

Welcome to Worship with Holy Communion



**Bringing Christ To All People
Today And Every Day**

GATHERING TOGETHER

WELCOME - Make a special effort to welcome our visitors!! Christ Lutheran Church is a weapon, smoke, vape and tobacco free church and campus. We share Joys, News, and Concerns.

PRELUDE

We take a quiet moment to prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.

GATHERING HYMN/CHOIR ANTHEM - Stand As You Are Able

YOUTH/YOUNG IN SPIRIT MESSAGE

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P The grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the love of GOD our Father, and the communion of The Holy Spirit be with you all!

C And also with you!

CONFESION

P Blessed be The Holy Trinity, **☩** One God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever!

C Amen!

P Trusting in God our Father's mercy, let us confess our sin!

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P Holy One, God our Father, source of our salvation,

C we confess that at times we are wrapped up in our sin, and cannot free ourselves. At times we do not practice your righteousness. At times our hearts turn away from you. For our salvation, forgive us, so that we are reconciled to you and one another for the glory of your Holy Name. Amen!

P God our Father teaches: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God our Father's mercy saves us and makes us new. We are forgiven in the Holy Name of His **☩** Son, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior!

C Amen!

SHARING THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray!

C O God our Father, at the Holy Baptism of your Son Jesus you proclaimed Him your Beloved Son, your Holy Anointed One. By The Holy Spirit's power, continue to make all who are baptized into Jesus Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all as the Body of Christ, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and The Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen!

PRAYER FOR THE WORLD

P Let us pray!

C Let us pray for all victims of any forms of violence, terror, human trafficking, and all displaced peoples; all victims of ethnic, racial, gender, sexual, political, and religious discrimination and violence; all victims of natural disasters or human made disasters; all victims of war or warlike activity, conflict, oppression and strife including in Gaza, Israel and Ukraine; and for Jesus' Gospel to reach the Hindu Kurmi People in India. Gracious GOD our Father of healing and wholeness, through the power of The Holy Spirit, bring relief in every way you see fit for those impacted by natural disasters, human made disasters, conflicts, persecutions and wars. Empower all peoples to reach out to those impacted through the healing power of Jesus Christ. GOD our Father, + Son and Holy Spirit, we admit our human frailties and recognize we live in a fallen creation. Restore us each and every way as you see fit so that your will is done. In Jesus' Holy Name we pray. Amen!

SCRIPTURE HYMN/CHOIR ANTHEM

GOSPEL - Stand As You Are Able

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED - Stand As You Are Able

P Living together in faith, trust, and hope, let us confess our faith together!

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by The Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living and the dead. 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!

THE BANQUET

COMMUNION LITURGY

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened His arms to all.

- 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.

- Remembering, therefore, His death, resurrection, and ascension, we await His coming in glory.

- Pour out The Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

- Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of The Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever!

C Amen!

LORD'S PRAYER - SING

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the Banquet, for all is now ready!

C Thanks be to God!

All Baptized Christians who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome at the Lord's Table. We receive His continuing forgiving presence in our lives, along with His mercy, salvation, and promise of eternal life. You are also invited to come forward for a blessing. Pick up a communion wine cup from the cup stand. Receive the host bread from the Communion Assistant and the wine from the Pastor. Tell the Communion Assistant if you prefer gluten-free bread and the Pastor if you prefer grape juice. Return your used cup to the tray from the Communion Assistant.

HOLY COMMUNION HYMN/CHOIR ANTHEM

TABLE BLESSING

P The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace now and forever!

C Amen!

THE SENDING

BLESSING - SING - Stand As You Are Able

C Blessed be the Name of the Lord; He is worthy to be praised and adored; So we lift up holy hands in one accord, singing, "Blessed be the Name, blessed be the Name, blessed be the Name of the Lord!" We are Jesus strong! Amen!



