



**CHRISTLUTHERAN**  
providence | online



*Traditional*

September 14, 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](mailto: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

## *To God Be The Glory*

arr. Raney

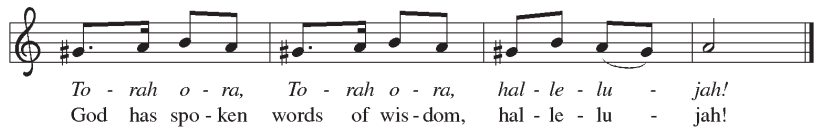
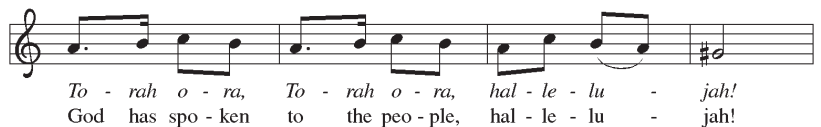
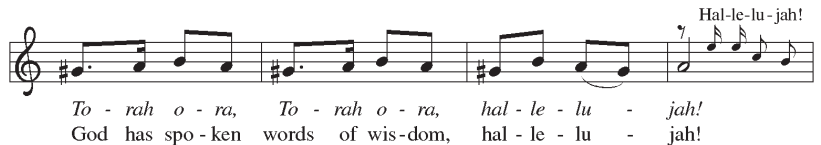
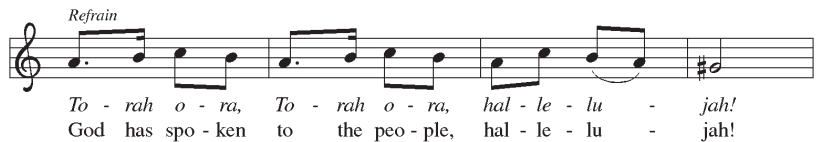
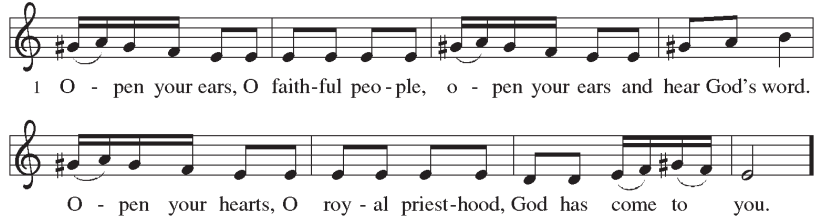
Mark Johanson & Philip Biedenbender, piano/organ duet

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SONG OF PREPARATION (stand)

## *Open Your Ears, O Faithful People*

Jabusch



## 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.*

**SILENT  
REFLECTION &  
SELF-EXAMINATION**  
(kneel/sit)

**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.**

**SHARING  
OF THE PEACE**  
(stand)

**And also with you.**

**OPENING HYMN**  
*Gather Us In*  
Haugen

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blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

## 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.**

## GLORIA

The choir will sing each of the numbered sections first, then invite the congregation to repeat each section.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



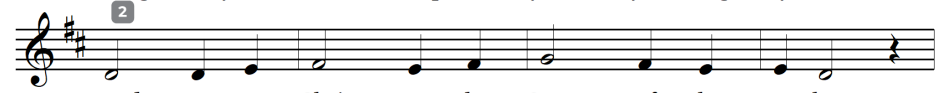
peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Lord — God, heav-en-ly King, al -



might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we



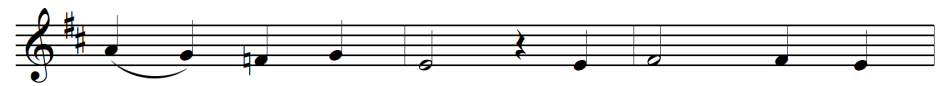
give — you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you — take a - way the



sin — of the world: have mer - cy on



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Leader: The Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you.**

*Let us pray. In Christ, our Master and our Redeemer, you have shown yourself to us, Father, for he is in you and you are in him. Grant, therefore, that we may come to him, a living stone, rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in your sight, and that, like living stones, we ourselves may be built into a spiritual house, a royal priesthood, your holy people, the temple of your glory. 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 1 Peter 1:14–16, 2:4–10 (NIV)

(sit)

As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”

