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Traditional

Celebration of Holy Communion

August 17, 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

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

arr. Mark Hayes

Philip Biedenbender, piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PREPARATION (stand)

Jesus, We Are Gathered

Matsikenyiri



Je - su, ta - wa pa - no, Je - su, ta - wa pa - no,
Je - sus, we are gath-ered, Je - sus, we are gath-ered,



Je - su, ta - wa pa - no, ta - wa pa - no mu zi - ta re - nyu.
Je - sus, we are gath-ered, we are gath-ered, Lord Je-sus, for you.

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 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

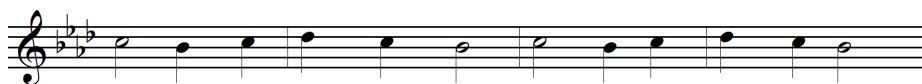
Bateman



1. Come, Chris-tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
2. Come, lift your hearts on high,
3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain,



Loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
Let prais - es fill the sky;
Life shall not end the strain;



Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re-joyce;
He is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll con - descend;
On heav - en's bliss - ful shore, his good - ness we'll a-dore,



Praise is his gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
his love shall nev - er end.
Sing - ing for - ev - er - more,

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. _____

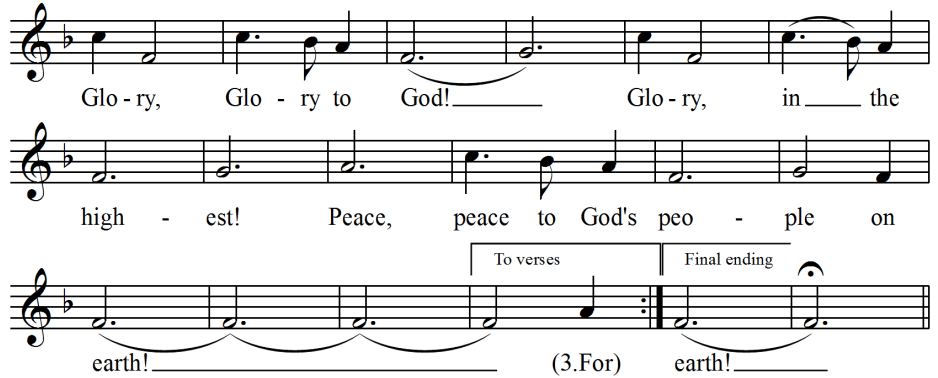
Leader: For this holy place, and for all who gather here for praise, let us pray. Christ, have mercy..



People: Christ___ have mer - cy. A - men.

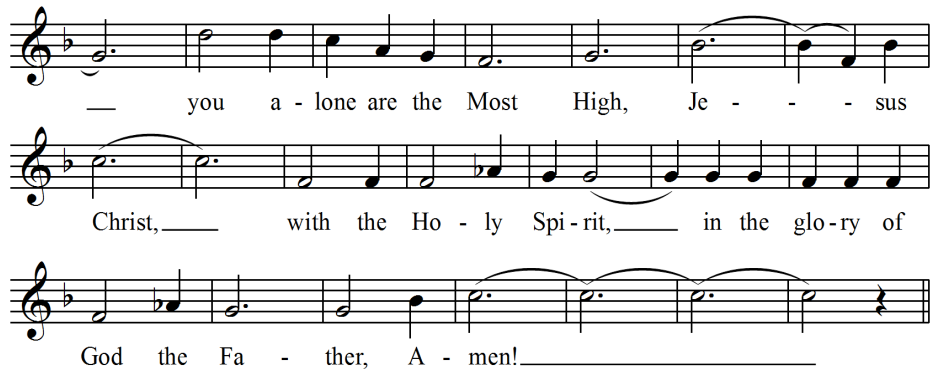
Refrain

GLORY TO GOD



Verses





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Let us pray. O God, the inexhaustible fountain of life, you accepted the offering of your Son who gave us his life as a sacrifice for the salvation of the world. Sanctify us in the truth and consecrate us in that unity that is your Spirit's gift, that we may abide always in your love and be witnesses of the resurrection. 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 Ezra 3:10–13 (NIV) (sit)