SENDING HYMN/CHOIR ANTHEM

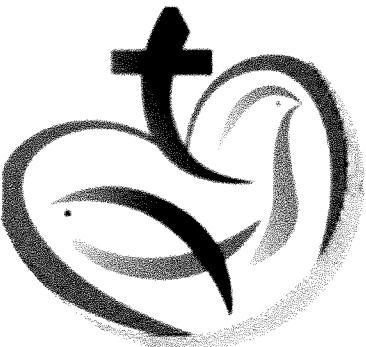
FINAL SENDING

P Continue to bring Christ to all people today and everyday! Go in Peace! Share the good news!

C We will with thanks to GOD! Amen!

LESSONS & FINANCIALS

Year A-Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, February 1, 2026



Worship Services
with Holy Communion
At 9:00 am & 10:30am

Christ Lutheran Church
15699 SE 80th Avenue
Summerfield, FL 34491
352-307-6900
Mailing Address
P.O. Box 693,
Summerfield, FL 34492

Website: christlutheranchurchelcm.org

*Bringing Christ To All People Today
And Every Day*

GOSPEL: St. Matthew 5:1-12

L Jesus opens His Sermon on the Mount by naming those who are blessed in the kingdom of heaven.

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 5th Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

C ¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: ³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

FIRST LESSON: Micah 6:1-8

L With the mountains and the foundations of the earth as the jury, the Lord God brings a lawsuit against both the northern kingdom of Israel and the southern kingdom of Judah. The Lord God has "wearied" them with a long history of saving acts. The Lord God does not want or expect lavish sacrifices to attempt to earn divine favor. Rather the Lord God empowers the people to do justice, to love loyalty to the Lord God, and to walk shrewdly in the Lord God's service.

Jesus' sermon on the Mount



L ¹Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³"O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD." ⁶"With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" ⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 15

LORD, who may abide upon your holy hill? (Ps. 15:1)

¹LORD, who may dwell in your ¹ tabernacle?
Who may abide upon your ¹ holy hill?

²Those who lead a blameless life and do ¹ what is right,
who speak the truth ¹ from their heart;

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil ¹ to their friends;
they do not cast discredit up- ¹ on a neighbor.

⁴In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who ¹ fear the LORD.
They have sworn upon their health and do not take ¹ back their word.

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes a- ¹ gainst the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be ¹ overthrown.

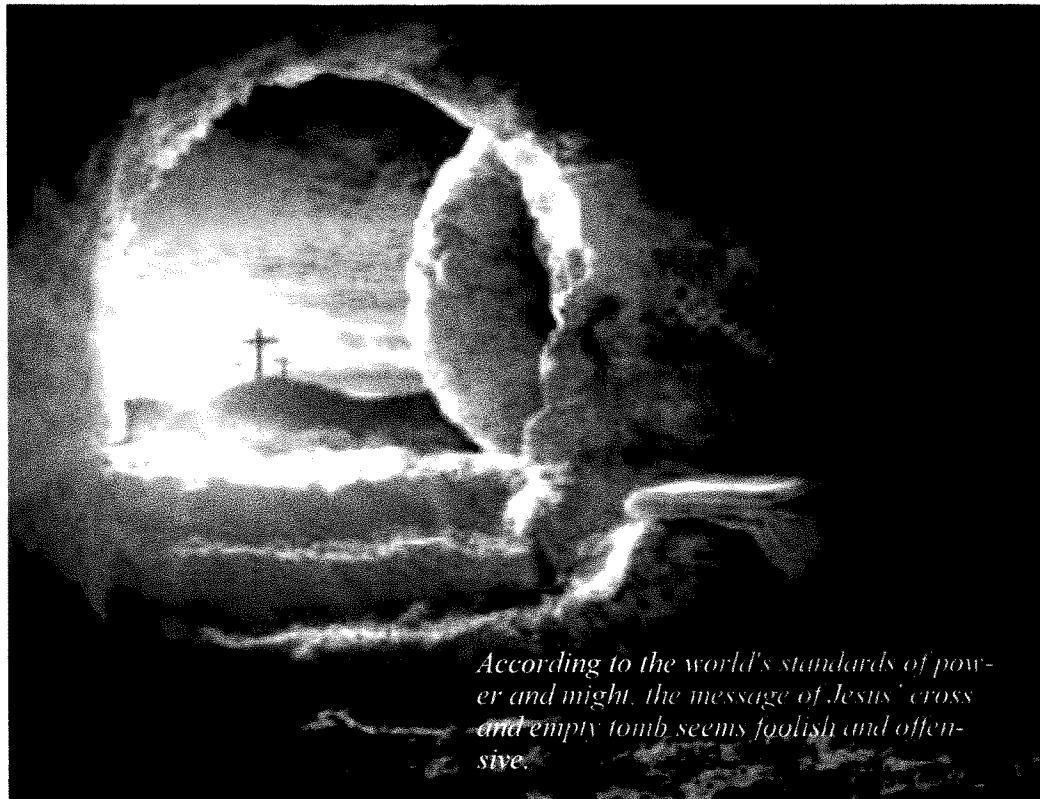
SECOND LESSON: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31