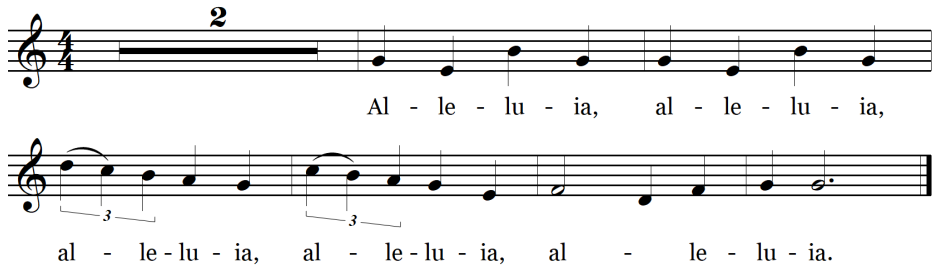
As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.” Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” and,

“A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL  
ACCLAMATION**  
*Alleluia*  
Bobb  
(stand)



**HOLY GOSPEL**  
**Matthew 5:13-16**  
(NIV)

*The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.*



“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

*The Gospel of the Lord.*



**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

## *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

Bonar  
(stand)



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;  
lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."  
I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;  
I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.  
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

# PRESENTATION OF

## 2ND GRADE BIBLES

(sit)

# APOSTLES' CREED

(stand)

**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

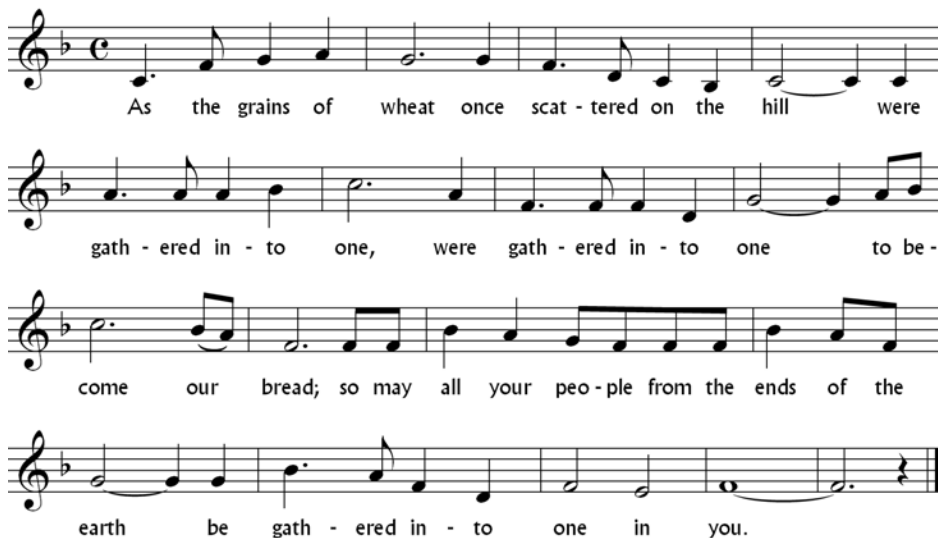
## OFFERING

(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.

***Let Your Light Shine***  
Craig Courtney  
Christ 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.**

**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.**

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SENDING

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**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**  
*This Little Light  
of Mine*  
Spiritual



2. Don't let Satan blow it out,  
I'm gonna let it shine  
Don't let Satan blow it out,  
I'm gonna let it shine  
Don't let Satan blow it out,  
I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

3. Hide it under a bushel, no!  
I'm gonna let it shine  
Hide it under a bushel, no!  
I'm gonna let it shine  
Hide it under a bushel, no!  
I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

4. All around the neighborhood,  
I'm gonna let it shine  
All around the neighborhood,  
I'm gonna let it shine  
All around the neighborhood,  
I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

5. This little light of mine,  
I'm gonna let it shine  
This little light of mine,  
I'm gonna let it shine  
This little light of mine,  
I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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

**POSTLUDE**

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# Save the Date

FOR A CELEBRATION OF THE MINISTRY OF  
**AMY DANIELS**

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**Sunday, October 12**  
**4:00 p.m.**

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*more details to come!*



SEPH SCHLUETER  
**COUNTING  
MY BLESSINGS**  
TOUR

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

**FOR ALL TICKET LEVELS:**  
[tprlive.co](http://tprlive.co)

## 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](mailto:mparker@christelca.org)**

# Christ Choir

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

Sing with Christ Choir this fall & raise your voice in Traditional worship!

