

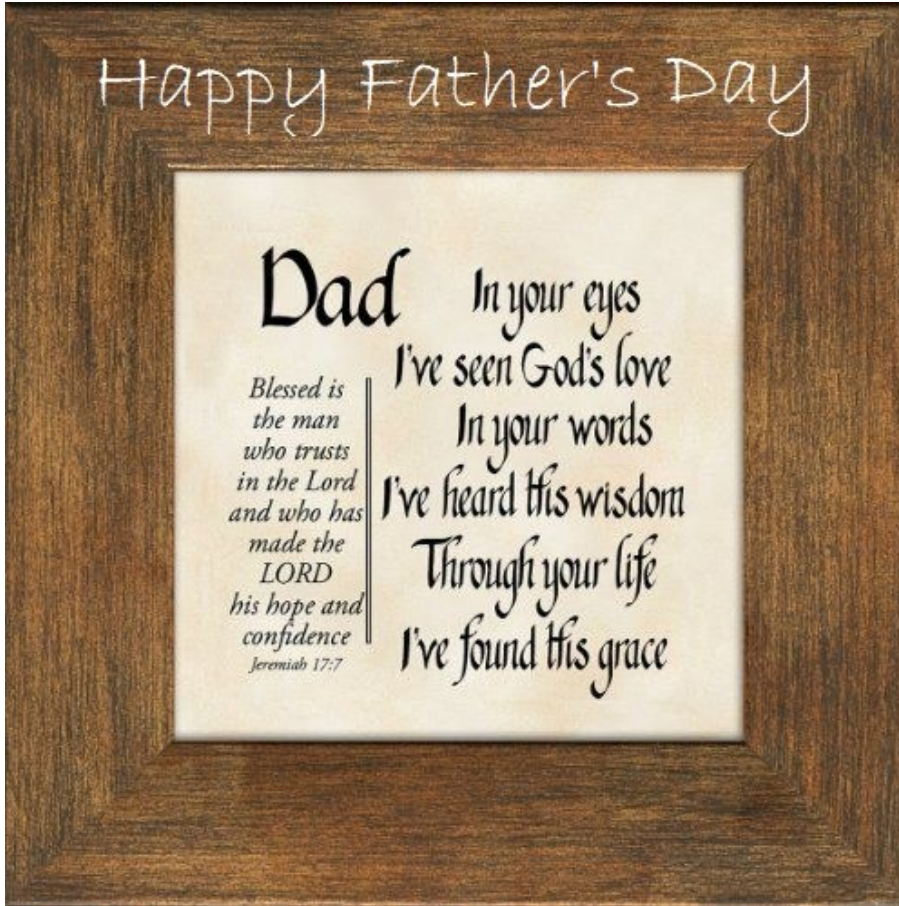


The Christ Candle

June 2023

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Happy Father's Day

Dad In your eyes
 I've seen God's love
 In your words
 I've heard His wisdom
 Through your life
 I've found His grace

Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord and who has made the LORD his hope and confidence
 Jeremiah 17:7

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 Genesis Bells Director—
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**All meetings are open to members of the congregation.
 Scheduled meetings are sometimes adjusted based upon the ministry team members schedules.

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

~ An E.L.C.A. Congregation ~

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**Mark Your Calendar
Dates to Remember!**

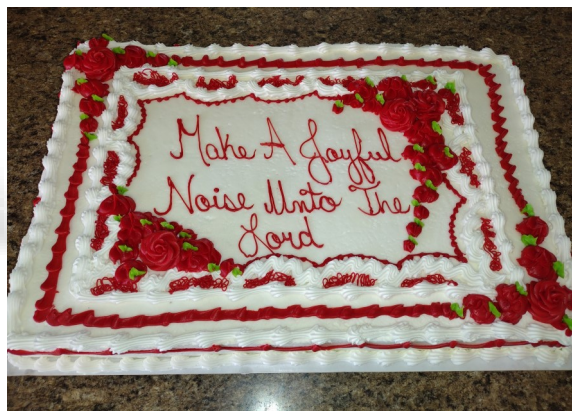
June 10 - IK Synod Assembly

June 18 - Baccalaureate Sunday

June 18 - Father's Day

**MAY WAS
MUSIC MONTH**

All of our amazingly talented groups did such a beautiful job!