L According to the world's standards of power and might, the message of Jesus' cross and empty tomb seems foolish and offensive. Yet Jesus' Gospel reveals the paradoxical way God our Father has chosen to work power and salvation through weakness, rejection, and suffering. Hence the message of Jesus' cross and empty tomb is true wisdom and power for believers.

L ¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. ²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS for 2/01/2026 BULLETIN

	<u>Operating Funds</u>
Balance @ 01/01/26	\$ 80,182
YTD Income	\$ 39,196
YTD Expenses	<u>\$ 30,552</u>
Balance @ 1/25/2026	<u>\$ 88,826</u>

Offering for 1/25/2026

Operating Fund	\$ 7,690
Loose	\$ 57
Mortgage Fund	\$ 880

Designated Giving:

- Food For The Poor	\$ 110
- Salvation Army	\$ 40
- Lutheran World Relief	\$ 5
- ELCM Missions	\$ 25
- Fellowship	\$ 20
- Feed My Starving Children	\$ 317
- Debt Reduction	\$ 100

Total Offering **\$ 9,244**

FMSC Net Fundraising for 2026 Pack: **\$ 40,674**

Mortgage Debt Balance as of 1/26/2026 **\$ 806,533**

Note: If anyone would like further details on Church financials, please see Barb LeFevre, Treasurer.

CHURCH INFORMATION & EVENTS, January 25, 2026

Meetings-Monday, Feb 2-Property-10am, **Tuesday**, Feb 3-Social-10am, W&M-11am, Pastor Dave-Bible Study-2pm, **Thursday**, February 5-Finance-10am. **Michele Harney**,

Giving Statements- If you need a 2025 Giving Statement please contact **Kay Bertzyk, 352-245-0346**, **Financial Secretary**.

Feed My Starving Children-The net proceeds collected to date are \$40,674 towards our January 2026 goal of \$35,000 goal. **Mark Ferrera, FMSC Chair, 407-616-1576**.

Hearing Aid Devices-We have Blue Tooth and T Coil. In case your connection isn't working we have some really nice headphones you can use. **Joe Pence, Facilities Manager, 352-307-6900**.

2026 UPCOMING EVENTS AT CLC



Children & Youth Ministry



Prayer Shawl - 2nd Wednesday of Month
BP CLINIC - 3rd Sunday of the Month

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, Feb. 14-Spaghetti Dinner-4:30 Take-Out, Eat-In-5pm, Tickets 1-\$15, 2-\$25 (FMSC)

Valentine's Party-Saturday, February 21-3-5pm (Youth Ministry)

Sunday, Feb. 22-Juke Box Bingo-Social-1:30pm, Bingo-2pm, Tickets \$10 (FMSC)

Sunday, March 15-Elvis Returns (Pastor Derrel)-Social-2pm, Show-3pm Free Will Offering (FMSC)

Celebrate Easter-Saturday, March 21-3-5pm (Youth Ministry)

Friday, April 10-Juke Box Bingo-Social-4:30pm, Bingo-5pm, Tickets \$10 (FMSC)

Sunday, May 17-Jeff Gwaltney Concert-Social 2pm, Concery-3pm Free Will Offering (FMSC)

End of School Bash-Saturday, May 23-3-5pm (Youth Ministry)

Sunday, June 14-Juke Box Bingo-Social-1:30pm, Bingo-2pm, Tickets-\$10 (FMSC)

CONTACTS

Medical & Prayer Shawl, Darlene Baney, Coordinator, 419-367-0373.

