

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

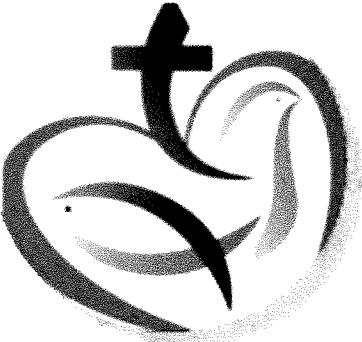
FINAL SENDING

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-Third Sunday after Epiphany, January 25, 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 4:12-23

L Jesus begins His public ministry shortly after St. John the Baptist is imprisoned by King Herod. Jesus proclaims the nearness of God His Father's reign and calls four fishermen to be His first disciples.

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 4th Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

C ¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. ²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 9:1-4

L The northern kingdom of Israel tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when the Lord God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because the Lord God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.

L ¹There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time the LORD brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 27:1, 4-9

The LORD is my light and my salvation. (Ps. 27:1)

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then ¹ shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I ¹ be afraid?

4 One thing I ask of the LORD; one ¹ thing I seek;

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God ¹ in the temple.

⁵For in the day of trouble God will ¹ give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- ¹ on a rock.

6 Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies ¹ who surround me.

Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing;

I will sing and make music ¹ to the LORD.

7 Hear my voice, O LORD, ¹ when I call;

have mercy on me and ¹ answer me.

8 My heart speaks your message— ¹ "Seek my face."

Your face, O LORD, ¹ I will seek.

9 Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser- ¹ vant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of ¹ my salvation.

SECOND LESSON: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-18

L St. Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of Jesus' Gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Jesus Christ. Indeed, the unifying Holy Word of Jesus' cross and empty tomb is the center of His Gospel and the power of His salvation.

L ¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know

whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. ¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.



¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS for 1/18/2026 BULLETIN

	<u>Operating Funds</u>
Balance @ 01/01/26	\$ 80,182
YTD Income	\$ 30,569
YTD Expenses	<u>\$ 18,065</u>
Balance @ 1/18/2026	<u>\$ 92,685</u>

Offering for 1/18/2026

Operating Fund	\$ 3,980
Loose	\$ 50
Mortgage Fund	\$ 305

Designated Giving:

- Food For The Poor	\$ 60
- Salvation Army	\$ 20
- Lutheran World Relief	\$ 15
- ELCM Missions	\$ 15
- Fellowship	\$ 15
- Feed My Starving Children	\$ 196
- Debt Reduction	\$ 100

Total Offering \$ 4,756

FMSC Net Fundraising for 2026 Pack: \$ 40,357

Mortgage Debt Balance as of 1/19/2026 \$ 806,933

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

CHURCH INFORMATION & EVENTS, January 25, 2026

Meetings—Tuesday, January 27— Thursday, January 29— FMSC Food Pack. Michele Harney, 352-307-6900.

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 \$40,367 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**.

Annual Meeting—The Annual Meeting for 2025 is **TODAY, Sunday, January 25, 2026** at 10am. This will be between worship services. **Rosemary Ganci, President, 352-307-5952**

2026 UPCOMING EVENTS AT CLC



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

OTHER CLC EVENTS

Valentine's Party—Saturday, February 21, 1-3-5pm (Youth Ministry)

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

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

VBS—Friday, June 25th & Saturday, June 26-12-5 (Youth Ministry)

CONTACTS

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

Family Minister—Ashley Runyon, 980-925-9959

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

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

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.**

Advent Soup-Thanks to all who cooked and bought soup. Fellowship was able to donate \$985 to the Mortgage Fund. **Kay Bertzyk, 352-245-0346 & Joe Capelli, 352-445-2616, Fewllowship 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:



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



We express Christian Sympathy to the family and friends of:

Margaret Korpics - Parishioner Member Carolyn Korpics' 105 year old mother-in-law on our confidential prayer list with failing neurological health issues in a skilled care facility and in Hospice care there died.

Cards to:

Joe (son) & Carolyn (daughter-in-law) Korpics & Family - 13845 SE 93rd Circle, Summerfield, FL 34491,

David (son) Korpics & Family - Moravian Hall Square, 175 West North Street, Apt. 227, Nazareth, PA 18064,

Richard (son) & Tanya (daughter-in-law) Korpics & Family - 4280 Stratford Drive, Center Valley, PA 18034

A Celebration of Life

Pastor Paul Sutterer-Visitor at CLC died on Wednesday, December 3. There is a Celebration of Life 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: Brigitte Chandler; Art Charpentier; Lou & Jolee Charpentier, Kevin & Christi Cheeks; Pastor Dave Connell; Bob & Judy Conover; Mary Coppus; Bill & Roxanne Daimler; Kathie Dalrymple; Gino Daviso & Kathy Moffett; & all baptized, confirmed, married, memorialized, new parishioners, & all at Christ Lutheran Church.

