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Traditional

November 8, 2026

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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*
-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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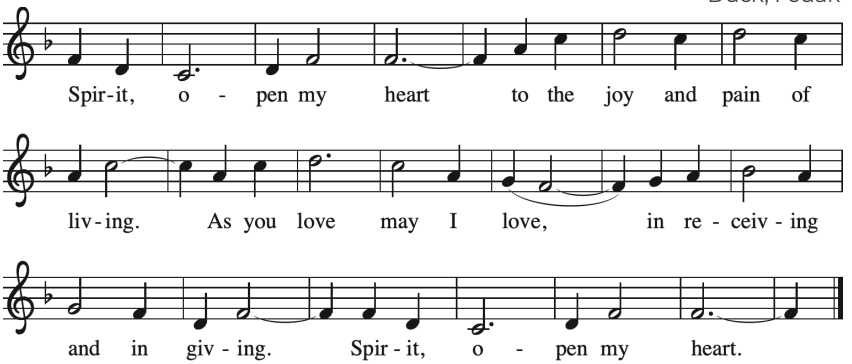
Traditional Order of Worship

GATHERING

PRELUDE ***Oh, Worship the King***
setting, Joel Raney
Philip Biedenbender, Mark Johanson, piano/organ duet

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PREPARATION (stand) ***Spirit, Open My Heart***
Duck, Fedak



SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (sit)

APOSTLES' CREED (stand)

Leader: 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 God 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.

BAPTISM (sit)

Emilia Ruth Giancarlo
daughter of Dominic & Eugenia Giancarlo

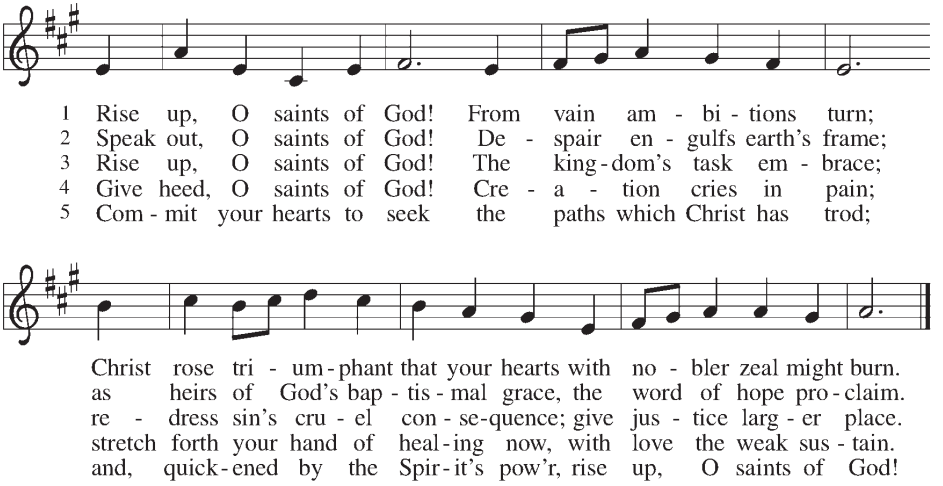
(stand)
Leader: Through Baptism God has made this child a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

