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Traditional

Celebration of Holy Communion

October 4, 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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PREPARATION (stand)

Send Me, Lord
South African Traditional

Leader All

Thu - ma mi - na. Thu - ma mi - na, thu - ma mi - na. Thu - ma
Send me, Lord. 1 Send me, Je - sus, send me, Je - sus, send me,
(2) Je - sus, lead me, Je - sus, lead me,
(3) Je - sus, fill me, Je - sus, fill me,

Repeat ad lib. End

2 Lead me, Lord.
3 Fill me, Lord.
mi - na, So - man - dla.
Je - sus, send me, Lord. 2 Lead me,
Je - sus, lead me, Lord. 3 Fill me,
Je - sus, fill me, Lord.

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.

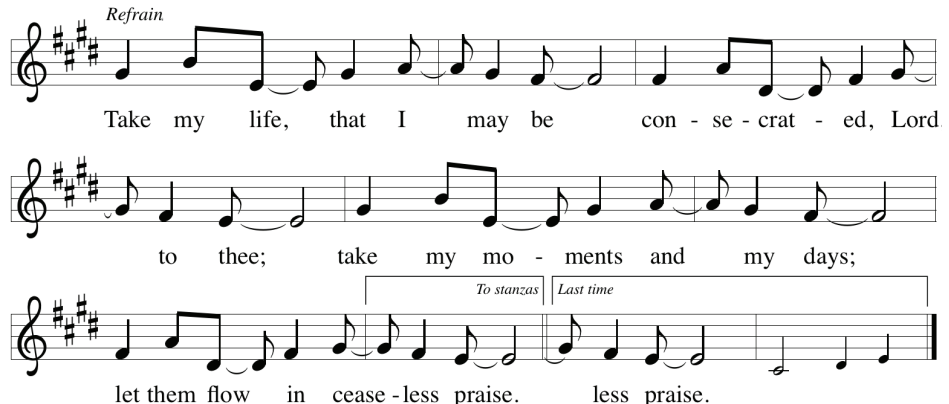
Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**SHARING
OF THE PEACE**
(stand)

*The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.*

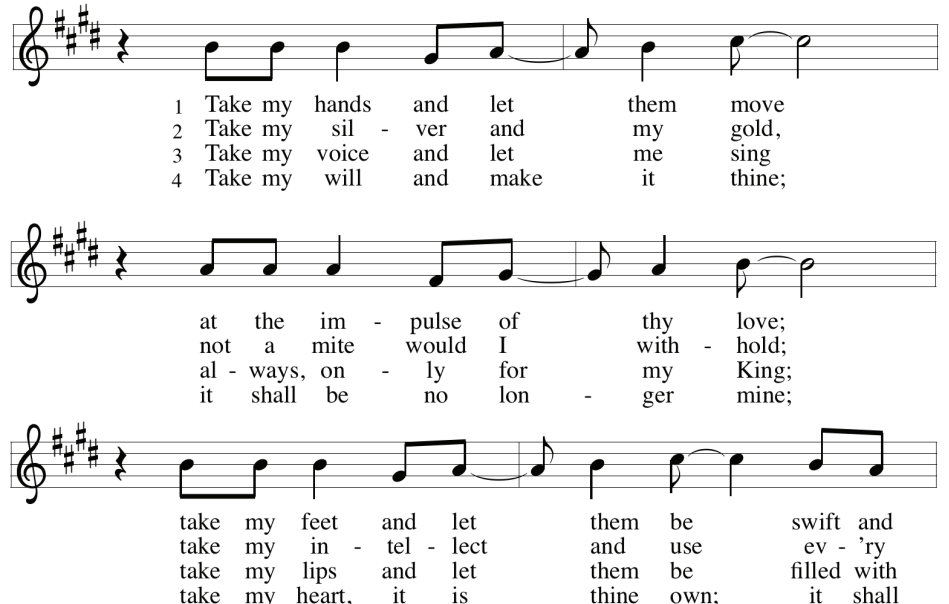
OPENING HYMN
*Take My Life,
That I May Be*
Havergal, Pharris

Refrain



Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.

