



Traditional

December 22, 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

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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 Come, O Come Emmanuel

arr. Zurcher

Mandy McAllister, oboe

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PREPARATION (stand)

Light the Candle

Vajda, Schalk



Light the can-dle of love to-day, the Giv-er of love is here!



Wel-come the love we live and die for, but on - ly Christ can give.



Flick-er and flame and glow with love, light up the world a-round you.



Flick-er and flame and glow with love, light up the world a -



round you.

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 (sit/kneel)

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
Rejoice, Rejoice,
Believers**

Laurenti, tr. Findlater



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ring bore,
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

**APOSTOLIC
GREETING**

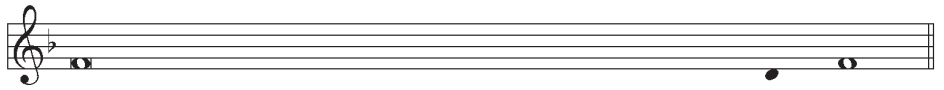
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE



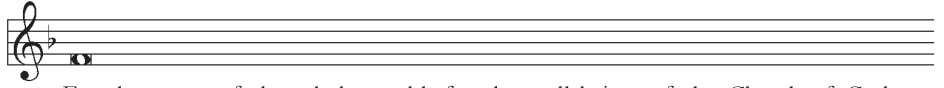
Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Ⓑ Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



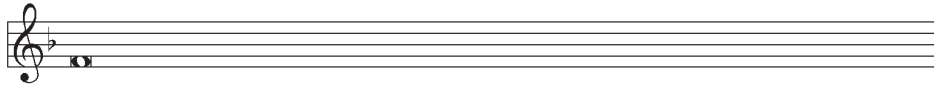
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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

**GLORIA IN
EXCELSIS**
*Glory to God
in the Highest*



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, whose word is comfort and whose promise is a new creation, prepare the way in the wilderness of our world. Open our eyes to the One who comes into our midst. Speak today to the inmost heart of your people, that, leading lives of holiness and godliness, we may hasten toward that day on which you will manifest in the fullness of its splendor the glory of your holy name. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who was, who is and who is to come, your Son who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.
Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING
Revelation 22:1-5
(NRSV)
 (sit)

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there

will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA
(stand)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL
John 20:19-23
(NRSV)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

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.

SERMON

GOD WITH US

HEAVEN: Coming Full Circle
Pastor Ryan Ritzmann

HYMN OF THE DAY
Drawn to the Light

Ylvissaker
(stand)

1 Peo - ple who walk in dark - ness have sought a light in the
2 How can we tell a heav - en from hell if ev - 'ry - one
3 Where is the sun? Oh, there will be none! The Lamb is the heart of the dark - est night. Just when we thought all would be dwells in the dark of night? Morn - ing dis - pels, gent - ly com - one who is shin - ing bright, bids us to come! Life has be -



lost, we were drawn to the light of God.
 pels, and we're drawn to the light of God.
 gun when we're drawn to the light of God.



Refrain
 Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night, drawn to the



light and the morn - ing. Glo - rious and bright, oh, what a



sight to be drawn to the light of God.

NICENE CREED We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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.

Let the Stable Still Astonish

Forrest
 Kristin Glaeser-Cavazos, solo

OFFERTORY
O Come, Divine Messiah
 Pellegrin
 (stand)



O come, Di-vine Mes - si - ah, The world in si - lence waits the day

When hope shall sing its tri - umph, And sad - ness flee a - way.

Dear Sav - ior, haste! Come, come to earth. Dis - pel the night and show your face,

And bid us hail the dawn of grace. O come, Di - vine

Mes - si - ah, The world in si - lence waits the day

When hope shall sing its tri - umph, and sad - ness flee a - way.

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
Savior of the Nations, Come

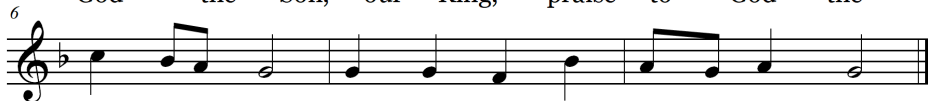
attr. Ambrose of Milan, tr.
Luther, tr. Reynolds, Walter



1. Sa - vior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's
2. Not by hu - man flesh and blood, by the
3. Won - drous birth! O won - drous Child of the
4. From the Fa - ther's throne he came and as -
5. Praise to God the Fa - ther sing, praise to



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, O
spi - rit of our God was the Word of
vir - gin un - de - filed, though by all the
cend - ed to the same, cap - tive lead - ing
God the Son, our King, praise to God the



heav'n and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
God made flesh, wo - man's off - spring, pure and fresh.
world dis - owned, still to be in heav'n en - throned.
death and hell. High the song of tri - umph swell!
Spi - rit be ev - er and et - ern - al - ly.

