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GIVE IT A REST!

Traditional

November 9, 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

-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

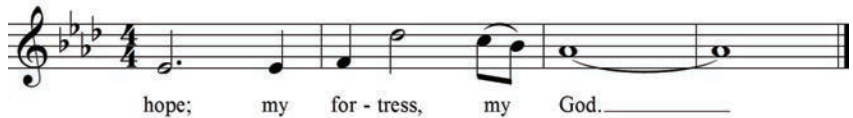
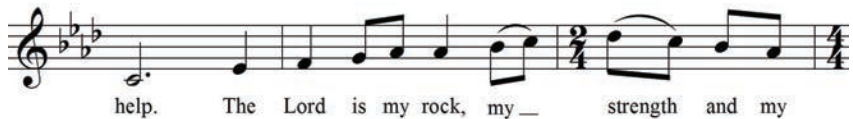
PRELUDE

O How Joyfully
setting, Michael Burkhardt
Mark Johanson, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PREPARATION (stand)

In God Alone
Haas



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)

Blair Elizabeth Somers

daughter of Jackson and Elizabeth Somers

(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
*O Day of Rest
and Gladness*
Wordsworth



1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
2 On you, at earth's cre - a - tion, the light first had its birth;
3 To - day on wea - ry na - tions the heav'n - ly man - na falls;
4 New grac - es ev - er gain - ing from this our day of rest,



O balm for care and sad - ness, most beau - ti - ful, most bright:
on you, for our sal - va - tion, Christ rose from depths of earth;
to ho - ly con - vo - ca - tions the sil - ver trum - pet calls,
we reach the rest re - main - ing to spir - its of the blest.



on you the high and low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune,
on you, our Lord vic - to - rious the Spir - it sent from heav'n;
where gos - pel light is glow - ing with pure and ra - diant beams
We sing to you our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;



sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," to the great God tri - une.
and thus on you, most glo - rious, a three-fold light was giv'n.
and liv - ing wa - ter flow - ing with soul - re - fresh - ing streams.
the church its voice up - rais - es to you, blest Three in One.

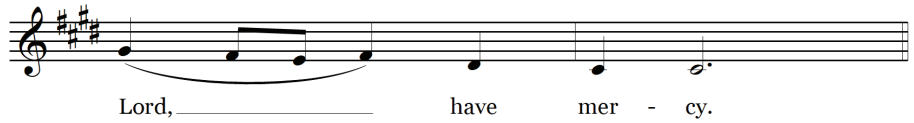
APOSTOLIC GREETING *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.*

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

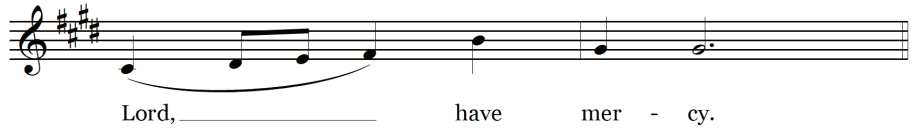


Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

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



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.*



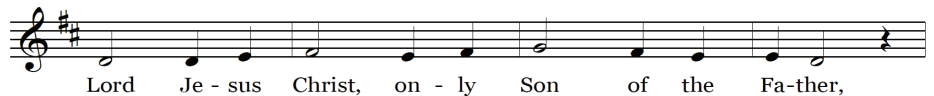
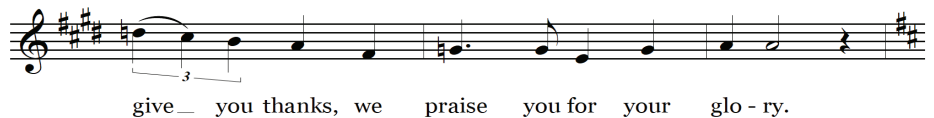
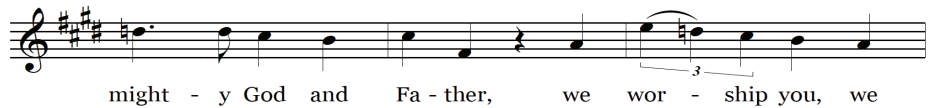
Leader: *For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.*