People: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

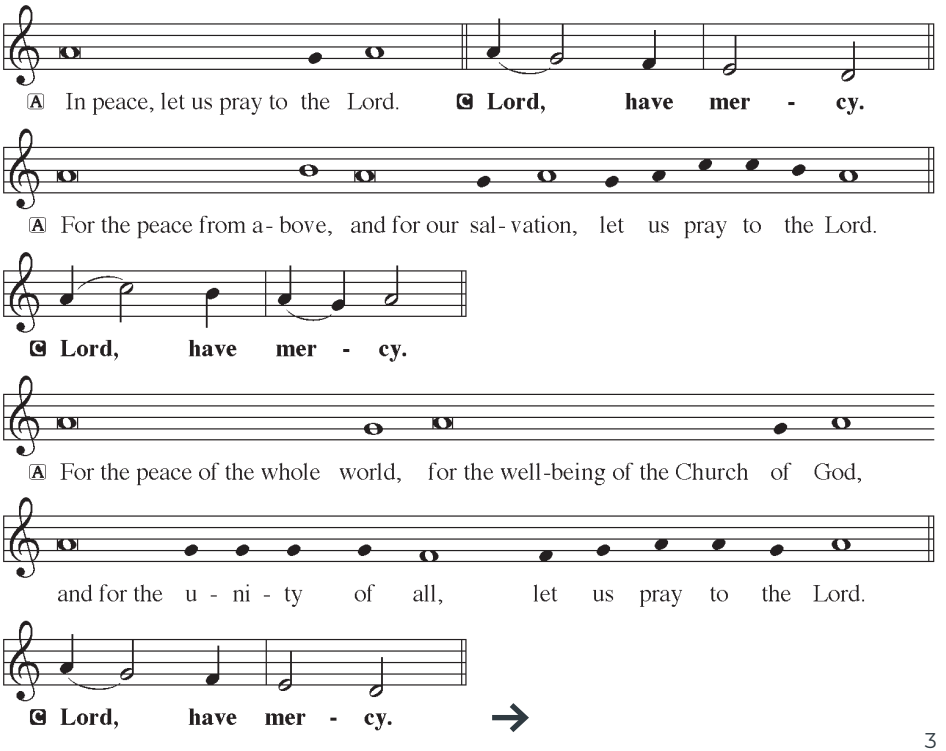
OPENING HYMN
Rise Up, O Saints of God!
Forness, Walter

