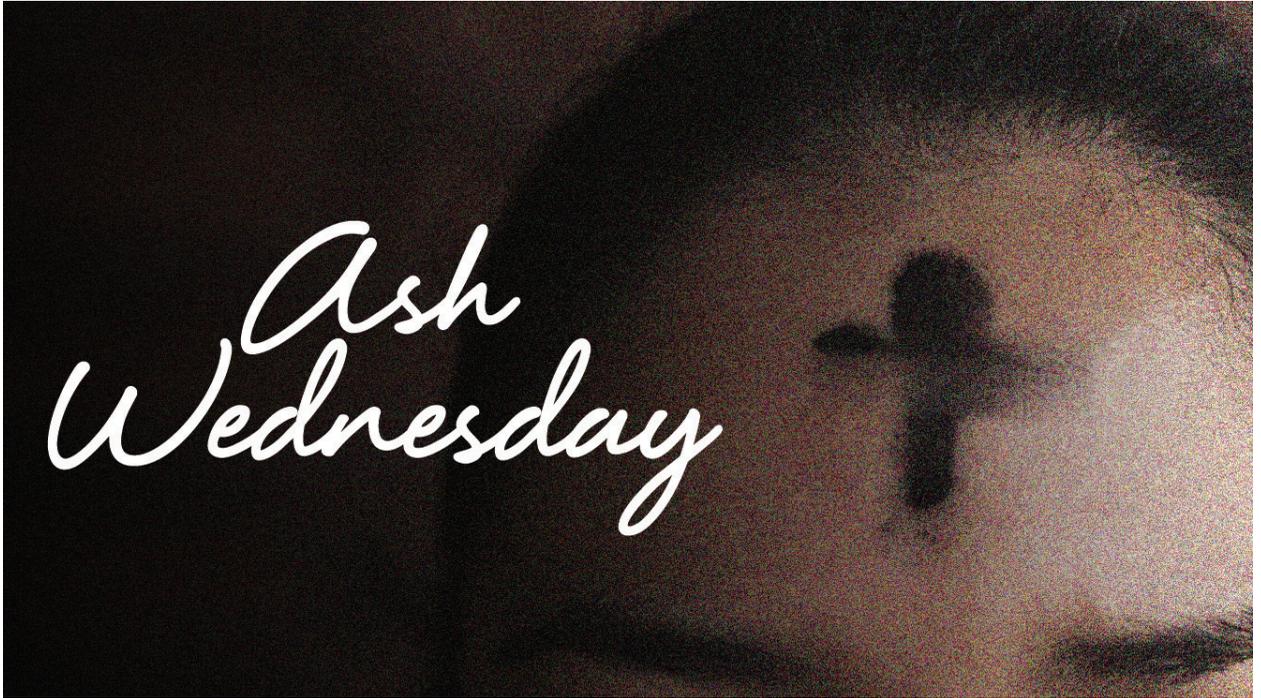




**CHRISTLUTHERAN**  
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*Communion & Imposition of Ashes*  
*6:30 p.m.*

**February 18, 2026**



## 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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# Order of Worship - Evening

GATHERING

## PRELUDE

### *My Wordless Prayer*

Craig Courtney  
Christ Choir

## APOSTOLIC GREETING (stand)

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

**People: And also with you.**

## HYMN OF CONFESSION *Our Father We Have Wandered*

Nichols, Hassler



1 Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;  
2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,  
3 O Lord of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,



in fool - ish - ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.  
be - hold us, Lord, re - turn - ing with hope and trust to you.  
com - pas - sion - ate, for - giv - ing, and ev - er - car - ing Lord,



But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we rise with fear and shame,  
In haste you come to meet us and home re - joic - ing bring,  
grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.



as, dis - tant but com - pel - ling, we hear you call our name.  
in glad - ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.  
Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

