m.**

PRESCHOOL PLAYDATE

Families with young children are invited to join Pastor Ryan and Ms. Rachel in the Nursery between services on August 23! Come enjoy a relaxed time for children to play and for families to connect and spend time together.

MORE INFO: rdyer@christelca.org

IMAGINE more

NAT'L YOUTH GATHERING - KICKOFF EVENT

Sunday, August 23 • 1:00 p.m. at Southland

All rising 8–12 graders are invited as we kick off our youth gathering preparations with lunch & games. Parents, join us at 3pm for an info meeting to learn more about next summer's trips the 2027 National Youth Gathering & the Xperience Tour. Transportation is available from Christ Providence after worship.

Scan/Click to Register

REALM

Confirmation Sunday

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.



Prayers

† National, state and local leaders
† People of Russia and Ukraine
† Conflicts in the Middle East
† Earthquake victims of Venezuela
† Kristi Ausrud
† Sharhonda Morgan
† Delaney Martin
† Jackie Misenheimer's mother, Mildred Wells
† Sonny Parker
† Bill Porter
† Virginia Pfeiffer
† Fred Reddel
† Marjorie Wright and family on the death of her sister, Joyce Lee Neff
† Debbie and John Broughton on the birth of their granddaughter, Margaret Ann Broughton
† Kass and Chris Chase on the birth of their son, Daniel Christopher. Proud grandparents, Barb and Rob Chase. Proud great-grandparents, Ed and Sandy Chase
† Tony Hyde on the birth of his granddaughter, Isabella Vivienne
† Josh and Samantha Ingram on the birth of their son, Elijah "Eli" Lawrence Ingram

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

In honor of Barbara Handschin and Alice McRorie for their devotion to Christ Lutheran's Flower Ministry and for sharing their expertise with us and others, and for CLC's pastors, staff and congregation for their support in our spiritual journey as fellow workers in the Kingdom of God.
— Jack Whittemore and Phillip Brown

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

July 26, 2026

Traditional: 292

Contemporary: 320

Christ Online: 354 (Sun - Tue)



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Dr. Scott Suskovic
Senior Pastor



Pastor Ryan Ritzmann
Evangelism
& Faith Formation



Pastor Adrienne Ladd
Family Ministries



Alexis Williams
Christ Online
Minister



Mark Johanson
Minister of
Music & Worship



Angela Davis
Director of
Outreach

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