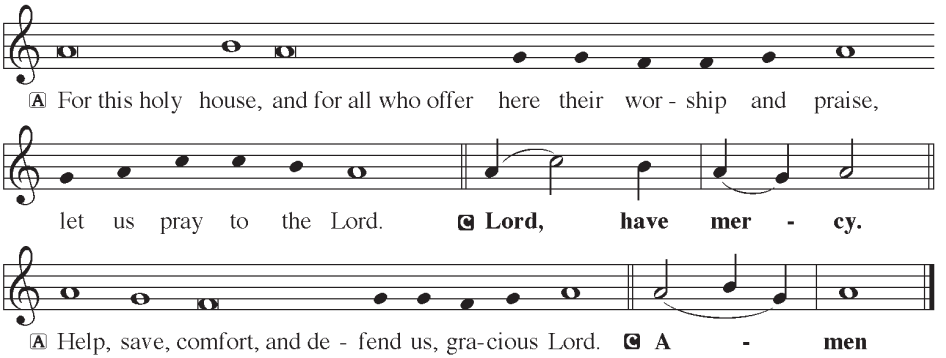


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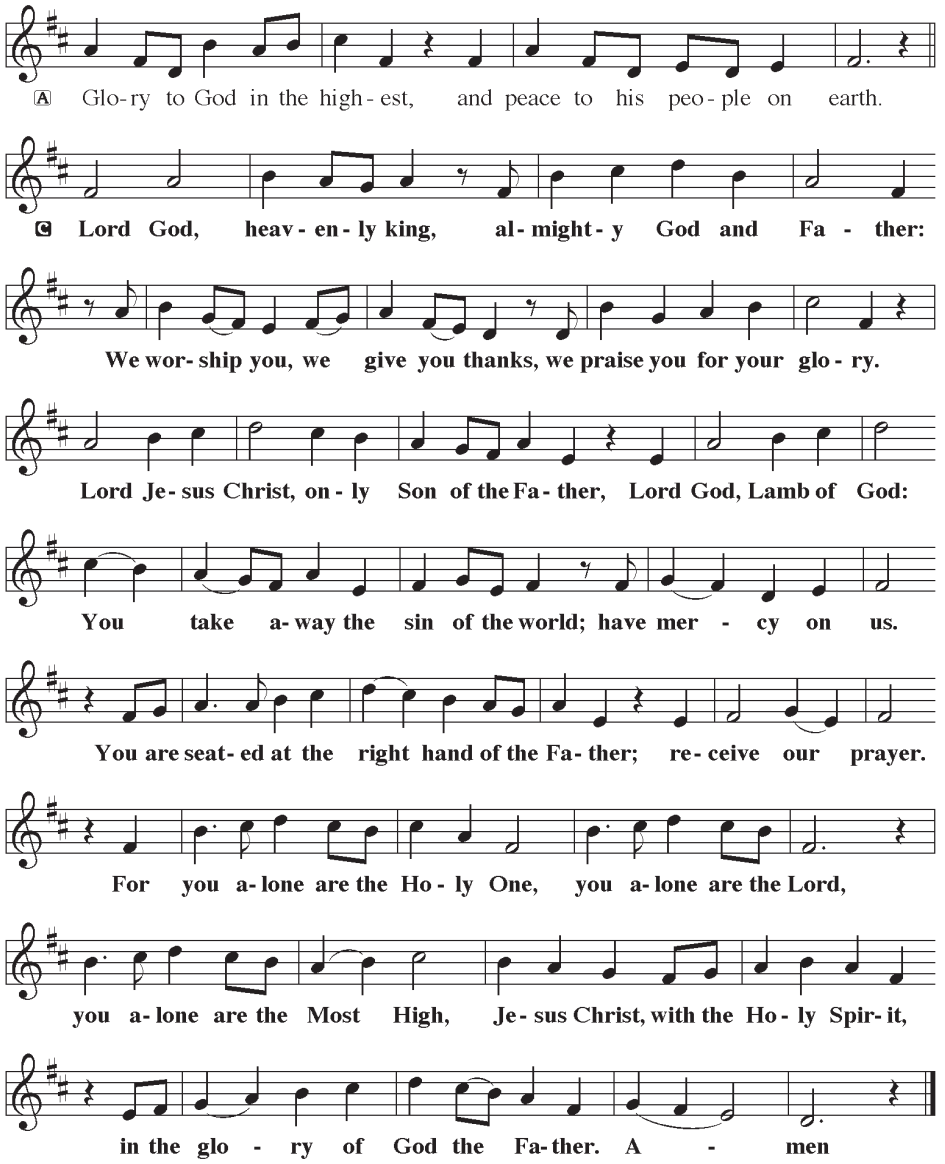
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE





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. To us, in all our weakness and fear, O God, you have entrusted the mission of proclaiming your love to a world that too often overlooks, excludes, and silences those at its margins. Open our eyes to those who are unseen, our hearts to those who are rejected, and our hands to those in need. Strengthened by your Spirit, may we have the courage not only to stand firm in our faith, but to live it through acts of welcome, compassion, and justice, so that all may know the love of your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. **Amen.**
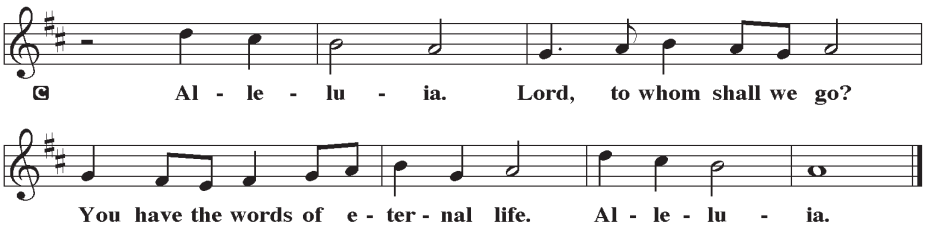
WORD

READING
Daniel 3:16–28
(NIV)
(sit)

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, "King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand. But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up." Then Nebuchadnezzar was furious with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and his attitude toward them changed. He ordered the furnace heated seven times hotter than usual and commanded some of the strongest soldiers in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace. So these men, wearing their robes, trousers, turbans and other clothes, were bound and thrown into the blazing furnace. The king's command was so urgent and the furnace so hot that the flames of the fire killed the soldiers who took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and these three men, firmly tied, fell into the blazing furnace. Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, "Weren't there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?" They replied, "Certainly, Your Majesty." He said, "Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods." Nebuchadnezzar then approached the opening of the blazing furnace and shouted, "Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!" So Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the fire, and the satraps, prefects, governors and royal advisers crowded around them. They saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies, nor was a hair of their heads singed; their robes were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire on them. Then Nebuchadnezzar said, "Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king's command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia
(stand)