When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, the priests in their vestments and with trumpets, and the Levites (the sons of Asaph) with cymbals, took their places to praise the Lord, as prescribed by David king of Israel. With praise and thanksgiving they sang to the Lord: “He is good; his love toward Israel endures forever.” And all the people gave a great shout of praise to the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid. But many of the older priests and Levites and family heads, who had seen the former temple, wept aloud when they saw the foundation of this temple being laid, while many others shouted for joy. No one could distinguish the sound of the shouts of joy from the sound of weeping, because the people made so much noise. And the sound was heard far away.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

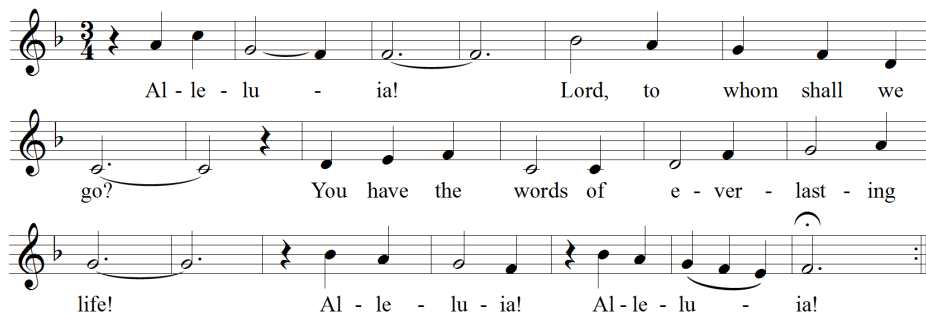
SECOND READING Revelation 5:11–14 (NIV)

Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they were saying: “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!” Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!” The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL
ACCLAMATION**
(stand)



HOLY GOSPEL
John 17:6-11 (NIV)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

"I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

**BACK TO SCHOOL
BLESSING**



**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



APOSTLES' CREED

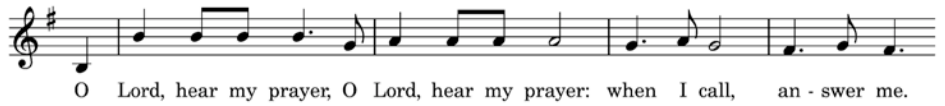
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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.

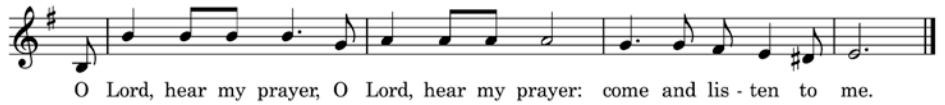
THE PRAYERS

(kneel/sit)



After each petition, the pastor sings:

And the congregation responds:



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

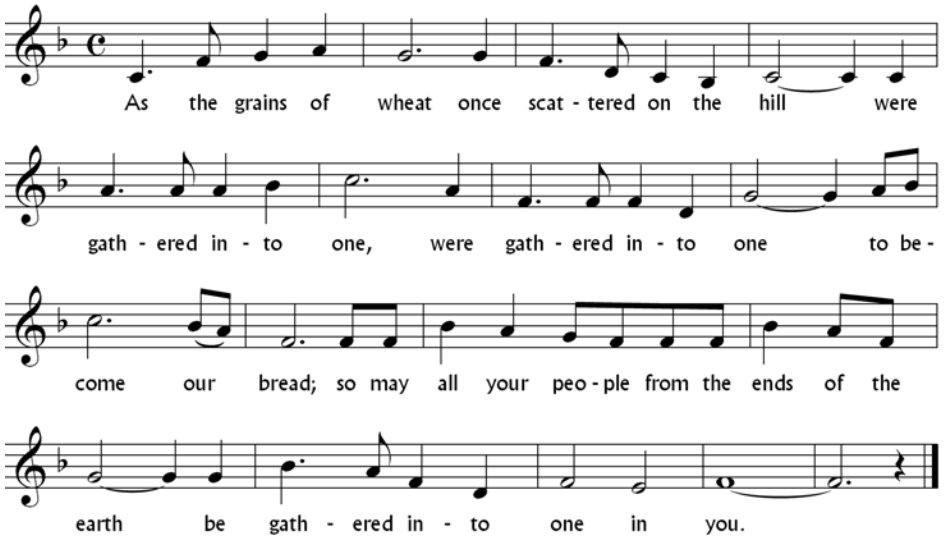
(sit)

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.

