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Traditional

August 16, 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

Italian Hymn

setting, Richard Proulx
Philip Biedenbender, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PREPARATION (stand)

Order My Steps (In Your Word)

Burleigh, Schrader



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

*God, Whose
Almighty Word*

Marriott, de Giardini



- 1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
- 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
- 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
- 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

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 and Celebration

Refrain:

Now the feast and cel - e - bration, 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. You bid us keep watch, Lord, and use our gifts for you. Empower your Church throughout the world to build your Kingdom, and be ever vigilant that you are Lord above all lords and God above all gods, that you have come and are coming. May we always discern your will rightly and let our light so shine that all may see our good works and give glory to you, through your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

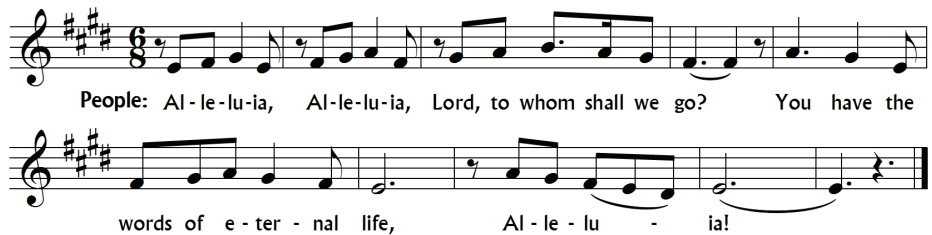
READING
Acts 4:12-20
(NRSV)
 (sit)

[Peter said,] "There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved." Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and ordinary men, they were amazed and recognized them as companions of Jesus. When they saw the man who had been cured standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition. So they ordered them to leave the council while they discussed the matter with one another. They said, "What will we do with them? For it is obvious to all who live in Jerusalem that a notable sign has been done through them; we cannot deny it. But to keep it from spreading further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name." So they called them and ordered them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it is right in God's sight to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge; for we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL
ACCLAMATION
Alleluia
 (stand)



HOLY GOSPEL
Matthew 25:14-30
(NRSV)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man,

reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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.

MINISTRY PRESENTATION



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

Sleep in Heavenly Peace

SERMON



Money Matters
Pastor Ryan Ritzmann

HYMN OF THE DAY *Lord of Light*

Lewis, Taylor
(stand)

1 Lord of light, your name out - shin - ing all the stars and
2 By the toil of faith - ful work - ers in some far out -

suns of space, use our tal - ents in your king - dom
ly - ing field, by the cour - age where the ra - diance

as the ser - vants of your grace; use us to ful -
of the cross is still re - vealed, by the vic - to -

fill your pur - pose in the gift of Christ your Son.
ries of meek - ness, through re - proach and suf - f'ring won:

Refrain

Fa - ther, as in high - est heav - en, so on earth your will be done.

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.

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service
arr. Richard Wienhorst
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

***Lord of Glory, You
Have Bought Us***

Alderson, Pritchard



1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you glad - ly, free - ly,
3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en to our hum - blest
4 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood



as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -
of your own. With the sun - shine of your good - ness melt our
char - i - ty in your own mys - te - rious sen - tence, "You have
as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -



men - dous sac - ri - fice; and with that have free - ly giv - en
thank - less hearts of stone till our cold and self - ish na - tures,
done it all to me." Na - ked, sick, in pris - on, hun - gry—
men - dous sac - ri - fice. Give us faith to trust you bold - ly,



bles - sings count - less as the sand to the un - thank - ful
warmed by you, at length be - lieve that more hap - py
in the least, your face we view, say - ing by your
hope, to stay our souls on you: but, oh, best of



and the e - vil with your own un - spar - ing hand.
and more bless - ed 'tis to give than to re - ceive.
poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you."
all your grac - es, with your love our love re - new.