HOLY GOSPEL
Matthew 5:10–16 (NIV)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. 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.
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.
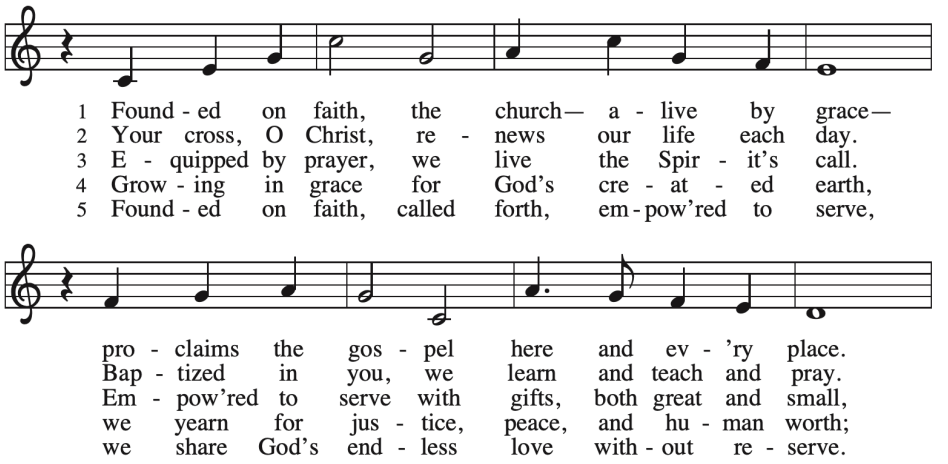
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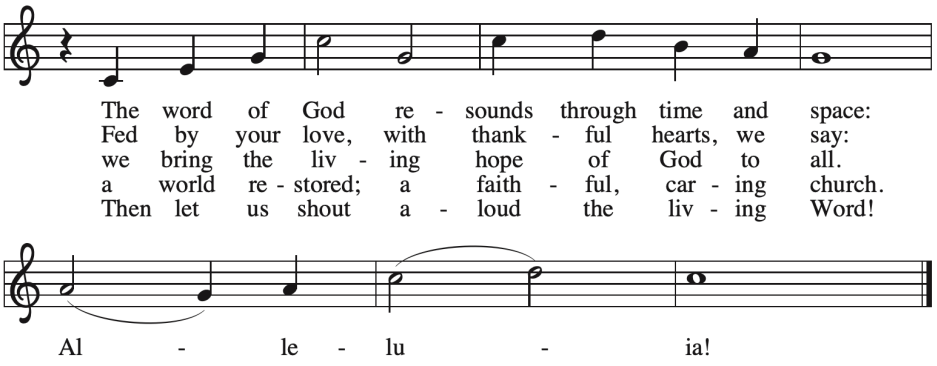


SERMON



HYMN OF THE DAY
Founded on Faith
Weber
(stand)



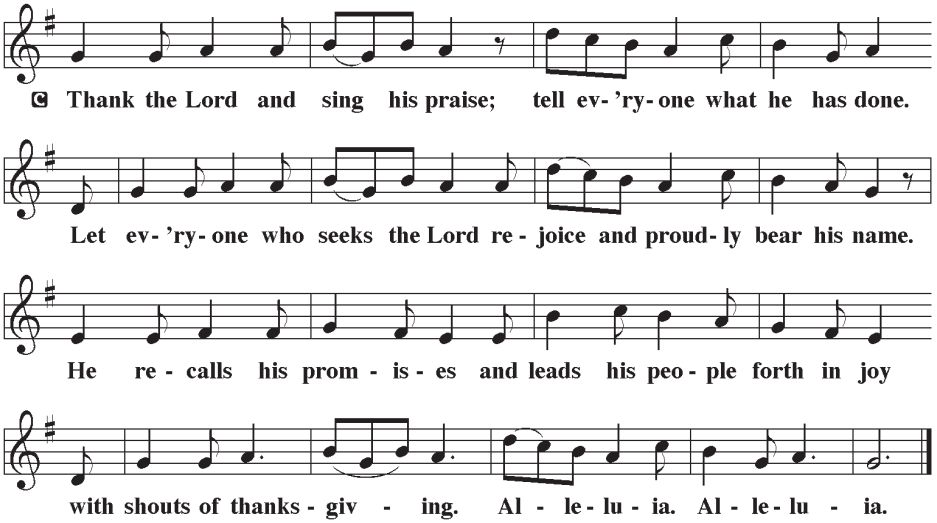


MUSICAL OFFERING
(sit)