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



GLORIA





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Let us pray. To you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, Jesus offered thanks for revealing to those with childlike hearts the mysteries hidden from the learned and clever. Count us among those who know you and your Son, the Teacher tender and humble in heart, that we may exchange our heavy burdens for his gentle yoke and in the heart of the gospel find rest for our souls. 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 Psalm 23 (Tanakh)

(sit)

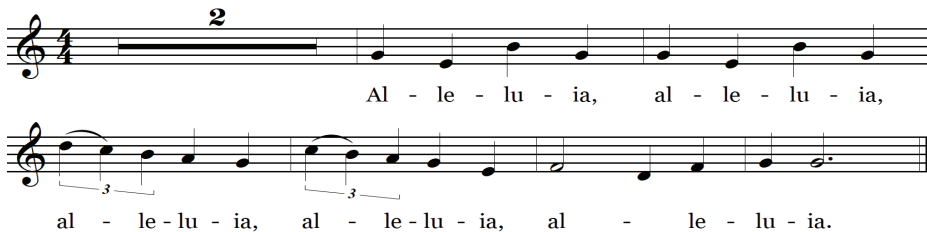
The Lord is my shepherd; I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me to water in places of repose; He renews my life; He guides me in right paths as befits His name. Though I walk through a valley of deepest darkness, I fear no harm, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff—they comfort me. You spread a table for me in full view of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my drink is abundant. Only goodness and steadfast love shall pursue me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for many long years.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Alleluia*

Bobb
(stand)



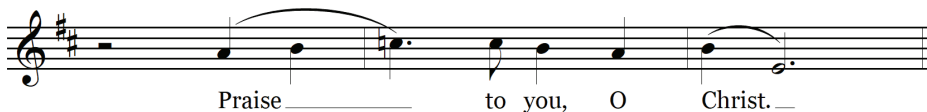
HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 11:28-30 (NIV)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th chapter.



"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

The Gospel of the Lord.



CHRISTKIDS DISMISSAL (sit)

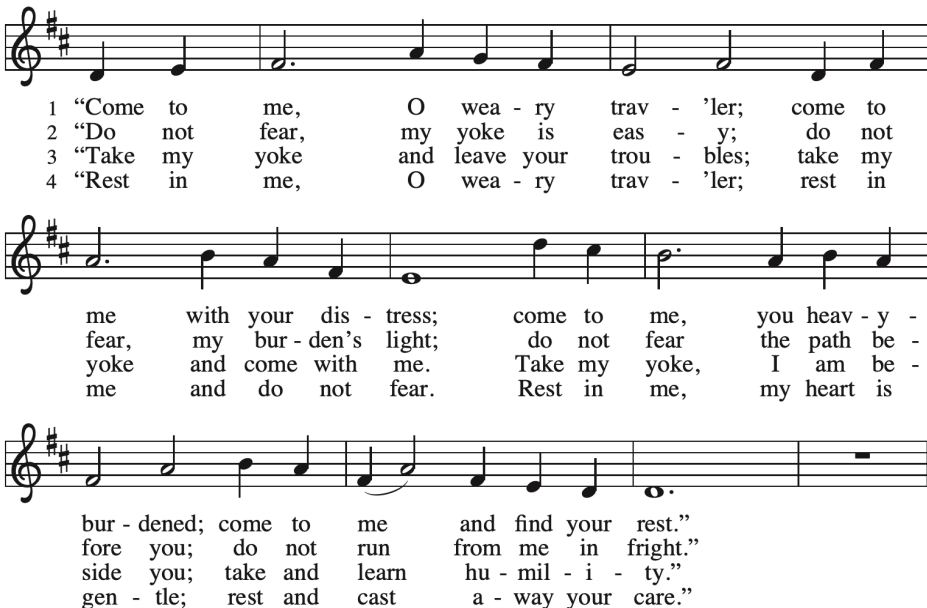
Children ages 3 years to 2nd grade are invited to an age-appropriate lesson in the Ministry Center (M241/242). They will return during the offering.