## LITURGY OF CONFESSION

*Brothers and sisters: God created us to experience joy in communion with him, to love all humanity, and to live in harmony with all of his creation. But sin separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, and so we do not enjoy the life our Creator intended for us. Also, by our sin we grieve our Father, who does not desire us to come under his judgment, but to turn to him and live. As disciples of the Lord Jesus we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor. Repentance, fasting, prayer, and works of love—the discipline of Lent—help us to wage our spiritual warfare. I invite you, therefore, to commit yourselves to this struggle and confess your sins, asking our Father for strength to persevere in your Lenten discipline.*

## SILENCE FOR REFLECTION & SELF-EXAMINATION (kneel/sit)

## CONFESSION

*Most holy and merciful Father:*

**We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault 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, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.*

**Have mercy on us, Lord.**

*We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.*

**Have mercy on us, Lord.**

*We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness. The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives.*

**We confess to you, Lord.**

*Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,*

**We confess to you, Lord.**

*Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,*

**We confess to you, Lord.**

*Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,*

**We confess to you, Lord.**

*Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,*

**We confess to you, Lord.**

*Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done. For our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,*

**Accept our repentance, Lord.**

*For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,*

**Accept our repentance, Lord.**

*For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,*

**Accept our repentance, Lord.**

*Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.*

**Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great. Amen.**

## IMPOSITION OF ASHES

(sit)

Those who desire to receive ashes, please come forward and kneel before the altar. The minister applies ashes to the forehead of each person with the words, "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

*Song of Surrender*

David Lantz III  
Christ Choir



**LESSON**  
**Isaiah 30:12-18**  
**(NRSV)**

Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel: "Because you reject this word and put your trust in oppression and deceit and rely on them, therefore this iniquity shall become for you like a break in a high wall, bulging out and about to collapse, whose crash comes suddenly, in an instant; its breaking is like that of a potter's vessel that is smashed so ruthlessly that among its fragments not a sherd is found for taking fire from the hearth or dipping water out of the cistern." For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength. But you refused and said, 'No! We will flee upon horses' — therefore you shall flee! and, 'We will ride upon swift steeds' — therefore your pursuers shall be swift! A thousand shall flee at the threat of one; at the threat of five you shall flee until you are left like a flagstaff on the top of a mountain, like a signal on a hill." Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show mercy to you. For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN OF  
 RESPONSE**  
*On My Heart  
 Imprint Your Image*  
 Kingo, König  
 (stand)



On my heart im - print your im - age, bless - ed Je - sus, king of grace,



that life's trou - bles nor its plea - sures ev - er may your work e - rase.



Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, all my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

**HOLY GOSPEL**  
**Matthew 7:13-23**  
**(NRSV)**

*The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 7th chapter.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "Enter through the narrow gate, for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it. Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns or figs from thistles? In the same way, every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will know them by their fruits. Not everyone

who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' Then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; go away from me, you who behave lawlessly.'"

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**  
(sit)

Pastor Ryan Ritzmann

**HYMN OF THE DAY**  
*Savior, When in  
Dust to You*

Grant, Parry  
(stand)



1 Sav-ior, when in dust to you low we bow in hom-age due;  
2 By your help-less in-fant years, by your life of want and tears,  
3 By your hour of dire de-spair, by your ag-o-ny of prayer,  
4 By your deep ex-pir-ing groan, by the sad se-pul-chral stone,



when, re-pen-tant, to the skies scarce we lift our weep-ing eyes;  
by your days of deep dis-tress in the sav-age wil-der-ness,  
by the cross, the nail, the thorn, pierc-ing spear, and tor-turing scorn,  
by the vault whose dark a-bode held in vain the ris-ing God,



oh, by all your pains and woe suf-fered once for us be-low,  
by the dread, mys-te-rious hour of the in-sult-ing tempt-er's pow'r,  
by the gloom that veiled the skies o'er the dread-ful sac-ri-fice,  
oh, from earth to heav'n re-stored, might-y, re-as-cend-ed Lord,



bend-ing from your throne on high, hear our pen-i-ten-tial cry!  
turn, oh, turn a fa-v'ring eye; hear our pen-i-ten-tial cry!  
lis-ten to our hum-ble sigh; hear our pen-i-ten-tial cry!  
bend-ing from your throne on high, hear our pen-i-ten-tial cry!

