



CHRISTLUTHERAN
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Traditional

August 31, 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

Romance Sans Paroles

Gabriel Fauré

Aidan Conway, flute

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PREPARATION (stand)

Look to Christ

Haas



Look to Christ to be your light; fol- low,



Leave be-hind your for-mer self and live.



Don't look back, don't be a- fraid; fol- low,



Come to Christ, walk with Christ, and live.

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

*My Faith Looks Up
to Thee*
Palmer, Mason



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed 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.*

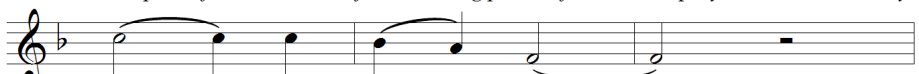
KYRIE

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



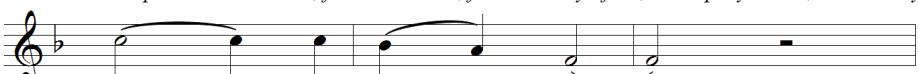
People: Lord, _____ have mer - cy. _____

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



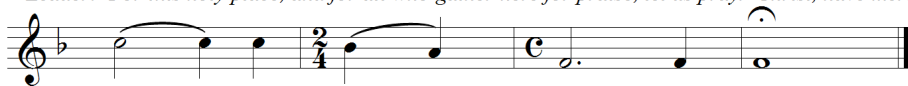
People: Christ _____ have mer - cy. _____

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. _____

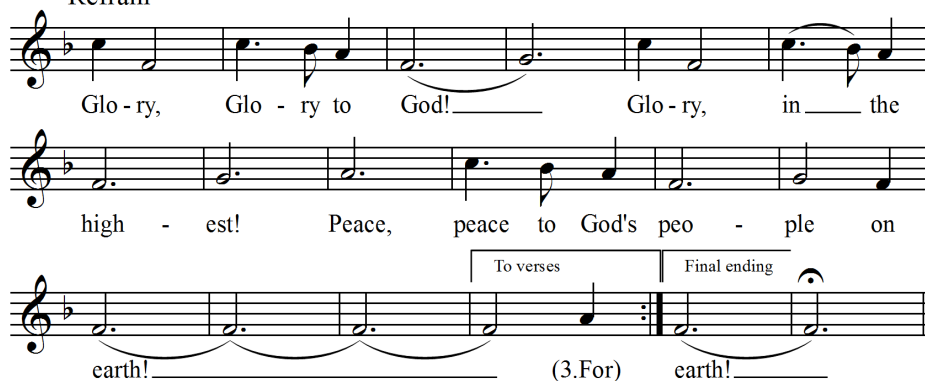
Leader: For this holy place, and for all who gather here for praise, let us pray. Christ, have mercy...



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

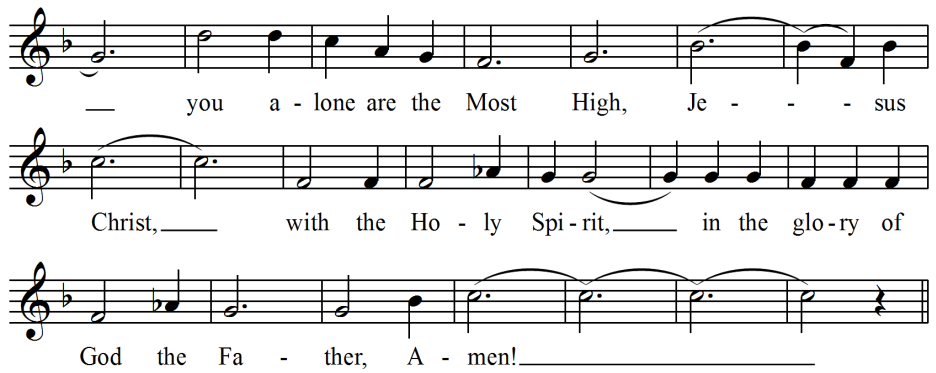
GLORY TO GOD

Refrain



Verses





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Let us pray. The time is fulfilled, O God, your kingdom comes near, and Christ bids us follow and join in your work of compassion. Let this call move our hearts and kindle our spirits, so that, leaving other paths and gods, we may follow where Jesus leads and proclaim the good news of the kingdom where this Christ lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