SERMON



HYMN OF THE DAY *Come to Me, O Weary Traveler*

Dunstan, Rowan
(stand)



MUSICAL
OFFERING

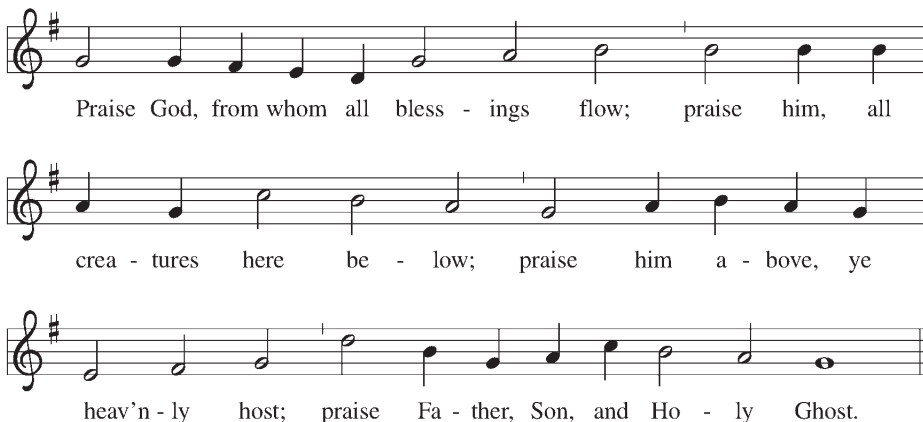
Place cash or checks in Give envelopes,
located in pew racks, and drop in offering
plate. Credit cards can be used via online
giving. Text "PRAISE" to 73256 or scan
QR Code on envelope.

Day of Arising

Susan Palo Cherwien, Carl Schalk
Amanda McAllister, oboe
Christ Choir

OFFERTORY
*Praise God,
from Whom All
Blessings Flow*

Ken
(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
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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ROOM IN THE INN

Christ Providence will be hosting our neighbors in need each Thursday starting Dec. 4!

Overnight hosts, drivers and other volunteers needed!



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

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

Topic for November 12: Resiliency
 Explore what it takes to bounce back from life's challenges, both for kids and adults. Learn how to cultivate resilience as a family value and a personal strength.



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

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 9th and 16th** to pick up a resident's name & wishlist. Bring back wrapped gifts by Dec. 7th.

MORE INFO: mparker@christelca.org

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



located between the Ministry Center & Lower Commons

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

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

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Sleep in Heavenly Peace

Upcoming Dates

Fri., Nov. 21 • Cut Day
Sat., Nov. 22 • Build Day
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
at Southland Workshop

We will be building beds for children. All skill levels needed.

Interested in helping?
 Email Chris Barkoukis at chris.barkoukis@shpbeds.org






Christ Connecting
 BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

nov/dec 2025 NOW AVAILABLE!

christelca.org/latest-news/newsletter







ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET

Sunday, November 23
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
in the Lower Commons



Baptismal Class

Sun., November 23
1:00 p.m. on Zoom

For info, email Mary Parker
mparker@christelca.org

ZOOM LINK:
christelca.org/online



Stepping Stones

CONFIRMATION

TEN COMMANDMENTS

Sunday, November 16
4-6 p.m. in the Forum

7th graders and parents are invited to explore the 10 Commandments, discover their significance in their faith journey and create a keepsake.

Scan/Click to Register



REALM



HIGH SCHOOL Lunch

Sunday, November 9 • 12:30-2 p.m.

Let's go out for lunch! Join us after 11 a.m. worship and we will walk over to Mezeh for some time of fellowship. Everyone is welcome, parents and siblings as well!

MORE INFO: tweller@christelca.org

mezeh



HIGH SCHOOL

Kate's Skating Rinks

Indian Trail

Sunday, November 16 • 1-3 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon of fun & laughter as we hit the skating rink together! Bring your friends and come ready to roll, hang out & make some great memories.

Scan/Click to Register



REALM



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



Advent Wreath Making Event for Families

Sunday, November 23
12:15 - 2:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Join us for a new family tradition as we create Advent wreaths to take home & enjoy for many years to come. Lunch, wreath supplies & candles are provided. This event is geared to preschool & elementary families. Cost: \$15

To help us plan for food & supplies,
Please Scan/Click to Register



REALM



MIDDLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SHOPPING for sponsored families

Sun., November 9
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Join us at Galleria Walmart as we go Christmas Shopping for local families in need to bring them Christmas joy! Once we are done shopping we will head over to Steak and Shake for a time of fellowship and milkshakes!