**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.

## *O Praise The Name* *(Anástasis)* arr. Williamson

## SONG OF PRAYER

*Shepherd Me, O God*  
Haugen  
(stand)

Shep - herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -  
yond my fears, from death in - to life.

## PRAYERS

After each portion of the prayers:

*Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,*

**People: Hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

*Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**Amen.**

## MEAL

## 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

Led by the Wednesdays  
Ablaze Movement  
& Dance Team

**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.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

(sit)

Communion is a meal of celebration, forgiveness and blessing. We welcome all baptized Christians who believe that Jesus' body is broken for you and that His blood is shed for you. If you would like to know more about either Baptism or Communion, any of our pastors would be pleased to speak with you. Welcome to God's table!

***We Love You, Lord***  
arr. Knight  
Bobby Mauney, solo

## 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.**

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SENDING

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## CLOSING SONG

***What Wondrous Love Is This with You Are My King  
(Amazing Love)***

arr. Allen

SpiritSong, Christ Choir

## DISMISSAL

*Go in peace, serve the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God**

## POSTLUDE

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**Wednesdays During Lent**  
**FEBRUARY 25 – APRIL 1**

**12:00 p.m. Midday Service “The Least of These” (Christ Chapel)**  
followed by lunch in the Forum • \$5

**5:00 p.m. Wednesdays Ablaze Dinner (Fellowship Hall)**  
\$8 adults/\$6 child /\$30 family max  
menus & RSVP: [christelca.org/menu](http://christelca.org/menu)

**6:00 p.m. Wednesdays Ablaze Classes**  
more info: [christelca.org/wednesdays-ablaze](http://christelca.org/wednesdays-ablaze)



## Holy Week & Easter Sunday

### Palm Sunday March 29

- 8:45 a.m. Traditional Service (Sanctuary) 🕊️ 📺
- 10:00 a.m. Bridge Service (Christ Chapel) ▲ 🕊️
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 🕊️
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Service (Sanctuary) 🕊️ 📺

### Holy Week Wednesday April 1

- 12:00 p.m. Midday Lenten Service (Christ Chapel)  
*followed by light lunch in the Forum, \$5*
- 5:00 p.m. Wednesdays Ablaze Dinner (Fellowship Hall)  
\$8 adults/\$6 child /\$30 family max
- 6:00 p.m. Wednesdays Ablaze Classes

### Maundy Thursday April 2

- 12:00 p.m. Midday Worship (Christ Chapel)
- 5:30 p.m. Seder Meal (Spirit Hall) ▲ 🕊️  
\$10 • Register in REALM
- 6:30 p.m. Evening Worship (Sanctuary) 🕊️
- 8:00 p.m. Prayer Vigil Starts (Lackey Chapel) ▲

### Good Friday April 3

- 10:00 a.m. Children's Service (Sanctuary) ▲  
*for families with young children,  
preschool & elementary students*
- 12:00 p.m. Seven Last Words (Christ Chapel)
- 7:00 p.m. Prayer Vigil Ends (Lackey Chapel) ▲
- 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service (Sanctuary)

### Easter Sunday April 5

- 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service (Fountain Plaza) ▲
- 8:45 a.m. Traditional Service (Sanctuary) 🕊️ 📺
- 10:00 a.m. Bridge Service (Christ Chapel) ▲ 🕊️
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Service (Sanctuary) 🕊️ 📺

▲ IN PERSON ONLY

🕊️ nursery available (0-36 months)

📺 children's message

## Easter Flowers & Wreaths

Purchase fresh flowers and locally-crafted artificial wreaths in memory of or in honor of loved ones to adorn our worship spaces on Easter Sunday. Flowers and wreaths may be taken home after the Easter Sunday Contemporary service.

**\$15 lilies**  
**\$30 hydrangeas**  
**\$75 artificial wreath**

Scan QR Code to Purchase  
DEADLINE FOR INCLUSION IN BULLETINS: MARCH 23



REALM

QUEEN CITY POPS *presents*

# Defying Gravity

BLOCKBUSTER BROADWAY

**Friday, March 20**

**7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

DIRECT FROM BROADWAY - STARRING!