To stanzas *Last time*

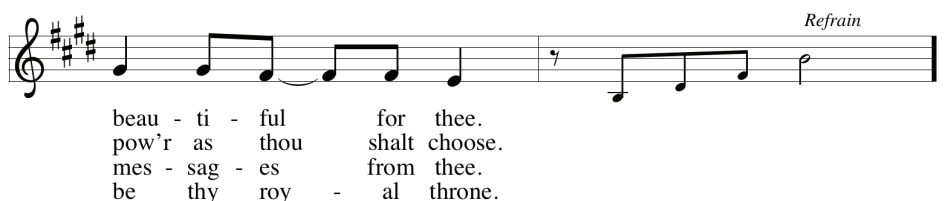


1 Take my hands and let them move gold,
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
3 Take my voice and let me sing thine;
4 Take my will and make it thine;

at the im - pulse of thy love;
not a mite would I with - hold;
al - ways, on - ly for my King;
it shall be no lon - ger mine;

take my feet and let them be swift and
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
take my lips and let them be filled with
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall

Refrain



beau - ti - ful for thee.
pow'r as thou shalt choose.
mes - sag - es from thee.
be thy roy - al throne.

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



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



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



G Lord, have mer - cy.



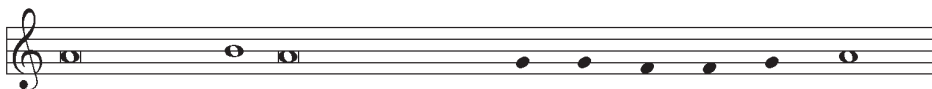
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **G** A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE
This Is the Feast



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



B Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**PRAYER
OF THE DAY**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Let us pray. You call us, O God, to follow where Jesus has gone before, without compromise or condition and without counting the cost. Sustain us in our decision to follow where Jesus leads, and by the power of your own love, at once both strong and gentle, keep us faithful to Christ and compassionate in serving others. 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 Kings 19:19-21
(NIV)
(sit)

So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him. Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. "Let me kiss my father and mother goodbye," he said, "and then I will come with you." "Go back," Elijah replied. "What have I done to you?" So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his servant.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL
ACCLAMATION**
Alleluia
(stand)



HOLY GOSPEL
Luke 9:57-62
(NIV)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 9th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

As they were walking along the road, a man said to Jesus, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." He said to another man, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family." Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

**CHRISTKIDS
DISMISSAL**
(sit)

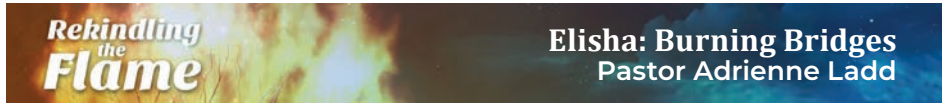
Children ages 3 years through 2nd grade are invited to an age-appropriate lesson in the Ministry Center (M241/242). They will return during the offering.

MINISTRY PRESENTATION



CROP Walk

SERMON



*Rekindling
the
Flame*

Elisha: Burning Bridges
Pastor Adrienne Ladd

HYMN OF THE DAY *All for Christ I Have Forsaken*

Chao, Starke
(stand)

1. All for__ Christ I__ have for - sak - en And have
2. Who is__ sweet - er__ than Christ Je - sus? No good
3. Gone the__ past, un - known the fu - ture Grace sup -

tak - en up my cross; World - ly joy, __ its
thing in Him I lack! Hand to plow, at
plies my dai - ly breath; Strong in Christ through

fame and for - tune, Now I count as __ worth-less dross.
peace I fol - low Where He leads me why look back?
death's dark val - ley, Firm and faith - ful __ un - to death.

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)

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.

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.

Prayer of Peace
Mary McDonald
Christ Choir

OFFERTORY
*Let the Vineyards
 Be Fruitful*
 (stand)

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
 bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
 fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -
 nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**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**

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.**

LAMB OF GOD
(sit)

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

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.

