



CHRISTLUTHERAN
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Traditional

September 13, 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

Toccata (from 12 Pièces pour orgue)

Théodore Dubois

Mark Johanson, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PREPARATION (stand)

*We've Come This
Far by Faith*

Goodson

Refrain - All

We've come this far by faith, lean-ing on the Lord;
trust-ing in his ho-ly word, he's nev-er failed us yet.
Oh, can't turn a-round, we've come this far by
faith. We've come this far by faith.

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
*Faith Begins by
Letting Go*
Daw, Werner



1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what had seemed sure,
2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - 'ry's roots a - live
3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en - larg - ing hearts,



tak - ing risks and press - ing on, though the way feels less se - cure:
so that hope may bear its fruit; prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive,
shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer, bind - ing up the bro - ken parts;



pil - grim - age both right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.
not through mer - it we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.
till we find the com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

**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.*

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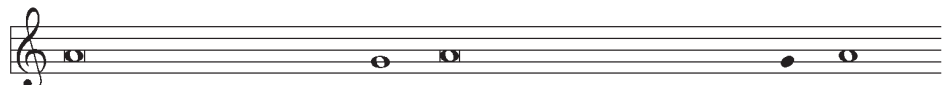
Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



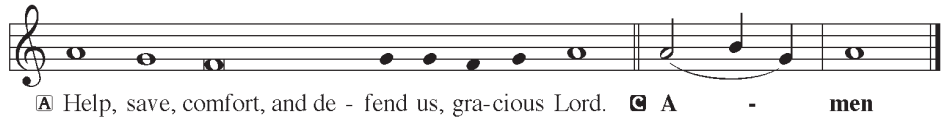
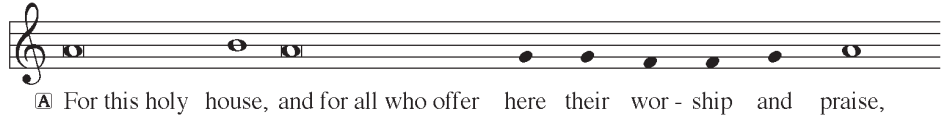
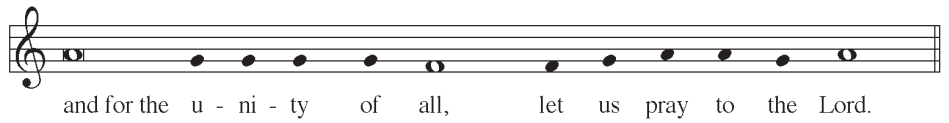
Ⓐ For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



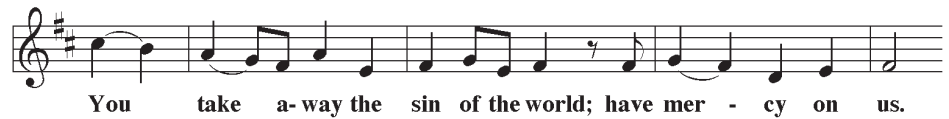
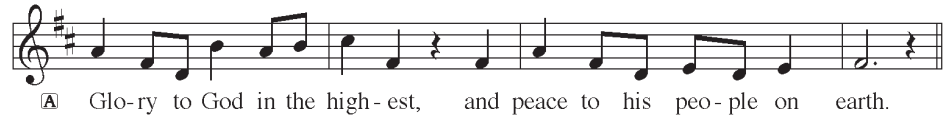
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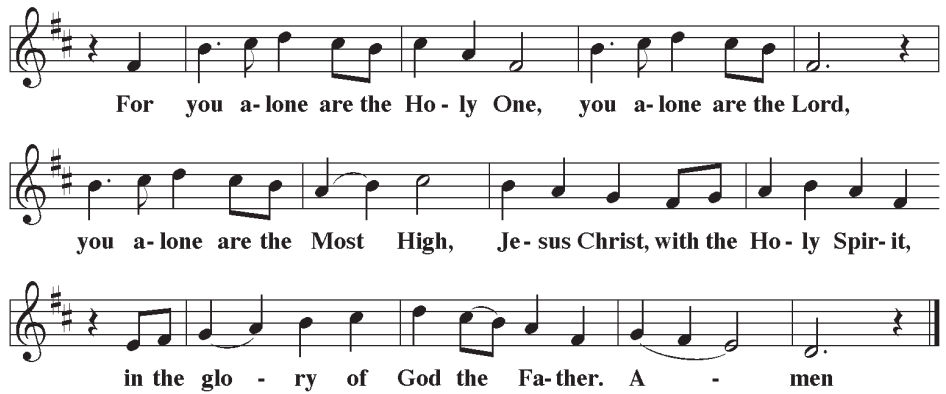


Ⓐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



HYMN OF PRAISE *Glory to God in the Highest*





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

PRESENTATION OF 6TH GRADE BIBLES (sit)

FIRST READING Genesis 12:1-5 (NRSV)

read by Ellie Conway

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Proverbs 3:1-6 (NRSV)

read by
Katie Thompson

My child, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare they will give you. Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you; bind them round your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favour and good repute in the sight of God and of people. Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL
ACCLAMATION**
Alleluia
(stand)



HOLY GOSPEL
Mark 1:16-21
(NRSV)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea — for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him. They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught.

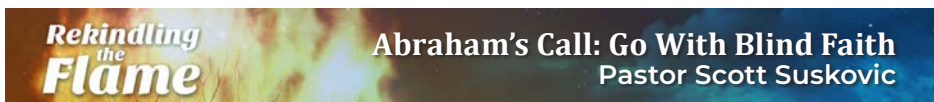
The Gospel of the Lord.

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



HYMN OF THE DAY
*Jesus Calls Us;
O'er the Tumult*
Alexander; Jude
(stand)



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.

We Walk by Faith
Lloyd Larson
Christ Choir

OFFERTORY
Thank the Lord
(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.

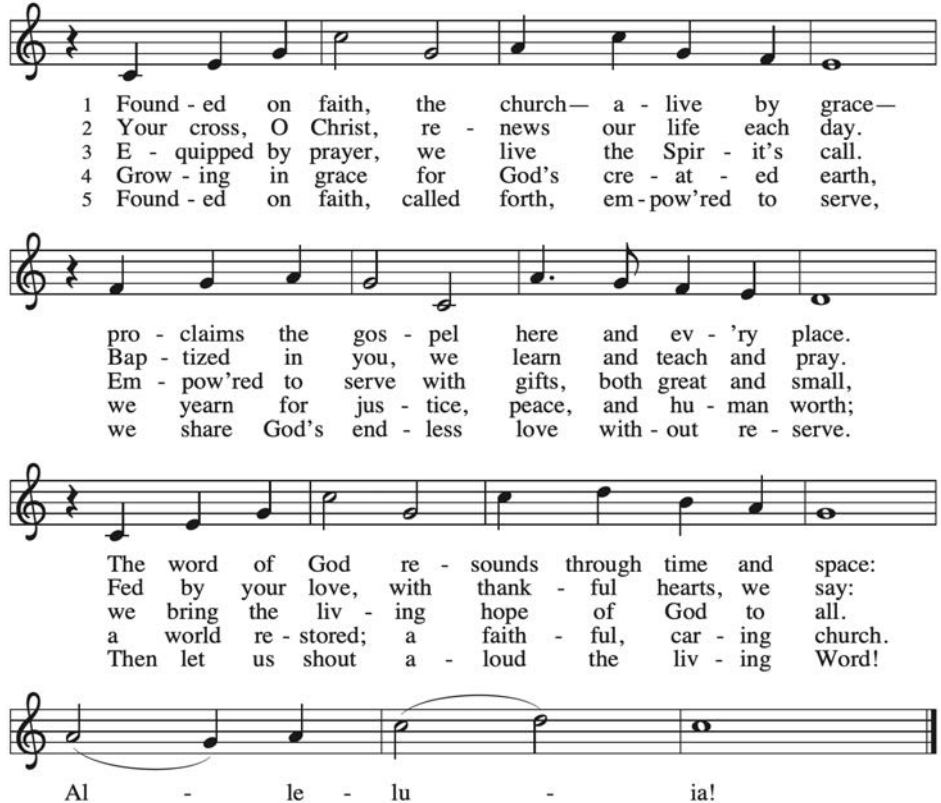
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Founded on Faith

Weber



1 Found - ed on faith, the church— a - live by grace—
2 Your cross, O Christ, re - news our life each day.
3 E - quipped by prayer, we live the Spir - it's call.
4 Grow - ing in grace for God's cre - at - ed earth,
5 Found - ed on faith, called forth, em - pow'ed to serve,

pro - claims the gos - pel here and ev - 'ry place.
Bap - tized in you, we learn and teach and pray.
Em - pow'ed to serve with gifts, both great and small,
we yearn for jus - tice, peace, and hu - man worth;
we share God's end - less love with - out re - serve.