Lord, I Worship You
Joseph Martin & Brad Nix
Morning Melodies
Summer Choir

OFFERTORY

As the Grains of Wheat
(stand)

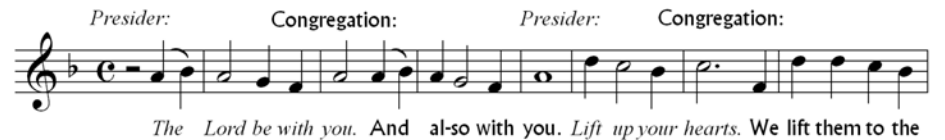


OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.**

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

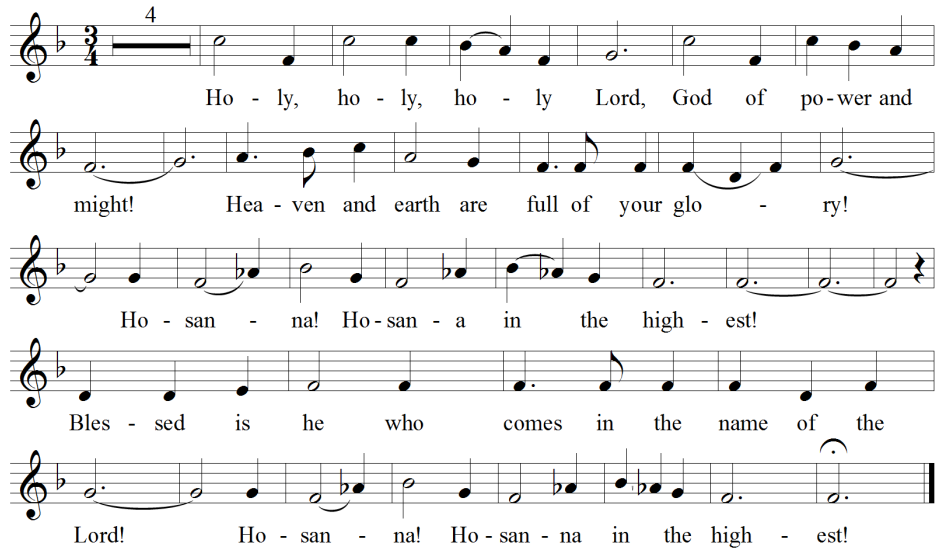




Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

SANCTUS Holy, Holy, Holy

It is our duty and delight... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



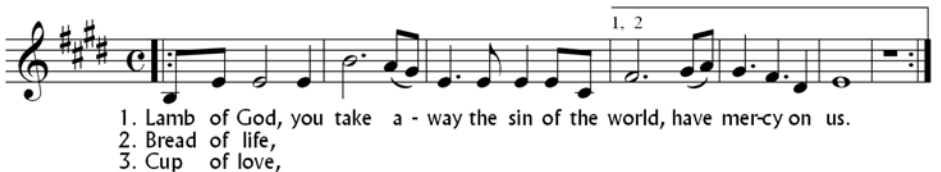
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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)



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

Thine the Amen

Brokering, Schalk



1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be
3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest
4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise
5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread
thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee
thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be
thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways
thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry
then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war
thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least
then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.
thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

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.

SENDING

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
Sent Forth by God's
Blessing
 Westendorf

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
 2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,

the peo - ple of our God from this dwell - ing take leave.
 the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—

The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
 our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,

the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
 em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.

The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
 With your feast you feed us, with your light now

reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
 lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.

Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
 Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing

to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
 give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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

POSTLUDE

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8 DAYS OF SERVICE AUGUST 17-24

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

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**8 DAYS OF SERVICE
AUGUST 17-24**

**PROJECT HIGHLIGHT
Hunger Fight
Meal Packaging
Sunday, August 17**

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

Click or Scan to Sign Up>>



REALM

**8 DAYS OF SERVICE
AUGUST 17-24**



10 SPOTS LEFT!!

**Upcoming
Habitat Build Days:**

**August 22-23:
Framing/House Start**



**FIND THIS PROJECT & MORE ON OUR WEBSITE!
christelca.org/8-days**

Kick-Off | September 7

FALL SUNDAY SCHEDULE BEGINS

8:45 a.m. Traditional • 10 a.m. The Bridge

11 a.m. Contemporary

Sunday School 10-10:45 a.m.