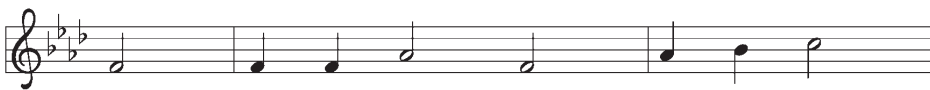
COMMUNION HYMN

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

Everest



1 "Take up your cross," the Sav - ior said,
2 Take up your cross; let not its weight
3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
4 Take up your cross and fol - low Christ,



"if you would my dis - ci - ple be;
per - vade your soul with vain a - larm;
nor let your fool - ish heart re - bel;
nor think till death to lay it down;



for - sake the past, and come this day,
his - strength shall bear your spir - it up,
for you the Lord en - dured the cross
for those who hum - bly bear the cross



and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."
sus - tain your heart, and nerve your arm.
to save your soul from death and hell.
one day will wear the glo - rious crown.

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
Lord, Dismiss Us
with Your Blessing
Fawcett, Thring



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav-'ling through this wil - der-ness.
Ev - er faith-ful, ev - er faith-ful to your truth may we be found.
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end-less day.

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

POSTLUDE

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2026 Annual
CROP Walk will be

Sunday, November 15

1:00 p.m. at Providence Baptist Church (Randolph Rd.)



**<<Click or scan to donate and
join the Christ Lutheran Team!**

<https://t.ly/H4nnN>

Wanted: Acoustic Guitars

If you have a gently-used acoustic guitar and/or a case that you would consider donating, we are collecting them for a new beginner guitar class for McPIE Family Nights.

Please drop them off at info desk in the Lower Commons.

Questions? Call Brandon Bevington at (919)830-4880

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**STARTS
OCT. 6**

Mental Health Class

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

Join McPIE & NAMI for a 9-wk. course helping families recognize mental health symptoms & ways to open meaningful conversations at home. This class is for CLC & McClintock parents with children 22 & younger who may be experiencing mental health symptoms.

To participate or more info:
adavis@christelca.org



McPIE
20 YEARS
2007-2027



NAMI
National Alliance on Mental Illness

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**WEDNESDAYS
ABLAZE**

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.

SEPTEMBER 16 – DECEMBER 9, 2026

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

Mother Daughter Bible Study

**Wednesdays • 6:00 p.m.
in W150 A&B**

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)





Family Nights at McClintock

every Tuesday from 5:30 - 7:15 p.m.

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

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Brothers in Faith Social Outing

Friday, October 9 • 7:00 p.m.
Open Tap Brewing

(5010 Carmel Center Drive in Charlotte)

This is a great opportunity for some fellowship, faith and friendship with one another. We look forward to seeing you there! All adult men welcome.

MORE INFORMATION:

David Dieter (dieter0103@gmail.com)



RETURNED FILLED BAGS
 OF FOOD 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



BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, October 18

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

TO REGISTER, GO TO:
oneblood.org/donate-now

Christ Choir

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

Singers aged high school and up are
 invited to join our Traditional choir.

MORE INFO: pbiedenbender@christelca.org



Wednesdays • 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
in Center Six

If you can not make Wednesday mornings, you
 can still be part of this ministry by cutting out or
 sewing squares at home. No experience necessary.

MORE INFO:
Lois Witham (704-517-5882)

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.

MORE INFO: julia.edelson@gmail.com



Mondays • 6:30-7:15 p.m.
in the Dance Studio (C-301)

Led by Tracy Reynolds. Cost: \$5. Contact
 Pastor Adrienne with questions or to
 RSVP (aladd@christelca.org).



Food! Live Music! Games For All Ages!



Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 25 • 4–7 p.m.

Outside Near the Portico-Fountain Area

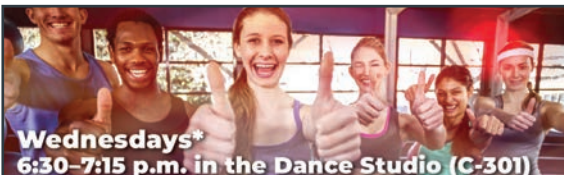
Trunk or Treat from 4–5 p.m. (for 5th grade & under)

Beer/Wine available for purchase (21+ only)

Brats, Chicken Sausage, Sides,
Hotdogs, Dessert
(\$15 adult • \$7 child)



SCAN/CLICK FOR MORE INFO & RSVP>> REALM



Wednesdays*
6:30–7:15 p.m. in the Dance Studio (C-301)
GOSPEL MIXED FIT

Dance during Wednesdays Ablaze!
We offer our moves and praise to the Lord
with instructor Tracy Reynolds. Cost is \$5.
**Class not held every first week of the month.*

ADULT 40+
Open Court Basketball

- Find your old high-tops & join us for some exercise, fun & fellowship in Spirit Hall.