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 Wouldn't Bring You This Far to Leave You
Tom Trenney
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.**

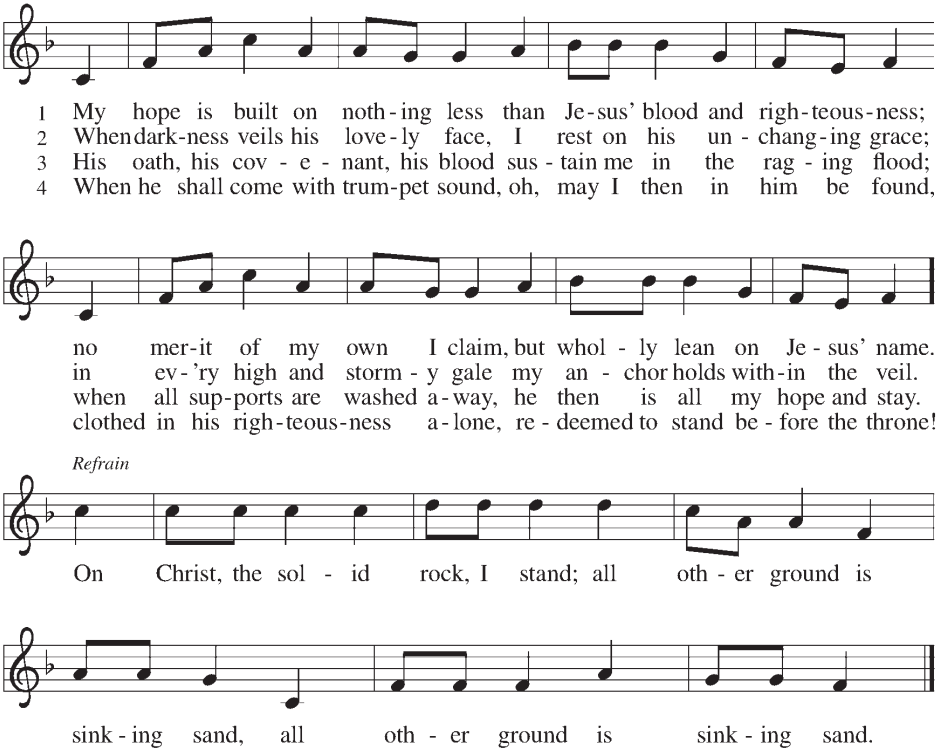
LORD'S PRAYER **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. 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
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
Mote, Bradbury



DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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Rise, Shine, for Your Light Has Come

This year, we are asking our congregation to help us write an Advent devotional! Choose from a list of daily themes and scriptures on SignUpGenius and submit your devotion by Nov. 10.



Click/Scan QR Code to Sign Up
or go to *t.ly/dng8c*

Gather, Make & Decorate

Tuesday, November 24 • 3–8 p.m.
meet in the Lower Commons

Families of all ages are invited to help decorate CLC for the Christmas season. Bring the whole family and enjoy creating ornaments to take home & decorating cookies together. Stop by anytime after 3 p.m. Dinner provided.

Scan/Click QR Code to RSVP>>

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For more on our latest news, events & other announcements: ***christelca.org/latest-news***



Pledge Update as of November 4

Pledges Received: 276
Total Amount: $1,900,000
THANK YOU TO ALL WHO'VE PLEDGED!

REKINDLING THE HEART
STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2027

If you haven't yet pledged, you still can online at:
onrealm.org/christelca/AddPledge/2027pledge
You can also send via USPS mail or email your pledge to:
gzuendel@christelca.org

Christmas Shopping for Nursing Home Residents

Last year, we were able to provide gifts for 100 residents at Trinity Place Lutheran Home in Albemarle. Thank you for your support!