The word of God re - sounds through time and space:
Fed by your love, with thank - ful hearts, we say:
we bring the liv - ing hope of God to all.
a world re - stored; a faith - ful, car - ing church.
Then let us shout a - loud the liv - ing Word!

Al - le - lu - ia!

DISMISSAL & POSTLUDE

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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WEDNESDAYS ABLAZE

ENJOY A COOKOUT OF
BBQ RIBS & CHICKEN
ON SEPTEMBER 16

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.

Starts September 16th!!

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



Christ Connecting
BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

sept/oct 2026
NOW AVAILABLE!

christelca.org/latest-news/newsletter

LOST & FOUND

The church's lost and found table will be
in the Lower Commons on Sunday

September 13

All items left after September 13th
will be donated or discarded.



NEW MEMBER CLASS

Sunday, September 27
and Sunday, October 4

12:15 - 2:30 p.m. in the Forum

Join us for our upcoming New Member class! This
is a wonderful opportunity to connect with our
pastors & staff while delving into the Lutheran faith
& the history of CLC. Lunch will be provided.



Scan/Click to Register

MORE INFO: khofmann@christelca.org
or mparker@christelca.org



BAGS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED
SEPTEMBER 27th
and
RETURNED BY
OCTOBER 18th
to benches outside Forum

Bring non-perishable
items (no glass containers)
to help our brothers
& sisters in need here
in Charlotte.

MORE INFO:
krank@christelca.org

Baptismal Class

Sun., September 20
10 a.m. in Lackey Chapel

THIS CLASS IS
IN PERSON ONLY

For info, email Caroline at
cdiffley@christelca.org

Centering Prayer

Are you searching for a few moments to be
still & meet God in silent prayer?

Join us on Mondays
from 11a.m. - 12p.m. in Lackey Chapel

MORE INFO:
Laura Tang (Lttang@earthlink.net)

Thursday Morning
Women's Bible Study
meets weekly from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
in Forum A&B



If you've hit a wall in your faith walk,
join this Bible study that journeys
through Genesis & John in pursuit of
a God who restores our faith in his
love & fills us with the wonder of his
beauty. **Starts September 17th!!**

MORE INFO: julia.edelson@gmail.com



2020 somethings SOCIAL EVENTS FOR YOUNG ADULTS IN THEIR 20s & 30s

Friday, September 18 • 6:30 p.m.
Whitewater Center

Join us as Funk You performs from 7-10 p.m. as part of the River Jam concert series!

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 or join a pick-up game. Join us for glory days & rememberances. **MOVING TO MONDAYS STARTING SEPT 14**

260819

McPIE 20 YEARS 2007-2027

A leader is needed for 3-5 Grade Club during Family Night at McClintock Middle School. Arts, crafts, games — make it what you want! Time commitment: Tuesdays 5:45-7:15 p.m. starting Sept. 29 at MMS.

Contact Sara: srentmeester@christelca.org

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING **RESCHEDULED DATE**

Monday, September 14 • 6-8 p.m.
in Fellowship Hall

This training is mandatory for anyone who is interested in assisting children and youth with CLC or McPIE during the 2026-27 school year. The training will review our Child Protection Policy and provide information about updates. Dinner will be provided.

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McPIE 20 YEARS 2007-2027

Family Nights at McClintock
 every Tuesday from 5:30 - 7:15 p.m.
STARTS SEPTEMBER 29

To get involved, contact Sara:
srentmeester@christelca.org

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NURSERY HELP NEEDED

Tuesdays • 6:00-7:15 p.m.
at McClintock Middle School

Help is needed to watch babies - PreK siblings during McPIE Family Night. There is a dedicated class with toys & supplies.