G.I.F.T. Minister-Skyler Forsythe, 352-299-5471

FMSC, Mark Ferrera, Chair, 407-616-1576

Family Minister-Ashley Runyon, 980-925-9959

Fellowship-Kay Bertzyk, 352-245-0346 or Joe Capelli, 352-445-2616, Co Chairs.

CHURCH INFORMATION & EVENTS CONTD.

Shepherd's Light House-The housing section is in need of baby wipes, paper towels, kitchen garbage bags and black garbage bags. Also copy paper is needed. **Questions-Rosemary Ganci, local Outreach Chair, 352-307-5952.**



The Rock-Lake Weir Middle School is back in session for the 2025-26 school year. They need Deodorant for males and females, Shampoo & Conditioner, as well as bars of soap. **Carolyn Korpics, 352-693-8543, Coordinator.**

Prayer Shawls-In the Fellowship Hall there are Prayer Shawls ready to be given to people who you feel might like to wrap themselves in Prayer. Please feel free to take one. Just let us know where you sent it. **Darlene Baney, Coordinator, 419-367-0373.**



Interfaith Free Clinic Medical Center- needs any Over The Counter medicines that are NOT opened and NOT expired. Cold medicine, cough drops, regular aspirin and low dose aspirin are needed too. NO RX MEDS.
Michele Harney, Parish Administration Minister, 352-307-6900.

Domestic Violence Center (C.A.S.A.)-We are collecting items at this time. They need Cleaning Supplies, Hygiene Items, Diapers and Wipes, Paper Towels, Paper Napkins & Toilet Paper. Clean and like new condition business attire is also needed. **Cindy Kelly, Coordinator, 440-221-4027.**

Interfaith Shower Ministry in Ocala-for the homeless. We collect supplies: bath towels and wash cloths, all hygiene products, men's socks and underwear, **Susan Blusewicz, Interfaith Shower Ministry Coordinator, 352-674-9434.**

Blood Mobile-10 people donated blood on December 28. The next drive is Sunday, February 22, 2026 from 8-12:30pm. Link for sign up-https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/1541681. **Cindy Kelly, Coordinator, 440-221-4027.**

Fellowship Ministry-Volunteers needed to join our team. Many hands make light work, so please join the Fellowship Ministry Team. **Call Joe Capelli (352-445-2616) or Kay Bertzyk (352-245-0346, Fellowship Co-Chairs.**

House of Hope-This is a voluntary facility to treat men with addiction in a Christian based residential program. At this time they need mens' underwear, toiletries and new bed pillows. **Cindy Kelly, Social Ministry Chair, 440-221-4027.**

Hands of Mercy Everywhere-Needed: Paper Towels, Paper Napkins & Toilet paper. **Cindy Kelly, Social Ministry Chair, 440-221-4027.**

Cell Phones-We will still be collecting cell phones. They are taken to Interfaith. **Michele Harney, Parish Administration Minister, 352-307-6900.**

St. Theresa Roman Catholic Church Food Pantry-Thank you for continuing to donate. Keep those donations coming. Non-perishable supplies are always needed. Be sure to check the expiration date. Questions call **Pastor Dave Connell, 352-307-6900.**

We acknowledge a gift to the Mortgage Fund:

In Memory Of: Chris Messersmith
By: Ray & Barb LeFevre

In Memory Of: Chris Messersmith
By: John Moore



**The Live Plant Garden Is Given:
To The Glory of God**



We express Christian Sympathy to the family and friends of:

Debbie Durka - Parishioner Member Jackie Romeo's friend on our Hospice prayer list with terminal internal cancer and in Marion County Hospice Brandley House care died.