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

POSTLUDE

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Christmas Eve Worship

Tuesday, December 24

10 a.m. Family Service (Sanctuary) ^

3 p.m. Contemporary (Sanctuary) 🎙️🎧
including The Xperience, our HS worship team

5 p.m. Traditional (Sanctuary) 🎙️🎧

7 p.m. Contemporary (Sanctuary)

9 p.m. Traditional (Christ Chapel) ^

^ IN PERSON ONLY

👶 NURSERY (0-35 months) 📺 CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pre-service music provided before the start of each p.m. service


WORSHIP IN PERSON -or- ONLINE christelca.org/online

Dates to Know

Worship on December 29
There will be only 1 service on Dec. 29
at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Sunday School
resumes January 5, 2025

Wednesdays Ablaze
resumes January 8, 2025





ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, January 26 • 12:15 p.m.

at Christ Providence (Sanctuary)
-or- Christ Online (Youtube)

FOR LINK: christelca.org/online

Celebration of Baptism

Sunday, January 12

During the 8:45 & 11:00 a.m. services
In celebration of Jesus' baptism, we will honor
all who were baptized in 2024 with a special
recognition during T & C services. Families are
also invited for a brunch at 10 a.m. in the Pit.



WEDNESDAYS ABLAZE Dinner & Classes
Resume
January 8th

Pastor Scott's Class: The Gospel of Luke
6-7:30 p.m. in Forum A&B & Christ Online

John highlights the divinity of Jesus. Matthew accents the Jewish roots of Jesus. But the good physician and companion of Paul, Luke, draws us into the humanity of Jesus who gives special attention to the marginalized in society. Bring your Bibles and a highlighter as Pastor Scott walks us through this amazing Gospel chapter by chapter.

FOR MORE: christelca.org/wednesdays-ablaze


Stepping Stones

CONFIRMATION

Apostles' Creed

Sunday, January 5 • 4-6 p.m.
in the Forum

Parents & 8th graders are invited to explore
the 3 Articles of the Apostle's Creed & discover
their significance in our faith journey.

Click/Scan to Register >> 



NEW MEMBER CLASS

**Sunday, February 2
& Sunday, February 9**
12:15 - 2:30 p.m. at Christ Providence (Forum)

Lunch will be provided. Childcare available
for ages 0-36 months.

 **Scan/Click to Register**
MORE INFO: mparker@christelca.org
or khofmann@christelca.org

WEDNESDAYS ABLAZE

Dinner 5:00-6:15 p.m.
in Fellowship Hall (\$8 adults • \$6 child)
RSVP in REALM by each Monday prior

Activities & Classes 6:00-7:30 p.m.

STARTS JANUARY 8

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

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





American Red Cross

NEXT BLOOD DRIVE:

Sunday, January 19

8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

in Spirit Hall

SIGN UP TO DONATE at redcrossblood.org

HIGH SCHOOL

BOWLING + LASER TAG

Sunday, January 12

3 - 5 p.m. at *Sparetime Pineville*

Get ready to bowl strikes & spares, and then battle it out in an exciting game of laser tag. It's going to be a day full of laughter, competition & memories!

Click/Scan to Register>>



GRIEF SHARE

Wednesdays • 6-7:30 p.m.
in the Church Office Great Room

This Christ-centered, grief support group helps those who have lost loved ones find healing and hope. Open to members & nonmembers.

Griefshare follows a 13-wk. curriculum which includes a DVD-lesson, small group discussion & workbook. Cost: \$20

Starts Jan. 8th • Scan/Click to Register>



HIGH SCHOOL *Lipsync Karaoke Night*

Sunday, January 5

4-6 p.m. *in the Pit*

Join us for a fun & relaxed evening of lipSync karaoke, a casual dinner & time for devotions.

Click/Scan to Register>>



MIDDLE SCHOOL BIG AIR TRAMPOLINE PARK

Sunday, January 26

3-5 p.m. at Big Air Charlotte

Join us at Big Air Trampoline Park for an afternoon of jumping, laughter & tons of fun! Don't miss out on this awesome time with friends, games & high-flying moments!

\$20 • Scan/Click to Register>>



FAITH ALIVE

Confirmation Retreat

March 14 - 16, 2025

at *Lutheridge*

Middle schoolers will enjoy an unforgettable camp-like experience through a theme of "Living & Hearing."

More Info/Register in REALM>>

or email tweller@christelca.org



ROOM IN THE INN

Christ Providence is currently hosting our neighbors in need each Thursday night.



Overnight hosts, drivers and other volunteers needed!



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

Christmas Decorations Removal

Helpers are needed to remove Christmas decorations following the celebration of the Epiphany.

WE WILL MEET FOR TEARDOWN ON
Friday, January 10 • 8:30 a.m.

No RSVP Needed • Just Show Up!

MORE INFO: mjohanson@christelca.org

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Prayers

- † Monroe Middle School
 - † Barbara West
 - † Matilda Ann Plonk
 - † Deanna Hunter
 - † Kristi Ausrud
 - † Alicia and Mike Wallace's nephew, Stephen
 - † Lisa Heirigs' sister, Anne
 - † The family of Gene Baucom upon his death
 - † Lisa McCann
 - † Calvin Teel's mother, Carol
 - † Kate Shepard
 - † Margie Bell
 - † The family of Col. Will Haese upon his death
 - † Mickey Haese
 - † Angela Davis' mother, JoAnn
 - † Sherm Finer
 - † Grant Dover's father, John
 - † Meredith and Sam Reed on the birth of their baby boy, Wes Oliver. Proud grandparents, Mitzi and Stephen Deal
 - † Denise Vorpapel's brother, Bert
- Hospice List:**
- † Donna Hanna
 - † Bob Sisco's mother, Beverly

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

In loving memory of Paul Butlak by Kimberly Tyson and family

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE December 15, 2024

Traditional: 302
Bridge: 105
Contemporary: 370
Christ Online: 418
(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

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