Now on Mondays • 7–8:30 p.m.

For adults 40+ to shoot, play a game of horse or join a pick-up game. Join in to relive the glory days & remember—no dunking allowed.

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2026
IMPACT HUNGER
Annual Banquet & Fundraising Event

Silent Auction • Food Drinks • Fellowship
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23
6:00–8:30 pm

Christ Episcopal Church
1412 Providence Road

 **2026 Goal**
ONE MILLION MEALS
equals \$250,000

 Scan the code to join us!

MORE INFO: javescafeeds.org

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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.

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PARENT INFO MEETING FOR NEXT YEAR'S

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

in Minneapolis • June 26 – July 2, 2027

Sunday, Oct. 4 • 12–12:45 p.m.
in the Pit

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

MORE INFO: tweller@christelca.org

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

CONFIRMATION

HUMAN SEXUALITY

Sunday, October 4 • 4–6 p.m.
in the Sanctuary

6th–8th graders & their parents will talk about bodies, identity & relationships as good gifts from God worth understanding, respecting & protecting.

Scan/Click to Register>>



REALM



peer
ministry leadership

UPCOMING DATES:
Oct. 4 • Oct. 18 • Nov. 8 • Nov. 22
12:30–2:30 p.m. in the Pit

All high school students are invited to come learn some important life skills that can be used to help their peers get through tough life problems.

MORE INFO: nlegvold@christelca.org



CLC YOUTH BASKETBALL

Fall 2026 Season

Registration Now Open!!

for boys & girls ages Pre-K through 12th Grade (U6, U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18). Cost: \$125

SCAN/CLICK FOR MORE INFO & RSVP



REALM

FOR MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

CORN MAZE

Sunday, October 11
4–6 p.m. for Middle School
6–8 p.m. for High School

THIS IS YOUTH GROUP.

Join us for an evening of fun & fellowship at Country Days Corn Maze in Indian Trail. We will explore the maze & have a time of worship around the fire pits. Meet at Country Days Farm.

\$10 • Click/Scan to Register>>



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Trunk or Treat

For 5th Grade & Younger

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



NATIONAL ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

June 26 – July 2, 2027

All 8th–12th grade students are invited to join us in Minnesota for the 2027 Nat'l Youth Gathering. We will spend a week in Minneapolis, worshipping & serving God with 20,000 of our closest friends.

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Prayers

- † National, state and local leaders
- † Conflicts throughout the world
- † Kristi Ausrud
- † Delaney Martin
- † Jackie Misenheimer's mother, Mildred Wells
- † Sonny Parker
- † Lois Witham
- † Bill Porter
- † Fred Reddel
- † Renee Cerwin's grandson, Archie
- † Meghan Cole's grandfather, Paul Hoffmann
- † Travis Weller
- † Mike Schnieders
- † Karen Roode
- † Melissa Eldridge Perlmutter
- † Perfecta Modesto
- † Wayne and Mary Clark
- † Kristin Kilpatrick

Hospice List

- † Rajah Chacko's mother, Yo



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Our Pastors



Dr. Scott Suskovic
Senior Pastor



Pastor Ryan Ritzmann
Evangelism
& Faith Formation



Pastor Adrienne Ladd
Family Ministries

Ministry Leaders

- Mark Johanson** Minister of Music & Worship
- Philip Biedenbender** Minister of Music
- Craig Cole** Music Associate
- Dennis Contreras** Music Associate
- Noah DePalma** Tech Associate
- Shelby Johns** Tech Director
- Kevin Lane** Associate Tech Director
- Rachel Dyer** Director of Nursery & Pre-School Ministries
- Kristen Rank** Director of Elementary Ministries
- Angela Davis** Director of Outreach
- Alexis Williams** Christ Online Minister



FREE WI-FI NETWORK: CLC-Guest PW: OneChurch!

HELP ADORN THE SANCTUARY WITH
Altar Flowers
\$75 • SIGN UP IN REALM>> 

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WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

September 27, 2026

Traditional: 285

Bridge: 115

Contemporary: 275

Christ Online: 434 (Sun - Tue)



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