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

POSTLUDE

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Sleep in Heavenly Peace

Upcoming Dates

Sat., August 22 • 9 a.m. **at Southland Workshop**

SCAN/CLICK TO REGISTER

As part of our Faith in Action service projects, we will be building beds for children on "Bunk Across America" service day... All skill levels needed.

FOR MORE INFO, EMAIL
chris.barkoukis@shpbeds.org




MEXICO MISSION TRIP

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

Informational Meeting:
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




BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

Sunday, August 23

DURING BOTH WORSHIP SERVICES

Join us for a special back-to-school blessing for all our students & teachers.

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer meetings will take a break from August 10th through Labor Day. We are exploring ways for our meetings to become more Christ-centered and are also looking at changing the date and time that we meet.

Stay tuned for updates!

MORE INFO:
[Laura Tang \(Lttang@earthlink.net\)](mailto:Lttang@earthlink.net)

Psalm 8: Eco-Friendly

Saturday, September 12
 8:45–10:30 a.m. (meet in the circular drive in front of Ministry Center)

We will be cleaning up Providence Rd. from Sharon Amity to Olde Providence. Bring your own gloves & we will provide trash bags, grabbers and safety vests.

More info: Gordon Miller (gmliller9535@aol.com)

FALL KICKOFF

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

NEW WORSHIP TIMES
 8:45 a.m. Traditional • 11:00 a.m. Contemporary
 Adult Classes Resume • 10–10:45 a.m.
 Youth/Children SS Open House • 10–10:45 a.m.

LUNCH 10:45 a.m. – 1 p.m. (free)

MINISTRY FAIR & ACTIVITIES
 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Scan/Click to Register for Lunch




PIE-MAKING CONTEST

As part of our Fall Kickoff activities on Sept. 13, there will be a blue ribbon Pie making contest. Dropoff your homemade pies in Fellowship Hall by 9:00 a.m. for judging at 10:00 a.m. Winners announced at 11:00 a.m.!!

Registration is under Fall Kickoff Lunch, just indicate that you'll be bringing a pie!




2030 somethings

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

Bible Study

Meets every other Thursday
6:30 p.m. in the Pit

Young adults are invited to join with others in their 20s-30s for a time in the Word.

UPCOMING DATES:
 August 20 • Sept. 3 • Sept. 17 • Oct. 1 • Oct. 15



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

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:
edreddleman@eddata-charlotte.com

thrivent® Presentation

part of **FAITH IN ACTION**

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.



Scan/Click to Register

REGISTER NOW!

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

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

6th Grade Event

Sunday, August 23 • 4-6 p.m.
 at Southland (315 Reid Dairy Rd. in Waxhaw)

Parents and 6th grade students, please join us at Southland for a time of fellowship & to learn more about the Confirmation program. Dinner will be included.



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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

Aug. 25 • Sept. 1 • Sept. 15 • Oct. 6

Coffee with the YOUTH DIRECTOR



On Various Tuesdays 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Highschoolers, come have coffee with Tyler! Check out the Signup Genius to see if any of the timeslots work for you & your friends.

Scan/Click to Sign up
 or go to <https://t.ly/YLgKf>




Prayers

- † National, state and local leaders
- † People of Russia and Ukraine
- † Conflicts in the Middle East
- † College kids returning to school
- † Kristi Ausrud
- † Delaney Martin
- † Jackie Misenheimer's mother, Mildred Wells
- † Sonny Parker
- † Bill Porter
- † Fred Reddel
- † Perfecta Modesto
- † Renee Cerwin's grandson, Archie
- † Larry and Lois Witham for their 6th & 7th great grandchildren, Isabela & James
- † Meghan Cole's grandfather, Paul Hoffman
- † Chris Simmons

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

In loving memory of Bob Anderson,
from Barbara

In honor of Lois and Larry Witham's 62nd
Wedding Anniversary

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

August 9, 2026

Traditional: 289

Contemporary: 282

Christ Online: 275 (Sun - Tue)



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Senior Pastor



Pastor Ryan Ritzmann
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Pastor Adrienne Ladd
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Alexis Williams
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