**Scott Coulter Jessica Hendy Kelli Rabke John Boswell**

**\$30 GENERAL ADMISSION**

**\$15 STUDENT | \$40 VIP**

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NEW SUNDAY ADULT CLASS • STARTS FEBRUARY 22

## *The Marks of Discipleship*



*worship*



*devotion*



*people*



*service*



*stuff*

**Sundays • 10:00–10:45 a.m.  
in Fellowship Hall**

Explore what a follower of Jesus looks like and get ready to spark your spiritual life as you learn about The Marks of Discipleship! Led by CLC pastors.



# Baptismal Class

**Sunday, March 1**  
1:00 p.m. on Christ Online

For info, email Caroline at [cdiffley@christelca.org](mailto:cdiffley@christelca.org)

VIRTUAL LINK:  
[christelca.org/online](http://christelca.org/online)

# The Marks of Discipleship

**LENTEN SUNDAY SERMON SERIES**  
FEBRUARY 22 – MARCH 22  
[christelca.org/sermon-series](http://christelca.org/sermon-series)

# Third THURSDAY

for adults of all ages

**February 19**  
11:45 a.m.–2 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Bring your lucky charm & join us for lunch & Bingo! Great food, prizes & fun!!

**\$12 • Scan/Click to Register**

# Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study

meets weekly from 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. in Forum A&B -or- Christ Online

From February 12–March 5, we will embark on a pastor led, 4-week study on Galatians. This pastor led study will be offered in person and online. Join us!

The live-stream link can be found on our website at [christelca.org/online](http://christelca.org/online).

MORE INFO: [julia.edelson@gmail.com](mailto:julia.edelson@gmail.com)

# Stepping Stones

FIRST COMMUNION

PREPARATION CLASSES • SAVE THE DATES  
Feb. 22 • Meaning of the Meal • 1–3 p.m.  
March 14 • Story Day • 8:45 a.m.–12 p.m.  
March 29 • Livin' Forgivin 1–3 p.m.

First Communion will take place during Maundy Thursday's service on April 2nd (after the completion of the Seder Meal). Prep classes are for 2nd graders & their parents to attend together.

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

# OUT & ABOUT

-family outing-

## WOODPLAY CHARLOTTE

**Saturday, March 21 • 2-4 p.m.**  
(9517 Monroe Rd.)

Kids can play in the showroom while parents enjoy time in fellowship. Light snacks will be provided for all — don't miss this family-friendly event!

**Scan/Click to Register**

# Register Now!

## Vacation Bible School

for ages 4 through rising 5th grade

# June 15-19

Scan/Click QR Code to Register>>  
TO VOLUNTEER: [krank@christelca.org](mailto:krank@christelca.org)

# CENTERSTAGE SUMMER CAMP August 3-7

Rising 6th - 12th graders are welcome to register for this all-day summer camp featuring singing, drama & choreography, led by Aj Calpo & Lamar Davis.

Performance: Fri., Aug. 7th • 7pm (The Pit)

**\$300 • Click/Scan QR Code for More Info & RSVP**

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



# Prayers

- † People in Washington DC, our government and leaders
  - † People of Russia and Ukraine
  - † Conflict in the Middle East
  - † Remove fear and bring peace in our community
  - † Natalie Brown
  - † Lois Witham
  - † Fred Reddel
  - † Chris Wrenn's father, Dave
  - † Tony Hyde and family on the death of his father, Larry
  - † Bruce Voelker's brother, George
  - † Frank Henry's mother, Jean
  - † Kevin Ellefson and family on the death of his sister-in-law, Cheryl
  - † Cody Bollinger and Sarah Ayala and their baby
  - † Susan Fisher and family on the death of her father, Bruce
  - † Lydia Brincefield
- Hospice List**
- † Rebecca Sturtz' father, Randy



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Senior Pastor



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