WORD

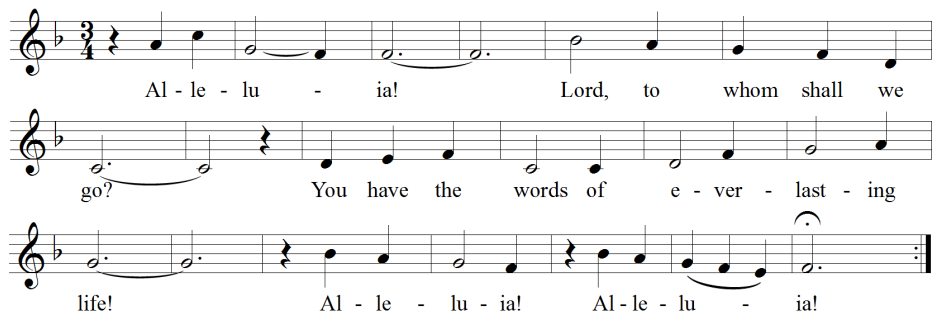
FIRST READING Isaiah 30:18-21 (NIV) (sit)

Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him! People of Zion, who live in Jerusalem, you will weep no more. How gracious he will be when you cry for help! As soon as he hears, he will answer you. Although the Lord gives you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, your teachers will be hidden no more; with your own eyes you will see them. Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (stand)



HOLY GOSPEL
Matthew 4:18-22
(NIV)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him. Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

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

Transitions
Pastor Adrienne Ladd

HYMN OF THE DAY
Lord, Take My Hand
and Lead Me
 von Hausmann, Silcher
 (stand)



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me up - on life's way;
 2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;
 3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en and night has come,



di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me from day to day.
 for you, the Rock of A - ges, are al - ways near.
 I know that you will strength - en my steps toward home,



With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
 Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe;
 then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend!



so take my hand, O Sav - ior, and lead the way.
 for when your hand is guid - ing, in peace I go.
 So, take my hand and lead me un - to the end.

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.

*Savior, Like a
Shepherd Lead Us*

arr. Hal Hopson

Morning Melodies Summer
Choir; Aidan Conway, flute

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.

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

***Guide Me Ever,
Great Redeemer***

Williams, Hughes



1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

DISMISSAL & POSTLUDE

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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FALL KICK-OFF

Sunday, September 7

NEW WORSHIP TIMES

8:45 a.m. Traditional • 10:00 a.m. Bridge • 11:00 a.m. Contemporary
Sunday School resumes 10:00 - 10:45 a.m.

LUNCH served 10:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
in Fellowship Hall • FREE! • Please RSVP for lunch in REALM

MINISTRY FAIR 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Stop by the Lower Commons to learn about
fall programming for all ages.



WEDNESDAYS ABLAZE

STARTS SEPTEMBER 10

DINNER

5:00-6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
(\$8 adults/\$6 child/\$30 family max)

To speed up your check-in, prepay for dinner in Realm

ACTIVITIES & CLASSES

6:00-7:30 p.m.

LEARN MORE & RSVP FOR DINNERS:
christelca.org/wednesdays-ablaze



WORSHIP IN PERSON -or- ONLINE
christelca.org   



SEPH SCHLUETER
**COUNTING
MY BLESSINGS**
TOUR
1, 4, 11, ∞

**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)

Concert Volunteers Needed

If you are interested in helping with tickets, ushering or helping load in for the Seph Schlueter concert on September 19, please email Mary Parker:

mparker@christelca.org

TRAINING **stephen MINISTRY.**

STARTING MID-SEPTEMBER

Matthews United Methodist Church will host training for anyone interested in being a Stephen Minister. The training will start in mid-September.

