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*Traditional*

Celebration of Holy Communion

**October 5, 2025**



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## 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

### *Passacaglia in C Minor*

Fred Gramann  
Luther Ringers

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SONG OF PREPARATION (stand)

*Guide My Feet*  
Traditional Spiritual

Leader All



1 Guide my feet while I run this race.  
2 Hold my hand  
3 Stand by me

Guide my feet  
Hold my hand  
Stand by me

Guide my feet hand while I run this race,  
Hold my by me

for I don't want to run this race in vain.

## 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

*Christ, Whose Glory  
Fills the Skies*  
Wesley, Werner



- 1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
- 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - panied by thee;
- 3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ-teous-ness, a - rise, tri - umph o'er the shades of night;  
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer-cy's beams I see,  
fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.  
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

## 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:** *In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*



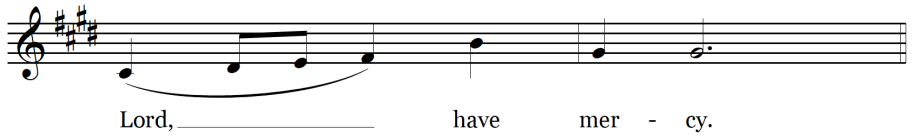
Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.

**Leader:** *For the peace from above, and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord.*



Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.

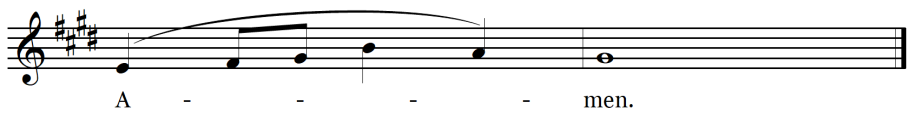
**Leader:** *For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.*



**Leader:** *For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.*



**Leader:** *Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*



## GLORIA

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



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Leader: The Lord be with you.*

**People:** And also with you.

*Let us pray. Father most holy, you have glorified Jesus your Son with the glory he had in your presence before the world began, and Jesus has glorified you on earth by completing the work you gave him to do. See your church gathered here in prayerful worship, and grant that we may accomplish, in the joy of the Holy Spirit, all you give us to do in the world, gladly sharing Christ's sufferings, running the race, and serving your kingdom. 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 4:12-19, 5:6-11 (NIV) (sit)

Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or

even as a meddler. However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name. For it is time for judgment to begin with God's household; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And, "If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

# **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

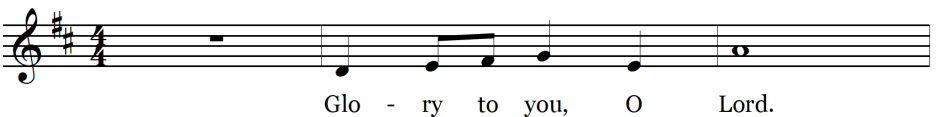
***Alleluia***

Bobb  
(stand)



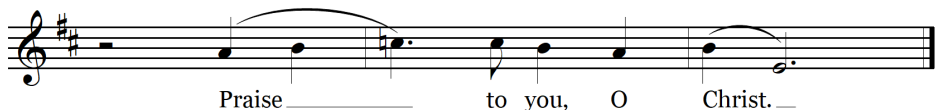
# **HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 6:19-21 (NIV)**

*The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 6th chapter.*



"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

*The Gospel of the Lord.*





# 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



**Never Give Up**  
Pastor Adrienne Ladd

## HYMN OF THE DAY *O Christ, Our Hope*

Chandler, Herman  
(stand)



1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' de - sire, cre - a - tion's  
2 How vast your mer - cy to ac - cept the bur - den  
3 But now the bonds of death are burst, the ran - som  
4 Oh, let your might - y love pre - vail to purge us  
5 All praise to you, as - cend - ed Lord; all glo - ry



might-y Lord, re - deem - er of the fall - en world, by  
of our sin, and bow your head in cru - el death to  
has been paid; you reign a - bove at God's right hand, in  
of our pride, that we may stand be - fore your throne by  
ev - er be to Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest through



ho - ly love out - poured, by ho - ly love out - poured:  
make us clean with - in, to make us clean with - in.  
robes of light ar - rayed, in robes of light ar - rayed.  
mer - cy pu - ri - fied, by mer - cy pu - ri - fied.  
all e - ter - ni - ty, through all e - ter - ni - ty!

## MINISTRY PRESENTATION (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.**

## 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 OFFERINGS

(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.