Cards to:

David (husband) Durka & Family - 9305 SE 126th Street, Summerfield, FL 34491
Jim & Jackie (friends) Romeo - 13225 SE 86th Circle, Summerfield, FL 34491

A Celebration of Life

Pastor Paul Sutterer-Visitor at CLC died on Wednesday, December 3. There is a Celebration of Life **TOMORROW**, Monday, February 2 at 10am at Hope Lutheran Church in The Villages, Florida.

Walt Baney-Parishioner Celebration of Life is Friday, February 27 at 11am at CLC.

Christine "Chris" Messersmith-Parishioner Celebration of Life is Friday, March 13 at 11am at CLC.

PRAYERS

Pray - Council, Ministry Team Leaders / Teams, and Parishioners - Today

for: Debbie Davenport; Shirley Denny; Bob & Jean Dunbar; Rev.'s Dr.'s Neeraj & Nijhar, & Urbas, Maani, Puna & Jhumpa Ekka; Robert & Sharon Ellis; Bob & Diane English; Martha Etchberger; and all baptized, confirmed, married, memorialized, new parishioners, and all at Christ Lutheran Church.

Give Thanks - Healing: Dick Knight (heart health issues heart cath rehab - OK); Louise Soltys (internal cancer remission follow-up blood test results w/oncologist Dr. - OK); Pr. Roy Steward (ELCM President, aorta heart valve replacement repair surgery rehab - OK); and Pr. Derrel Strickland (Pr. Connell's friend - left knee replacement repair surgery rehab - OK).

Pray - Parishioners (short term): Shirley Denny (fractured right hip repair surgery rehab - Chatham Glen Rehab # 102); Kelly Hallermeier (2nd of 2 health issues repairs surgeries rehab); Michele Harney (heart health issues heart cath 3/18 - The Villages Hosp.); Michelle Holm (internal health issues next steps pending); Patricia "Pat" Holman (internal health issues test pending); Pam Jamieson (internal health issues rehab - The Villages Hosp. ICU # 3722); Dave Judd (heart aorta valve repair surgery next steps w/surgeon Dr. pending); Frank Neumann (heart cath 1 stent implant repair surgery pending; right knee replacement repair surgery pending); and Perry Olyer (lung health issues CAT scan results w/pulmonologist Dr. 2/12; back spinal discs pain repair surgery next steps w/surgeon Dr. 2/17 - Shands Hosp.).

Pray - Parishioners (long term - hospital): No one.

Pray - Parishioners (long term - Hospice): John Simmons (Summerfield, FL).



Attendance: 9am: 88
10:30am: 49 Total: 137
YouTube: 52

LESSONS FOR NEXT WEEK
Isaiah 58:1-12
Psalm 112:1-10
1 Corinthians 2:1-16
Gospel-St. Matthews 5:13-20

Living Plant Garden

Lent SOUP TIME

It is already time for Lent Soup Sundays!!! We are looking for soup/stew/chili Makers and Buyers for Sunday, February 22, March 1, March 8, March 15, March 22 & March 29, 2026.

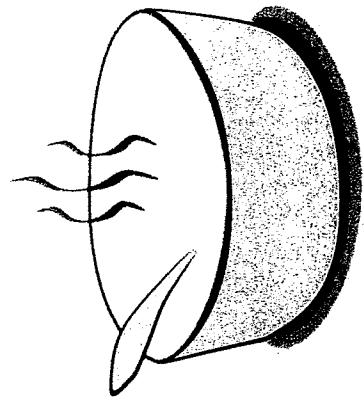
Containers can be purchased at the Dollar Store. Label all containers with the contents. Please Do Not return containers if you buy soup.

Soup will be \$10 and \$15 per container. Soup may be purchased Sunday mornings after each Worship service.

The sign up sheets are on the table in the Fellowship Hall for all of our Chefs!

