

**CHRIST**  
providence



*Traditional*

**October 20, 2024**



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

*He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought*

arr. Mark Hayes

Philip Biedenbender, piano

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SONG OF PREPARATION (stand)

*Spirit, Open My Heart*

Duck, Fedak

*Refrain*

Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of  
liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing  
and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

## 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**

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

**And also with you.**

(stand)

**OPENING HYMN  
Son of God, Eternal**

**Savior**

Lowry, Röntgen



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,  
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.  
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;  
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,  
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.  
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.  
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:  
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;  
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,  
by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.  
we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.  
quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.  
grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

**APOSTOLIC  
GREETING**

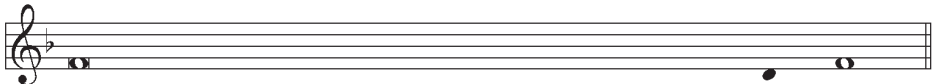
*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion  
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**And also with you.**

**KYRIE**



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



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



☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



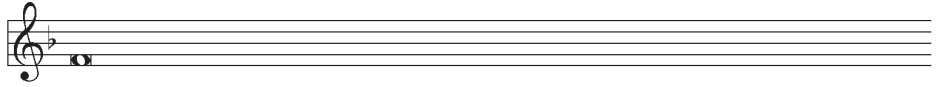
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



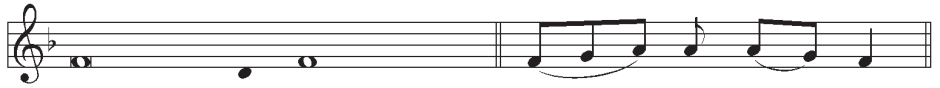
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

## HYMN OF PRAISE *Gloria in Excelsis*



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



**C** 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 us.

You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** *Leader: The Lord be with you.*  
**People: And also with you.**

*Let us pray. O God, protector of the widow and orphan, safe haven for strangers, justice for the oppressed, uphold the poor who hope in you and sustain those who place their trust in your love. Let no one be deprived of the bread and freedom you provide, but may all people learn to share freely and generously of the good gifts you have bestowed, following the example of Jesus, who offered his very life for our salvation, and who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.*

WORD

**FIRST READING**  
**Malachi 3:6-12**  
**(NIV)**  
 (sit)

“I the Lord do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed. Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you,” says the Lord Almighty. “But you ask, ‘How are we to return?’ ‘Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. ‘But you ask, ‘How are we robbing you?’ ‘In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe,” says the Lord Almighty. “Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land,” says the Lord Almighty.

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA**  
(stand)



**HOLY GOSPEL** *The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 12th chapter.*  
**Mark 12:41-44** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**(NIV)** Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

*The Gospel of the Lord.*  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHRIST KIDS**  
(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.

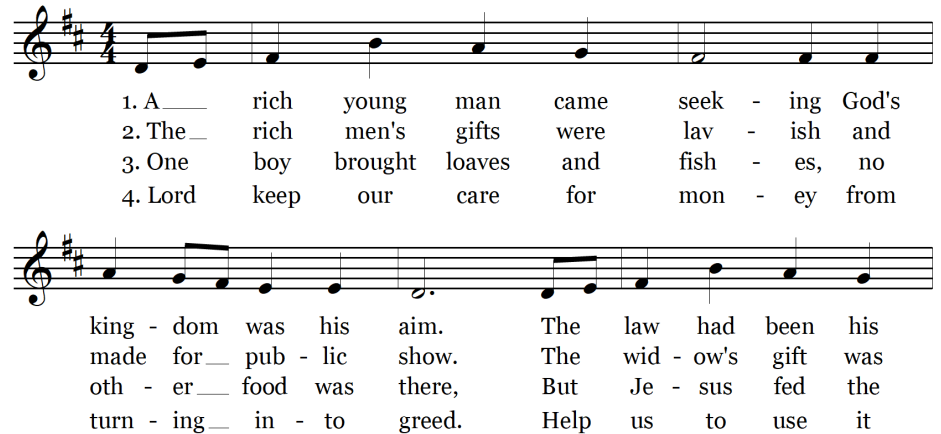
**BLESSING OF  
THE QUILTS**

**SERMON**



**HYMN OF THE DAY**  
*The Widow's Gift  
Was Humble*

Dobson  
(stand)





guide - book, his life was\_\_ free from blame. But  
 hum - ble and on - ly\_\_\_ God would know. In  
 thous - ands and still had\_\_ bread to spare. The  
 wise - ly to meet each oth - er's need. For