**MORE INFO: [pbiedenbender@christelca.org](mailto:pbiedenbender@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](mailto:OGERIK@CHRISTELCA.ORG)**

# Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study

**meets weekly from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**  
**In the Forum A&B**

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

BOOK CAN BE PURCHASED ON AMAZON.COM

**MORE INFO: [julia.edelson@gmail.com](mailto:julia.edelson@gmail.com)**

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*gifts*

**Fall Store Hours:**  
SUN | TUE | WED | THU  
9:30a.m. - 12:30p.m.

located between the Ministry Center & Lower Commons

or by private appointment  
call 704-366-1595 ext. 0

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# Save the Date!




**Food! Live Music! Games!**  
**4:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

**For 5th Grade & Younger**  
**4:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

# Sunday, October 26



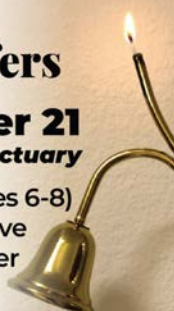


## Training for Acolytes & Crucifers

**Sunday, September 21**  
12:30 p.m. in Center Six & Sanctuary

Middle school students (grades 6-8) are invited to learn how to serve in the roles of acolyte & crucifer during Traditional worship.

**MORE INFO:** [aladd@christelca.org](mailto:aladd@christelca.org)



## Parent's Time Out Sunday, September 21

12:15 - 2:15 p.m. in the Pit

Parents, do you need a break? Then mark your calendars for our first Parent's Time Out event for this school year. Drop off children aged 3 through middle school. Lunch provided.

**Scan/Click to Register>>**  
PLEASE REGISTER BY SEPT 18



## HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

**Starts  
Sept. 15!**

**Mondays • 6-8 p.m.**  
*in the Pit*

Join us for a weekly Bible Study during the school year. This will be a time of diving into the word in a laid-back, conversation-based environment. Dinner provided. Bring your Bible and an open heart.

**MORE INFO:** Tyler Weller  
([tweller@christelca.org](mailto:tweller@christelca.org))

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## 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>>**



## CIVIL RIGHTS TRAIL: CHARLESTON CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM

**Last Chance!!**

**October 15-16**

We will travel on Wednesday evening to stay overnight in Charleston, visit the museum on Thursday morning and return that evening after lunch, discussion and prayer.

Museum cost, payable at the door: \$22.50



**Scan/Click to Register>>**

## CIVIL RIGHTS TRAIL: GREENSBORO'S CIVIL RIGHTS CENTER

**Last Chance!!**

**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**



## FAMILY NIGHT club leaders needed

CALLING ALL MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS,  
ART LOVERS, CRAFTY FOLKS, TECHY FOLKS &  
ANYONE WITH A PASSION TO SHARE!

McPIE is seeking to find a few new Family Night club leaders with new content to bring to middle school students. If you would like to share your hobbies, passion, careers, etc. with students to help create a future story with them, contact Angela Davis:  
[adavis@christelca.org](mailto:adavis@christelca.org)



## 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.

**If interested, contact Angela:**  
[adavis@christelca.org](mailto:adavis@christelca.org)



# Prayers

- † People in Washington DC, our government and leaders
- † People of Russia and Ukraine
- † Israel and Palestine War
- † Conflict in the Middle East
- † Caregivers
- † Elizabeth
- † Chris Simmons
- † Donna Emmans
- † Becky Sigmon
- † Jack Whittemore's brother, Scott
- † David Misenheimer
- † Lynda Kuehni

## Hospice List:

- † Bobby Mauney's sister, Ginny



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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



**Angela Davis**  
Director of  
Outreach

## — Serving in Worship —

**Philip Biedenbender** Associate Minister of Music  
**Shelby Johns** Tech Director  
**Kevin Lane** Associate Tech Director  
**Olivia Gerik** Media Producer  
**Dennis Contreras** Music Associate  
**Craig Cole** Music Associate  
**Noah DePalma** Tech Associate



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## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

**September 7, 2025**

Traditional: 270

Bridge: 126

Contemporary: 305

Christ Online: 278 (Sun - Tue)

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