

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!

CONFESSION

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!



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

15699 SE 80th Avenue

Summerfield, FL 34491

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Notice of Annual Meeting

January 25, 2026

The Christ Lutheran Church Annual Meeting is January 25, 2026 at 10am in the Sanctuary. Please plan to attend. We will be electing Council Members at this time, and your vote is important.

If you have other concerns please let me know prior to January 19th so we can address them.

Rosemary Ganci, Council President

LESSONS & FINANCIALS

Year A-Baptism of The Lord, January 11, 2026



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

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GOSPEL: St. Matthew 3:13-17

L Before Jesus begins His ministries and missions, He is baptized by St. John, revealed by The Holy Spirit, and identified publicly by God His Father as His Beloved Son.

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 3rd Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

C ¹³Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 42:1-9

L The Lord God's servant is endowed with the Lord God's Spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant's task. The Lord God's old promises have been fulfilled; the servant's new assignment is to bring light to the nations.

L ¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. ⁵Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given

you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 29

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters. (Ps. 29:3)

- ¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glo-ry and strength.
²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**
³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
⁴**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**
⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
⁷The voice of the LORD
bursts forth in lightning flashes.
⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"
¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**
¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

SECOND LESSON: ACTS 10:34-43

L St. Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the Good News of Jesus' inclusive forgiveness in His Holy Name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of St. Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the Holy Name of Jesus Christ.

L ³⁴Peter began to speak to Cornelius and his household: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging

him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS for 1/11/2026 BULLETIN

	Operating Funds
Balance @ 01/01/26	\$ 80,182
YTD Income	\$ 20,653
YTD Expenses	\$ 2,514
Balance @ 1/04/2026	<u>\$ 98,320</u>

Offering for 1/04/2026

Operating Fund	\$ 14,905
Loose	\$ 58
Mortgage Fund	\$ 5,690

Designated Giving:

- Food For The Poor	\$ 80
- Salvation Army	\$ 25
- Lutheran World Relief	\$ 15
- ELCM Missions	\$ 15
- Fellowship	\$ 7
- Feed My Starving Children	\$ 565
- Debt Reduction	\$ 100

Total Offering	<u>\$ 21,460</u>
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FM SC Net Fundraising for 2026 Pack:	\$ 39,867
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Mortgage Debt Balance as of 12/17/2025	\$ 808,454
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Note: If anyone would like further details on Church financials, please see Barb LeFevre, Treasurer.

CHURCH INFORMATION & EVENTS, January 11, 2026

Meetings—Tuesday, January 13—Council—1pm, Friday, January 16—FMSC—1pm.
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 \$39,867 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 **Sunday, January 25, 2026** at 10am. This will be between worship services. **Rosemary Ganci, President, 352-307-5952**

2026 UPCOMING EVENTS AT CLC



Children & Youth Ministry



*Prayer Shawl
BP CLINIC*

OTHER CLC EVENTS

Valentine's Party—Saturday, February 28—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 Ministers—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.**

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.**

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.**

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, 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.**

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.**

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

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.**

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 gifts to the Mortgage Fund:

In Memory Of: Benjamin & Marion Geach (Ken's Parents),
Michael & Christine Neumann (Diane's Parents), and Julia Zev (Dear Friend)

By: Ken & Diane Geach



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



We express Christian Sympathy to the family and friends of:



**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, 2026 at 11am at CLC.

PRAYERS

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

for: Sharon Avery; Dean & Sue Ann Babbitt; Darlene Baney, Diane Beavers; Anita Beck; Renee Beck; Marvin & Nancy Becker; Rose Bell; Kay Bertzyk; Joel & Peggy Best; Ken, Dawn, Eva, Joshua & Stephen Bishop; and all baptized, confirmed, married, memorialized, new parishioners, and all at Christ Lutheran Church.

Give Thanks - Healing: Jim Hopper (internal cancer radiation therapy rehab - complete); and Patricia Strauss (C. Korpics' friend - internal health issues test results - OK).