Je - sus asked the cour - age to give his wealth a - way. The  
 giv - ing to the Tem - ple al - though her coins were small, her  
 mir - a - cle of plen - ty soon spread be - yond that place. That  
 wheth - er poor or wealth - y, we have so much to share, And



young man turned in sor - row, that price he could not pay.  
 gift had so much mean - ing be - cause she gave her all.  
 sim - ple gift was of - fered, then mul - ti - plied by grace.  
 op - en - heart - ed giv - ing will show your lov - ing care.

**RECEPTION OF  
 NEW MEMBERS**

(sit)

**APOSTLES' CREED**

(stand)

*Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?*

**People: I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?*

**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.**

*Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?*

**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**

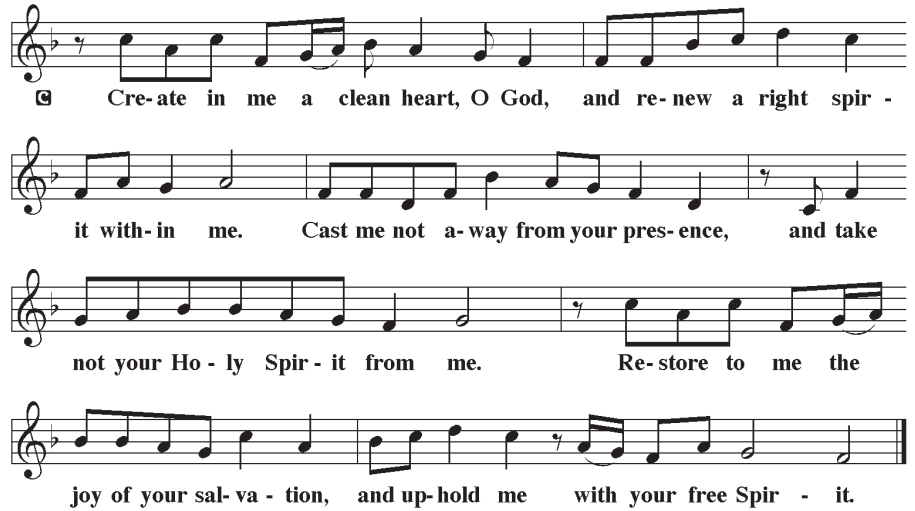
(sit)

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.

***God Thou Art Love***

Craig Courtney  
 Christ Choir

**OFFERTORY**  
*Create in Me*  
(stand)



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -  
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the  
joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

**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**  
*The Lord Now  
Sends Us Forth*

The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,  
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.  
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain  
to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;  
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.  
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

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

**POSTLUDE**

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*Baptismal Classes*

**Sun., October 20**  
1:00 p.m. on Zoom

For info, email Jane at [jsatterfield@christelca.org](mailto:jsatterfield@christelca.org)

FIND ZOOM LINK AT:  
[christelca.org/online](http://christelca.org/online)

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**BLOOD DRIVE**

**Sunday, October 20**  
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
at Christ Providence

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



**October 27th is Stewardship Sunday**

BRING your Intention Card for 2025 giving to worship on October 20th or 27th

-or-

PLEDGE ONLINE by going to:  
[onrealm.org/christelca/AddPledge/2025pledge](http://onrealm.org/christelca/AddPledge/2025pledge)

Food! Live Music! Games For All Ages!



**Sunday, October 27 • 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, Sides, Hotdogs, Dessert (\$15 adult - \$7 child)

SCAN/CLICK FOR INFO & RSVP>>  
or email [mparker@christelca.org](mailto:mparker@christelca.org)



**Trunk or Treat**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

Candy Donations & Decorated Cars

Scan/Click QR Code for a list of recommended candy donations.



If you'd like to decorate your car, contact Kristen Rank: [krank@christelca.org](mailto:krank@christelca.org)

2030 *some things*

FELLOWSHIP EVENTS FOR YOUNG ADULTS IN THEIR 20s & 30s

**Halloween Party**  
Saturday, October 26 • 6 p.m.

Pastor Ryan will host at his house.