Click/Scan to Register>>
MORE INFO: tweller@christelca.org



REALM



Psalm 8: Eco-Friendly

Our small group sponsors roadside cleanup for 2.8 miles of Providence Road in front of the church and you're invited to join us for our next cleanup date:

Saturday, December 6

8:30 a.m. meet in church parking lot

9:00 - 10:30 a.m. cleanup

More info: Gordon Miller (gmill9535@aol.com)



Join us for
THANKSGIVING WORSHIP
November 26 • 6:30 p.m.
in Christ Chapel & Online
After worship, stay for pumpkin pie
in Fellowship Hall.
No Wednesdays Ablaze Dinner/Classes



2030 somethings
Coffee with the Pastors
POTLUCK MASHUP
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9 • 12:15-2 P.M. IN THE PIT
Members of Young Adults 20-30 Somethings & Coffee with the Pastors are invited to have lunch together. -Bring a dish to share-
Scan/Click to Register
MORE INFO: rritzmann@christelca.org



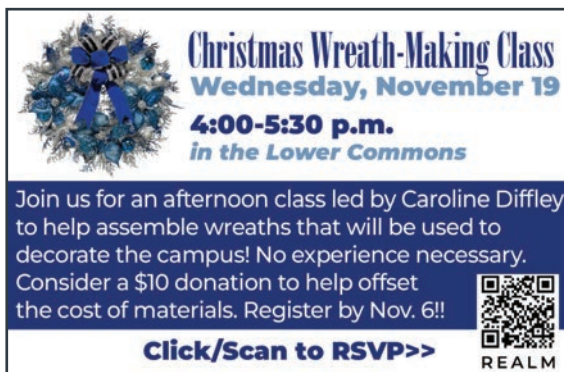
Decorating for Christmas
Helpers are needed to make Christ Lutheran Bow-dacious and Bough-tiful for the Christmas season. Families with supervised children are encouraged to help! No sign-up needed.
WE WILL MEET FOR SETUP ON Saturday, November 29 (9:00am)
No RSVP Needed • Just Show Up!
MORE INFO: mjohanson@christelca.org
(teardown will be Jan. 10, 9:00 a.m.)



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 12/28.
\$20 EACH • DUE BY DEC. 10
Scan/Click to Order



Re-Membering Event
Sunday, November 23
12:30 p.m. in Forum A&B
Members who have recently joined CLC are invited to get together for lunch to talk about how your first steps into your new congregation are going.
Scan/Click for info & to register



Christmas Wreath-Making Class
Wednesday, November 19
4:00-5:30 p.m.
in the Lower Commons
Join us for an afternoon class led by Caroline Diffley to help assemble wreaths that will be used to decorate the campus! No experience necessary. Consider a \$10 donation to help offset the cost of materials. Register by Nov. 6!
Click/Scan to RSVP>>



Third THURSDAY
for adults of all ages
November 20
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



Prayers

† People in Washington DC, our government and leaders
† People of Russia and Ukraine
† Israel and Palestine War
† Conflict in the Middle East
† Jamaica and everyone in the path of Hurricane Melissa
† Caregivers
† Prayers for escalating turmoil and divisions
† Elizabeth
† Chris Simmons
† Donna Emmans
† Becky Sigmon
† David Misenheimer
† Kathy Hofmann's aunt, Linda
† Fred Reddel
† Mike and Karen Hardwick's daughter, Landry
† Laura Tang and family on the death of her sister, Nancy
† Richard
† Karen Roode
† Mindy Martin
† Dan Kirkland
† Randy Petrie's sister, Shelley Schnabel
† The family of Marjorie Liljefors upon her death
† Dawn Wisenberger and family on the death of her father, Pastor Bill Hollar
† Charles Abel
† Tony Hyde's father, Larry
† Harper Nau
† All Veterans, both alive and deceased, we thank you for your service

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

In honor of all veterans by Kathy Cowles

In memory of the birthday of my beloved husband, Charles (Chuck Larson) Larson.
Ever Loved, Charlotte Larson and Family

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

November 2, 2025

Traditional: 293

Bridge: 130

Contemporary: 279

Christ Online: 393 (Sun - Tue)



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