Pray - Parishioners (short term): Shirley Denny (fractured right hip repair surgery rehab - Chatham Glen Rehab # 102); Jean Dunbar (left eye detached retina repair surgery rehab & gel removal surgery 1/14); Kelly Hallermeier (2nd of 2 health issues repairs surgeries 1/20 - Orlando hosp.); Patricia "Pat" Holman (internal health issues test results pending); Ed Israel (right shoulder torn rotator cuff pain shot therapy rehab); Dave Judd (heart cath heart aorta & aneurysm mapping surgery rehab; heart health issues tests results w/cardiologist Dr. 1/13); Susan Long (right elbow health issues medication rehab); Edith Lee (multiple internal health issues next steps pending); John Lotz (internal health issues biopsy results w/Dr. 1/13); 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.); Custer Redman (add'l internal cancer medication rehab); Donna Russell (back spinal discs pain shot therapy rehab); Judi Simmons (internal health issues next steps pending); and Pr. Roy Steward (ELCM President, aorta heart valve replacement repair surgery rehab - PA hosp. ICU).

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

Pray - Parishioners (long term - Hospice): Christine "Chris" Messersmith (Summerfield, FL); and John Simmons (Summerfield, FL).



Attendance: 9am: 73
10:30am: 54 Total : 127
YouTube: 36

LESSONS FOR NEXT WEEK

Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 40:1-11
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Gospel-St. John 1:29-42



January 22nd

ESTATE & TAX SEMINAR

Straightforward insights for protecting your family and your legacy



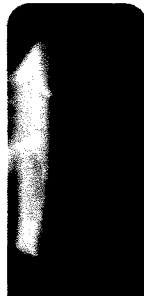
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What You'll Learn

We will discuss how you may be able to preserve your capital, decrease your risk, maximize your income and protect and grow your assets. You will leave with valuable information you can act upon immediately such as:

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for I was hungry and you
gave me food

St. Matthew 25:35-37

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN:

MEAL PACKING 2026

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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 FMSC Website:

give.fmssc.org/Summerfield

Donations may also be made at this site.

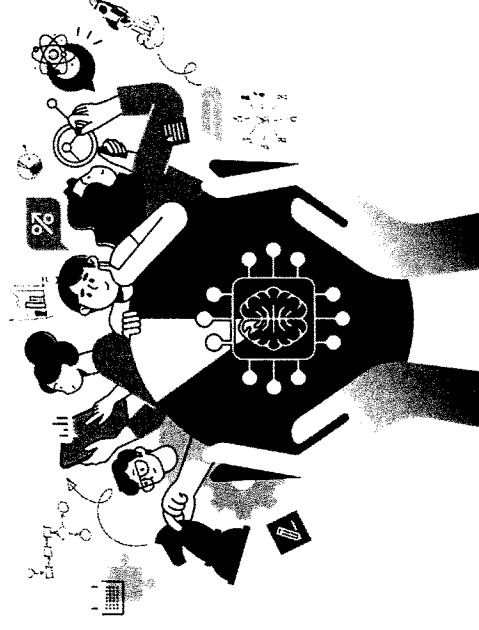
Or

Contact Pastor Dave Connell at shattered79@prodigy.net or

352-804-3054.

Fellowship Ministry

The Team needs men as well as women to join this fun, active, sometimes (oops! Often times!) whacky Team. The Team is involved in everything from Sunday morning coffee hour, Thanksgiving Dinner, decorating and Celebrations of Life. The fun doesn't end there! Many hands make light work, so please join the Fellowship Ministry Team. Thanks for taking the time to consider this. When your heart says "I Can and Will Do This" the sign-up sheet is on the Fellowship Hall table or call **Joe Capelli (352-445-2616)** or **Kay Bertzyk (352-245-0346, Fellowship Co-Chairs.**



HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026

Quiet Moment-Sing We Now of Christmas-Choir

1. As with Gladness Men of Old ELW 302
2. Let All Together Praise Our God ELW 287
3. **Communion-A.** Brightest and Best of the Stars ELW 303 **B.** Midnight Stars, Make Bright the Skies ELW 280
4. Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness ELW 843