If you are interested in attending and would like more information on registering, please reach out to Pastor Scott:

suskovic@christelca.org

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Christ Choir

Wednesdays • 7:15 p.m. in the Music Room

Sing with Christ Choir this fall & raise your voice in Traditional worship! Join us for our **FIRST REHEARSAL ON SEPTEMBER 3** & afterward for happy hour at Red Rocks.

MORE INFO: pbiedenbender@christelca.org

Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study

meets weekly from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Worship Center Parlor

Starting Sept. 11, we'll begin a 7-session study on *Heaven: When Faith Becomes Sight* by Jennifer Rothchild.

BOOK CAN BE PURCHASED ON AMAZON.COM

MORE INFO: julia.edelson@gmail.com

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SERMON SERIES
September 7 - October 5

A LIVING HOPE

christelca.org/sermon-series






**MIDDLE SCHOOL FAMILY SOCIAL
PANTHERS WATCH PARTY**

Sunday, September 14
4:00 p.m. at the Southland Deck Barn

Middle schoolers & their families are invited to Southland to watch the Panthers take on the Arizona Cardinals. Main dish provided, bring a football snack to share.

Scan/Click to Register>>



REALM

Upcoming Habitat Build Days

September 6 • Framing Punch List
October 3-4 • Drywall
October 17-18 • Interior Paint
October 30-31 • Interior Trim & Paint
November 1 • Punch List

Scan/Click to Register
(use group number 6011)
<https://t.ly/WYnmC>





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

Stepping Stone

Gifting of the Word

Placing the scriptures in the hands of our children is one of the baptismal promises we make at the font. Join us during Traditional or Contemporary services for this important Stepping Stone:

6th Grade Bibles: September 7
2nd Grade Bibles: September 14
Three Year Old's First Bible: Sept. 21



Christ Connecting
BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

sept/oct 2025
NOW AVAILABLE!

christelca.org/latest-news/newsletter

Middle School Messy Game Night High School

Sunday, September 7

4-6 p.m. • at Christ Providence (Fire Pit)

Join us to kick-off Youth Group! Open to HS & MS students. Be sure to bring some old worn out clothes & a trashbag!

MORE INFO: tweller@christelca.org

MULTIMEDIA INTEREST SESSION

Sunday, September 14 • 12:15 p.m.
in the Sanctuary's Tech Booth

A free, informational overview of visual media used during worship.

for 6th graders-adults • no rsvp

FOR MORE INFO: OGERIK@CHRISTELCA.ORG

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Build Day!

Sat., September 27
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

at Southland Workshop

We will be building beds for children. All skill levels needed.

Interested in helping?

Email Chris Barkoukis at cabarkoukis@gmail.com



NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN!



XPERIENCE

COME CHECK US OUT!
Wednesday, September 10 • 6 p.m. in the Pit

The Xperience welcomes Bradley Stiver as our new artistic director! Learn how to be a worship leader, either in front of peers or behind the scenes, in the Xperience ministry where everyone's gifts are wanted.

ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WELCOME!

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



Prayers

† People in Washington DC, our government and leaders

† People of Russia and Ukraine

† Israel and Palestine War

† Conflict in the Middle East

† Elizabeth

† Chris Simmons

† Donna Emmans

† Laura Tang's sister, Nancy

† Becky Sigmon

† Roger Szymczyk

† Marsha Kinniburgh and family on the death of her mother, Harriet Jenkins

† Sara and Art Carbert and Molly Burroughs on the death of Pete

† Jenny Schmidt and family on the death of her father, Tim

† Perfecta Modesto

Hospice List:

Bobby Mauney's sister, Ginny

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

In honor of Brice and Amanda's
one year wedding anniversary,
with love, Mary & Tripp

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

August 24, 2025

Traditional: 282

Contemporary: 383

Christ Online: 361 (Sun - Tue)



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Senior Pastor



Pastor Ryan Ritzmann
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Pastor Adrienne Ladd
Family Ministries



Alexis Williams
Christ Online
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Mark Johanson
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