Kay Bertzyk & Joe Capelli, Fellowship Co-Chairs. Questions Kay-352-245-0346 or Joe-352-445-2616.

We have plenty of openings to sign up to give a Living Plant Garden in Honor Of or In Memory Of a loved one. The sign up sheet is on the wall in the Fellowship Hall by the doors to the Narthex. The Living Plant Garden will be displayed on the date you chose in front of the podium. The best news is you get to take it home that day and watch it grow or give it to a friend or neighbor who might enjoy it. Payment of \$65 may be placed in the offering plate or dropped off in the office. Be sure to mark the memo what it is for. Michele Harney, 352-307-6900, Parish Admin.



South Carolina news now
Good Luck on Your New Adventure
Bill & Roxanne Daimler
We all will miss you.

CHANGE THE GAME

Souper Bowl of Caring

MORE THAN 30 YEARS AGO, the Souper Bowl of Caring began.

"Lord, even as we enjoy the Souper Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat."

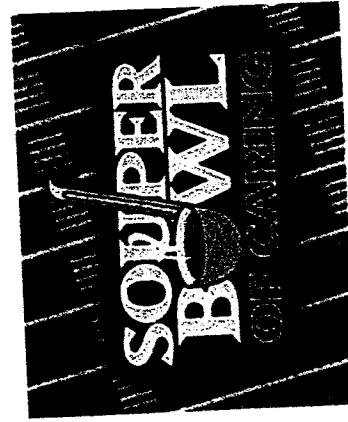
Since that day, more than \$143 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around the Big Game into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.

Through this mission, young people learn what it is like to make a positive difference in the world-as they collect food, raise money and volunteer to work in charities that provide shelter to the homeless, food to the hungry and compassion to those in need.

Be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. Please give generously on Souper Bowl Sunday.

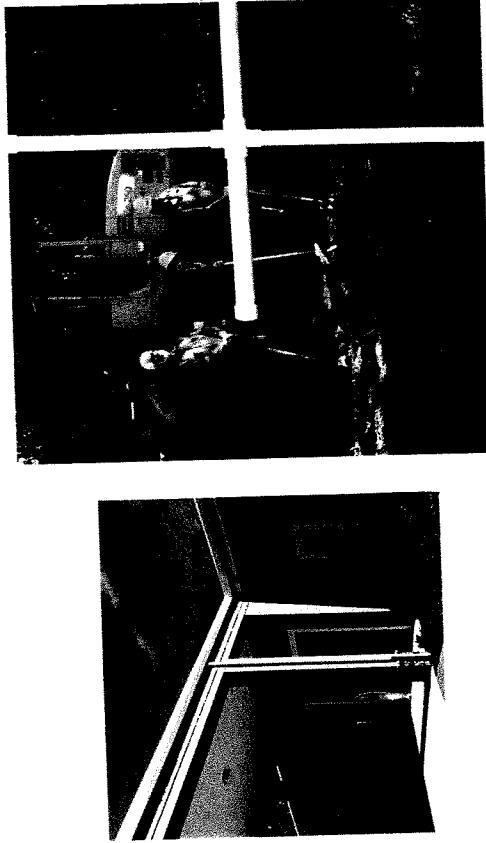
Every dollar donated goes to: St. Theresa Roman Catholic Church Food Pantry, our Souper Bowl of Caring charity of choice.

Souper Bowl Sunday, February 8, 2026



You helped make Christ Lutheran Church
we all will miss you.

WE ARE JESUS STRONG



JOIN US SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8- 9:30-12pm TO SEND
THEM OFF SAFELY!!

Questions: Kay Bertzky (352) 245-0346

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, February 1, 2026

Quiet Moment-There is a Redeemer-Choir

1. Songs of Thankfulness and Praise ELW 310
2. Light Shone in Darkness ELW 307
3. **Communion**-A. All Are Welcome ELW 641 B. Yes, Dear Lord ELW 702
4. Goodness Is Stronger than Evil ELW 721