MINISTRY FAIR

9:30-11:30 a.m. in the Lower Commons

LUNCH

served 10:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.
in Fellowship Hall • FREE!

Please RSVP for lunch in REALM>>



WEDNESDAYS ABLAZE

Dinner 5:00-6:00 p.m.

in Fellowship Hall (\$8 adults/\$6 child/\$30 family max)

RSVPs in REALM are appreciated but not required

Activities & Classes 6:00-7:30 p.m.

STARTS SEPTEMBER 10

**CLASS DESCRIPTIONS & DINNER MENUS
COMING SOON!**





SEPH SCHLUTER COUNTING MY BLESSINGS TOUR

I, II, III, ∞

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

FOR ALL TICKET LEVELS:
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for general admission
(limited availability in REALM)



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the main menu.

CHRIST LUTHERAN
cornerstone
gifts

Summer Hours:
SUNDAYS
9:30a.m. - 12:30p.m.

 FOLLOW US
ON FACEBOOK!

DID YOU KNOW?

We offer a variety of
religious gift items to
celebrate milestones
such as **Baptism,**
First Communion and
Confirmation.

All proceeds are
directed to Christ Lutheran's
Outreach Ministries.

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.



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



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



Outreach Associate

full-time (30 hrs. per week)



Seeking an outreach associate with a heart for helping others. Major responsibilities include McPIE Family Night coordination, partnerships and development, general communications & support in Christ Lutheran's ongoing ministries/projects.

If interested in learning more, contact Angela Davis at adavis@christelca.org

Southland Deckbarn is NOW OPEN



TO RESERVE THE SPACE FOR YOUR SMALL GROUP, EVENT OR MEETING, EMAIL: thyde@christelca.org or awallace@christelca.org

6th Grade Event

Saturday, August 23

1-3 p.m. in the Pit

All rising 6th graders are invited to a day of fun & games! We will introduce the Youth Ministry Team and parents will get a chance to meet with Pastor Adrienne about Confirmation expectations.



Scan/Click to Register

REALM

Church Trip to Italy

June 10-20, 2026

Join Pastor Scott & Gretchen for a faith and food tour of Italy next summer! For more info, contact Pastor Scott (suskovic@christelca.org)



SCAN/CLICK FOR TRIP DETAILS
or go to t.ly/9J4Ar

McPIE

McClintock PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

Family Night at McClintock
STARTS SEPTEMBER 30!!

To get involved, contact Angela:
adavis@christelca.org

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING

CHOOSE ONE SESSION:

Wednesday, September 3 • 6-8pm

Saturday, September 6 • 9-11am
in the Forum

This training is mandatory for anyone who is interested in assisting with children & youth during the 2025-26 school year. We will review our Child Protection Policy & provide information about updates.



Scan/Click to Register

REALM

Baptismal Class

Sunday, August 24
1:00 p.m. on Zoom

For info, email Mary Parker
mparker@christelca.org

ZOOM LINK:
christelca.org/online

CIVIL RIGHTS TRAIL: GREENSBORO'S CIVIL RIGHTS CENTER

Saturday, September 27
leave church 8 a.m. • return by 5 p.m.

Join us as we travel with Emmaus Church to the International Civil Rights Center & Museum in Greensboro. Day trip includes lunch (cost tba) & a time for prayer.

\$20 • Scan/Click to Register



REALM



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



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





 *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.

Coffee with the Pastors
 BOOK STUDY

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

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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

† Donna Emmans

† Laura Tang's sister, Nancy

† Mark Sciacero

† Melissa Suester's grandnephew, Preston Joseph

† Jane Moore

† John Dorsey

† Becky Sigmon

† Todd Roseman's nephew, Michael

† Mac Roberts

† Cathy and David Goodson on the birth of their granddaughter, Elianna Carolyn Pruitt

Hospice List:

† Bobby Mauney's sister, Ginny

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

In memory of my wife, Kathie,
with love, Chuck

To the Glory of God on our 61st anniversary,
Larry and Lois Witham

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

August 10, 2025

Traditional: 222

Contemporary: 361

Christ Online: 374 (Sun - Tue)



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— Our Ministry Leaders —



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Senior Pastor



Pastor Ryan Ritzmann
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& Faith Formation



Pastor Adrienne Ladd
Family Ministries



Alexis Williams
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Minister of
Music & Worship



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