### *God of Grace and God of Glory*

setting, Timothy Albrecht  
Mark Johanson, organ

### *Fight the Good Fight*

John Gardner  
Christ Choir

## OFFERTORY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Ken  
(stand)

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## 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.**

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MEAL

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## GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

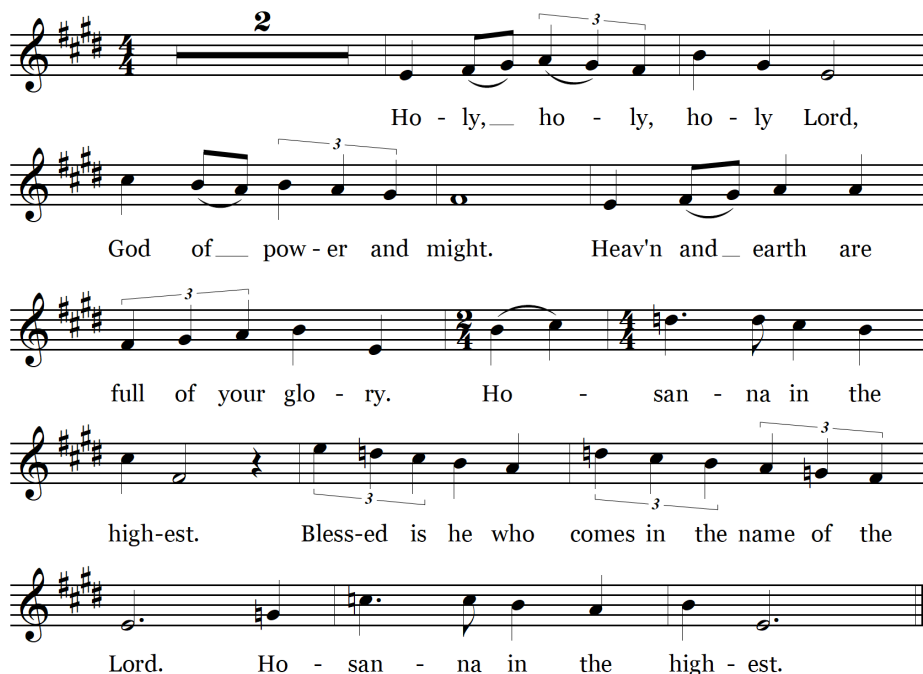
**We lift them to the Lord.**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**It is right to give God 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,  
God of pow - er 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.

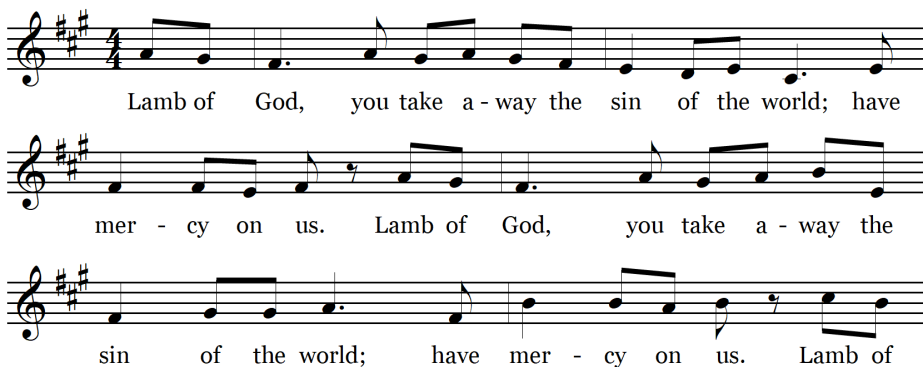
**WORDS OF  
INSTITUTION**

*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.*

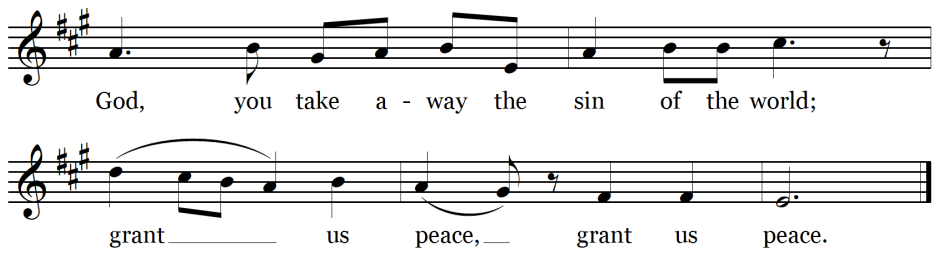
**LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

**AGNUS DEI**  
*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



## 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.

### ***Make Me a Channel of Your Peace***

arr. Douglas Wagner  
Luther Ringers

## 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 *God of Grace and God of Glory* Fosdick, Hughes





bring its bud to glo-rious flow'r. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age  
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age  
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,  
be our glo-ry ev-er-more. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,



for the fac-ing of this hour, for the fac-ing of this hour.  
for the liv-ing of these days, for the liv-ing of these days.  
lest we miss your king-dom's goal, lest we miss your king-dom's goal.  
serv-ing you whom we a-dore, serv-ing you whom we a-dore.

**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

**Sunday, October 12 • 4:00 p.m.**

To help us plan, please let us know  
you'll be attending by registering  
in REALM. Click/Scan QR Code>>  
or go to <https://t.ly/dL8uB>



REALM

### MONTHLY PARENT CLASS

#### **Mental Wellness in a Modern World**

meets on 2nd Wednesday of each month

**6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in Forum C** (UPDATED LOCATION)

#### **Topic for October 8: Parenting in 2025**

Modern parenting isn't just about managing behavior, it's about fostering emotional wellness. Learn tools to build strong relationships and support your child's growth while staying mentally grounded yourself.