Give Thanks - Healing: Judy Conover (facial right cheek cancer remission follow-up CAT scan test results w/surgeon Dr. - OK); Jean Dunbar (left eye detached retina repair surgery rehab & gel removal surgery rehab - OK); Dick Knight (facial right cheek squamous cell cancer removal repair surgery rehab - OK); and Donna Russell (back spinal discs pain shot therapy 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); Patricia "Pat" Holman (internal health issues test pending); Dave Judd (heart aorta valve repair surgery next steps w/surgeon Dr. pending); Dick Knight (heart health issues heart cath rehab); Frank Neumann (heart cath 1 stent implant repair surgery pending; right knee replacement repair surgery pending); 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.); Louise Soltys (internal cancer remission follow-up blood test results w/oncologist Dr. pending); and Pr. Roy Steward (ELCM President, aorta heart valve replacement repair surgery rehab).

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

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

Attendance: 9am: 89
10:30am: 62 Total : 151
YouTube: 33



LESSONS FOR NEXT WEEK
Micah 6:1-8
Psalm 15
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Gospel-St. Matthew 5:1-12

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.

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."

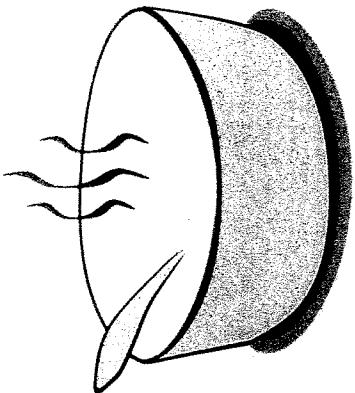
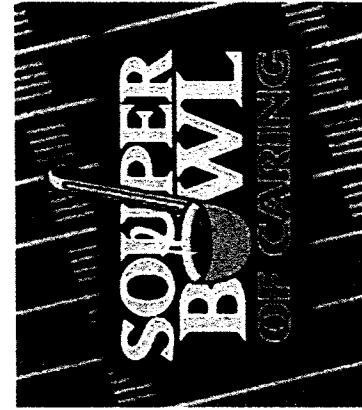
Since that day, more than \$143 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around the Big Game into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.

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



LIVING PLANT GARDEN

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.

LIVING PLANT GARDEN

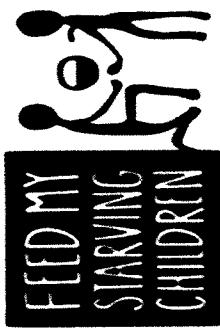
We have plenty of openings to sign up to give a Living Plant Garden in Honor Of or In Memory Of a loved one. The sign up sheet is on the wall in the Fellowship Hall by the doors to the Narthex. The Living Plant Garden will be displayed on the date you chose in front of the podium. The best news is you 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.



BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Come get your BP checked monthly. Stop by the CLC Library the third Sunday of every month at 10am.

Darlene Baney, Medical Ministry Coordinator, 419-367-0373.



for I was hungry and you
gave me food
St. Matthew 25:35-37

the third Sunday of every month

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN:

MEAL PACKING 2026

Christ Lutheran Church
15699 SE 80th Avenue
Summerfield, FL 34491

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

1-3pm-Pack

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

9-11-Pack, 12-2-Pack, 3:30-5:30-Pack

Thursday, January 29, 2026

9-11am-Pack, 12-2pm-Pack

To Sign Up: Circle times you would like, along with your name, phone number and email, and drop in offering plate.

OR

Go directly to the FIMSC Website:
give.fimsc.org/Summerfield

Donations may also be made at this site.

Or

Contact Pastor Dave Connell at shattered79@prodigy.net or

352-804-3054.



HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026

Quiet Moment-How Good, Lord, to Be Here! (CHOIR ONLY)

1. Alleluia, Song of Gladness ELW 318
2. How Small Our Span of Life ELW 636
3. **Communion-A.** Beautiful Savior ELW 838 **B.** Just a Closer Walk with Thee ELW 697 **REFRAIN OPEN & CLOSE ONLY**
4. Shine, Jesus, Shine ELW 671