We will be helping again this Christmas. Stop by the table in the Lower Commons
November 8th & November 15th
to pick up a resident's name & wishlist.
Bring back wrapped gifts by Dec. 6th.
MORE INFO: *mparker@christelca.org*

HELP CHARLOTTE CROP WALK STOP HUNGER

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

WEDNESDAYS ABLAZE
November 18
Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner
5:00–6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
Activities & Classes 6:00–7:30 p.m.

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

Third Thursday
for adults of all ages

November 19
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Join us for lunch & a Thanksgiving pie-making class! Choose from cherry, apple or pumpkin. Ingredients & disposable pans provided. Bake your pie at church or take home to bake later.

$15 • Click/Scan to Register>>
MORE INFO: *awallace@christelca.org*
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WEDNESDAYS ABLAZE

The pastors & staff want to wish everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

We will not be holding a Thanksgiving Eve service, dinner or programming on November 25th. The church offices will reopen on Monday, November 30.

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cornerstone gifts

located between the Ministry Center & Lower Commons

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

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ON SALE NOW!!

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ROOM IN THE INN

Christ Providence will start hosting our neighbors in need each Thursday evening beginning December 3. **Volunteers & overnight hosts are needed!**

<< Info & Signup:
signupgenius.com
lane.goode@gmail.com

Habitat Charlotte Build

10 SPOTS AVAILABLE

Saturday, December 5
8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Volunteers will assist with various framing tasks on duplex units in the Mystic Pines neighborhood.

Scan/Click QR Code to Register and Sign Up
or go to *vhub.at/christlutheran*

MORE INFO: *caspainh@gmail.com*

Xperience Tour & ELCA Youth Gathering FUNDRAISER

Help our students reach their fundraising goal of $20,000 to go on the Xperience Tour & to the Nat'l Youth Gathering in Minnesota next summer. Donations can be made via REALM Giving. *Select "NYG/Xperience Fundraiser" from the dropdown list of funds.*

onrealm.org/christelca/-/form/give

Quilters FOR CHRIST

Donations Needed

The Quilting ministry is in need of flat sheets in good condition, any color & size. Bring donated sheets to the Info desk in the Lower Commons.

MORE INFO: Lois Witham
(lowitham@carolina.rr.com)

Church Trip to Spain & Morocco

October 11–25, 2027

Join Pastor Scott & Gretchen for a journey that blends faith, history, culture & cuisine across two continents.

For more info, contact Pastor Scott *(suskovic@christelca.org)*

SCAN/CLICK FOR TRIP DETAILS
or go to shorturl.ly/DrLnC

Poinsettias

Purchase a plant in memory or honor of loved ones and help adorn our worship spaces on Christmas Eve. Plants may be taken home after worship on 12/27.

$25 EACH • DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN INCLUSION IS DEC. 11
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Stepping Stones

CONFIRMATION

TEN COMMANDMENTS

Sunday, November 15
4-6 p.m. in the Sanctuary

7th graders and parents are invited to explore the 10 Commandments & discover their significance in their faith journey. Dinner provided.
Scan/Click to Register REALM

ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET

Sunday, November 22
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
in the Lower Commons

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Prayers

† National, state and local leaders
† Conflicts throughout the world
† Healing and unity for our country
† 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
† Kevin Lane
† Honoring all those who have served in the Military
† Pete Schmitz
† Dave Hutchinson and family on the death of his mother, Joan
† Ed and Sandy Chase's brother-in-law, Roger Christensen
† Kenny Gilrain's mother, Kathy
† Terri Shidal
† Bob Linse
† David Graham
† Tia Andrade-Suskovic's mother, Zeela

Hospice List
† Rajah Chacko's mother, Yo
† Chris Simmons

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

In honor of all Veterans by Kathy Cowles

In loving memory of my mother, Elizabeth Reers, with love Kendra

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

November 1, 2026
Traditional: 262
Bridge: 126
Contemporary: 250
Christ Online: 380 *(Sun - Tue)*

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Our Pastors



Dr. Scott Suskovic
Senior Pastor



Pastor Ryan Ritzmann
Evangelism & Faith Formation



Pastor Adrienne Ladd
Family Ministries

Ministry Leaders

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

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