STARTS SEPT. 29

McPIE McClintock Partners in Education

If interested, contact Sara:
srentmeester@christelca.org

CHRIST LUTHERAN
cornerstone gifts

located between the Ministry Center & Lower Commons

SUN | TUE | WED | THU
9:30a.m. - 12:30p.m.

CHECK OUT OUR CLEARANCE CORNER!!

Our clearance merchandise will be ever changing, so be sure to check out the Clearance Corner regularly.

NET PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE OUTREACH MINISTRIES OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH.

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Third THURSDAY
 for adults of all ages

September 17
11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Pit

Join us for an exciting afternoon of Latin ballroom dancing led by Donna Emmans & National Ballroom Dance Champion Emily Guthrie. No prior dance experience or partner required. Lunch is included!

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MIDDLE SCHOOL **Messy** HIGH SCHOOL

GAME NIGHT

Sunday, September 13
4-8 p.m. in the Pit

THIS IS
YOUTH GROUP



It's time for our annual kickoff event of Messy Games! Bring your friends & dress for the mess! Dinner included.

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WEDNESDAYS
ABLAZE

Parents, Did You Know?

Transportation is available on Wednesday evenings for middle school students! CLC can pick up your child from school and bring them to church for dinner and programming.
Parent pick-up at the church at 7:30 p.m.

Interested? Email Pastor Adrienne
aladd@christelca.org

Stepping Stones

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

DATING & RELATIONSHIPS
Sun., September 20 • 6-8 p.m.

9th-12th graders are invited for honest, unfiltered conversation about love, respect & what it actually looks like to treat another person — and yourself — the way God does.



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PARENT INFO MEETINGS FOR NEXT YEAR'S

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

Sunday, Sept. 27 • 10-10:45 a.m.
-or- Sunday, Oct. 4 • 12-12:45 pm.

Are interested in your high school student attending the National Youth Gathering? Come join us for an information session in the Pit and learn all you need to know for registration! Bring your questions and we will bring the answers!

MORE INFO: email tweller@christelca.org

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 w/Confirmation Blessing: Sept. 13
2nd Grade Bibles: Sept. 20
Three-Year-Old's First Bibles: Sept. 27

NEW CLASS STARTS SEPT. 16!!

Mother Daughter Bible Study

Wednesdays • 6:00 p.m.
in W163 (near Center 6)

This fall, we are launching a brand new Mother Daughter Bible Study as part Wednesdays Ablaze. This study is designed for mothers & daughters in middle & high school.

Interested? E-mail Pastor Adrienne
to learn more (aladd@christelca.org)



Stepping Stones

PRAYER BOOK

3 Year Old Prayer Book
Sunday, September 27
10-10:45 a.m. in Center Six

Parents & children (age 3 as of 9/1/26) are invited to create a personalized Prayer Book together. We will provide all materials — just bring any photos that might be meaningful for your child, such as of family members, friends or pets.



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Trunk or Treat

For 5th Grade & Younger

Sunday, October 25
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
in the Parking Lot




Prayers

† National, state and local leaders
† Conflicts throughout the world
† Flood victims
† The nation on the 25th anniversary of September 11th
† Kristi Ausrud
† Delaney Martin
† Jackie Misenheimer's mother, Mildred Wells
† Sonny Parker
† Bill Porter
† Fred Reddel
† Renee Cerwin's grandson, Archie
† Meghan Cole's grandfather, Paul Hoffmann
† Chris Simmons
† Lynn Fabian
† Marcia Pfeifer
† Trudie Crigler
† Travis Weller
† Celia and Tal Owen on the birth of their grandson, Matthew Eric McLendon
† Jim Horn
† Sandy Caughman and family on the death of her husband, Jim
† Kathy Gibson and family on the death of her father, Skip Pearce
† Buzz Pitner on the death of his brother, Tom Pitner
† Bryan Tyson and family on the death of his father, Billy Tyson
Hospice List
† Ed Cazel
† Rajah Chacko's mother, Yo

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

In celebration of the marriage of
Jane and Steve Brady.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

September 6, 2026

Traditional: 223

Contemporary: 275

Christ Online: 333 (Sun - Tue)



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— Our Ministry Leaders —



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



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