Led by a mental health professional,  
Trent Morrow, LCSW, of L&B Counseling.  
*Parents of children of all ages welcome!*

Do you have a special message  
for Amy Daniels' celebration video?

**Click/Scan to submit your  
pictures and/or video message.**

or go to <https://t.ly/mm1NA>



located between  
the Ministry Center  
& Lower Commons

### **Fall Store Hours:**

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

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



## **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 10 - DECEMBER 10**

**LEARN MORE & RSVP FOR DINNERS:**  
[christelca.org/wednesdays-ablaze](http://christelca.org/wednesdays-ablaze)







2025 Annual  
CROP Walk will be  
**Sunday, October 19**

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



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

<https://t.ly/6g0lw>

**Food! Live Music! Games For All Ages!**



**Trunk or Treat**

**Sunday, October 26 • 4-7 p.m.**

**Outside at Christ Providence**

Trunk or Treat from 4-5pm (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**



## Bishop's Installation Mass Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday, November 15**

12:00–1:30 p.m. in the Music Room

Come sing with us! All are invited to join the mass choir for the Installation of Pastor Emily Hartner as the Bishop of the ELCA North Carolina Synod at Christ Lutheran Church. Service follows in the Sanctuary at 2:00 p.m.

**If you'd like to participate, email Phil at [pbiedenbender@christelca.org](mailto:pbiedenbender@christelca.org)**



**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24**  
Olde Meck. Brewery (OMB)  
6:30 - 8:30 PM

Silent Auction • Food  
Drinks • Mingle  
Raise money to make sure  
everyone is **fed**.

Register today by visiting  
[javescafeeds.org](http://javescafeeds.org)

## not choir

**meets on last Thursday of each month**  
11:45am • in the Cornerstone Cafe area

Not much of a singer? Join Not Choir, our monthly music appreciation small group, as we listen to & discuss traditional & contemporary worship music. Bring your lunch.

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

oneblood  
Share your power.

## BLOOD DRIVE

**Sunday, October 19**

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
at Christ Providence

**TO REGISTER, GO TO:**  
[oneblood.org/donate-now](http://oneblood.org/donate-now)

## Southland Deckbarn is NOW OPEN



-located at 315 Reid Dairy Road in Waxhaw-

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

## Drivers Wanted

Every weekday, it takes  
more than 60 Nourish Up  
volunteers to deliver  
Meals on Wheels to our  
homebound neighbors.  
We need you!

TO HELP, PLEASE EMAIL:  
[volunteer@nourishup.org](mailto:volunteer@nourishup.org)



**RETURN FILLED BAGS  
OF FOOD BY  
OCTOBER 19th**  
to benches outside Forum

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

## Upcoming Habitat Build Days

**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>







**Sunday, October 5**  
**5:00 - 7:00 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.

**Scan/Click to Register>>**



**HIGH SCHOOL Lunch**

**Sunday, October 12 • 12-2 p.m.**  
Let's go out for lunch! Join us after 11 a.m. worship and we will walk over to MOD Pizza for some time of fellowship. Everyone is welcome, parents and siblings as well!  
MORE INFO: [tweller@christelca.org](mailto:tweller@christelca.org)

**MOD PIZZA**  
STRAWBERRY HILL



**CORN MAZE**  
FOR MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

**Saturday, October 18 • 3:30-6:30 p.m.**  
Join us for a night 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>>**



**CLC YOUTH BASKETBALL**  
**Fall 2025 Season**  
**Registration Now Open!!**  
for boys & girls ages Pre-K through 12th Grade (U6, U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18)



**SCAN/CLICK FOR MORE INFO & RSVP**



**CRCWDER** Grace & Glory Tour

**Sunday, October 19**  
High schoolers are invited for an unforgettable night at Bojangles Coliseum! We'll meet at church at 5 p.m. for dinner before heading out together in the church van. Limited seats available.

**\$15 • Scan/Click to Register>>**



# Prayers

- † People in Washington DC, our government and leaders
  - † People of Russia and Ukraine
  - † Israel and Palestine War
  - † Conflict in the Middle East
  - † Caregivers
  - † Prayers for escalating turmoil and divisions
  - † Elizabeth
  - † Chris Simmons
  - † Donna Emmans
  - † Becky Sigmon
  - † David Misenheimer
  - † Lynda Kuehni
  - † Mindy Ritch's brother, Mike
  - † Frank Henry's mother, Jean
  - † Perfecta Modesto
  - † Kathy Hofmann's aunt, Linda
- Hospice List:**
- † Bobby Mauney's sister, Ginny

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

To the glory of God and in celebration of Robin  
& Joe Canady's 66th Wedding Anniversary  
Happy Birthday to my wonderful wife Judy,  
with love, Rick

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

**September 28, 2025**

Traditional: 240

Bridge: 115

Contemporary: 282

Christ Online: 270 (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



**Angela Davis**  
Director of  
Outreach

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