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

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

**LOCK-IN**

**Friday, November 8 (8 p.m.) - Saturday, November 9 (8 a.m.)**  
at Christ Providence

Click/Scan to Register  
MORE INFO: [tweller@christelca.org](mailto:tweller@christelca.org)




**GATHERED IN PRAYER**

Do you have the desire to lift others & our community up in prayer? Do you often wish you had taken the time to pray for those on the back of the bulletin?

**Come join us every Wednesday morning 8 a.m. in the Worship Parlor**

MORE INFO:  
D'Linda Highum (206) 310-6037

For more on our latest news, events & other announcements: [christelca.org/latest-news](http://christelca.org/latest-news)



# Centering Prayer

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

**Join us 2nd & 4th Mondays at noon in the Worship Parlor**

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



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Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to Hurricane Helene and other disasters, whenever and wherever they strike.

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[give.elca.org/s/2906895/rGSB816v](https://give.elca.org/s/2906895/rGSB816v)



## Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study

meets weekly from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Christ Providence (Forum A&B)




Join us for our current study on *Luke in the Land* by Kristi McLelland.

Contact Julia Edelson for info:  
[julia.edelson@gmail.com](mailto:julia.edelson@gmail.com)

# NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

In order to keep our nursery fully-staffed, we are asking all families who use the nursery to volunteer during their preferred service & the Sunday School hour at least twice a semester.

Use the QR code to select your preferred dates or go to:  
<https://t.ly/IYhmV>



INTRODUCING

# WEDNESDAYS ABLAZE

**DINNER** 5:00-6:15 p.m. \$8 adult • \$6 child  
**CLASSES** 6:00-7:30 p.m. find schedule online

For dinner RSVPs & classes:  
[christelca.org/wednesdays-ablaze](https://christelca.org/wednesdays-ablaze)

**DAYTIME OPPORTUNITY:**  
**McClintock Tutors**   
McClintock, Parents In Education

Volunteers needed to help tutor students needing extra help at McClintock Middle School.

Contact Susan Brackett if interested in volunteering:  
[sbrackett@carolina.rr.com](mailto:sbrackett@carolina.rr.com)



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## CHARLOTTE RESCUE MISSION SUPPER

1st Monday of each month • 3-6 p.m.

4-8 volunteers are needed each month to cook and serve dinner for CRM's Rebound program (907 W 1st St). Great for individuals or a small group!

To volunteer yourself or a group, text or call Melinda Dale: 704-277-0868 (each participant will need to fill out a form)





# Prayers

- † Those impacted by the recent hurricanes
- † All those who are fighting cancer
- † All those in recovery and addiction
- † Barbara West
- † Chris O'Boyle
- † Leslie Martin
- † Matilda Ann Plonk
- † Mary Parker's sister-in-law, Robin
- † Deanna Hunter
- † Kristi Ausrud
- † Jay McCann
- † Sharon English's granddaughter, Dene
- † Alicia and Mike Wallace's nephew, Stephen
- † Caroline Diffley's father, Noel Nolan
- † Britta
- † Laura
- † Pastor Adrienne's sister, Suzanna
- † Becky Chubb
- † Paula Edgren's mother, Lea
- † Jack Whittemore's Aunt Lecter Lester
- † Maria Bevington's mother, Greta Peralta

## Hospice List:

- † Bob Sisco's mother, Beverly

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

In Honor of my mother, Brenda Whittemore  
from Jack Whittemore.

In Memory of my parents, Cyrus & Dahlia  
Brown, from Phillip Brown.

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE October 13, 2024

Traditional: 170  
Bridge: 109  
Contemporary: 273  
Christ Online: 328  
(Sunday - Tuesday)



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## — Our Ministry Leaders —



**Dr. Scott Suskovic**  
Senior Pastor



**Pastor  
Ryan Ritzmann**  
Evangelism  
& Faith Formation



**Pastor  
Adrienne Martin**  
Family Ministries



**Alexis Williams**  
Christ Online  
Minister



**Mark Johanson**  
Minister of  
Music & Worship



**Amy Daniels**  
Director of  
Outreach

## — Serving in Worship —

**Philip Biedenbender** Associate Minister of Music  
**Bill Porter** Tech Director  
**Shelby Johns** Tech Operations Lead  
**Olivia Gerik** Media Director  
**Dennis Contreras** Music Associate  
**Craig Cole** Music Associate  
**Noah DePalma** Lighting Director



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