Our wonderful organist and choir, chime and bell directors!!



Estuary Group - June 7th

Estuary Group with Pastor Dale meets the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7pm in Byquist Hall.

Sign up at: <https://www.meetup.com/nw-indiana-estuary-meetup-group/>

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY

Graduates will be recognized during worship on June 18th. Please send the following information to the church office by Sunday, June 4th:

- .. Name
- .. School Graduating From
- .. Major / Favorite Subject
- .. Extracurricular Activities / Awards
- .. Future Plans



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THE TIMES

Saturday, May 20, 2023

WHERE YOUR STORY LIVES

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STEVE EUVINO, THE TIMES

The Rev. Dale M. Zylstra, pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in Hammond, carries the cross into church at the community Ascension Day service Thursday at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Highland. The service brought together Lutheran and Episcopal faithful.

Ascension Day sees NWI churches unite

STEVE EUVINO
Times Correspondent

HIGHLAND – “How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!”

As part of the Ascension Thursday liturgy, that verse from Psalm 133 may have summed up the evening at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.

In a first for the church, Gloria Dei drew clergy and

members from seven Lutheran churches in Lake County, along with members from the Calumet Episcopal Ministry Partnership, consisting of six Episcopal churches from the county.

“This is fabulous,” said the Rev. Joy Heine, pastor of Bethel Lutheran in Gary. “This is what God calls us to do, to be one in worship. What better way to be

together than in worship?”

Ascension Day commemorates the Christian belief in Jesus’ ascending to heaven in the presence of his disciples, 40 days after he rose from the dead on Easter. As told in Acts 1:9: “He was taken up to heaven as they watched him, and a cloud hid him from their sight.”

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Worship

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The feast, held with the same reverence as Jesus’ passion and Pentecost, is observed by Catholics, Lutherans, Anglicans, Episcopalians, Moravians, Methodists and Eastern Orthodox. Many U.S. Catholic dioceses, including the Diocese of Gary, have transferred the solemnity of the Ascension to the following weekend.

In the Episcopal Church, Ascension is among the principle feasts in its prayer book, along with Christmas, All Saints, Easter, Epiphany and Pentecost.

At Gloria Dei, Lutheran churches from Gary, Hammond, Merrillville, Highland, Griffith and St. John were represented, along with Episcopal faith communities from Gary, Crown



STEVE EUVINO, THE TIMES

Clergy and seminarians from Lutheran and Episcopal churches in Lake County process into church at the community Ascension Day service Thursday at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Highland.

Point, Munster, Hobart and Griffith.

“This is so unique,” said the Rev. David Adams, pastor at Gloria Dei. “We have Lutheran and Episcopal churches coming to celebrate Jesus’ ascension.”

Adams said the idea for the combined service resulted

from the Lutheran ministry, or gathering of ministers.

“We’re really excited about bringing together God’s people,” he continued. “We are one in Christ, one in the church.”

“This is a wonderful idea,” said the Rev. Dale M. Zylstra,

pastor of Christ Lutheran in Hammond. His church has collaborated with other Lutheran congregations on a Thanksgiving Eve service.

“It was so well-received,” Zylstra said, “that we started conversations with other pastors in Lake County to do” an Ascension service.

Zylstra cited Ascension’s historic importance in church life: “In recent times there’s been a falling away, and we’re trying to resurrect that.”

Marion Joseph came from St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Gary. “It’s nice, just seeing different people,” she said. “I’d never attended an Ascension service, and that caught my attention.”

The Rev. Pamela Thiede, a Lutheran minister, serves the Episcopal churches in the Calumet Ministry Partnership. When she learned about the planned service,

she asked “Can we come, too?”

Thiede recalled being in the seminary in the late 1990s when the call for common mission was announced. This was a call for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America and Episcopalians to share ministries — as she put it, to “play nice together.”

“This seemed like a perfect opportunity to live that mission,” Thiede said. And having a service on Ascension? “This is the day.”

In his message, or homily, the Rev. Eric Schlichting, pastor at Holy Shepherd Lutheran in St. John, said people looking to heaven for life’s answers may be focused in the wrong direction.

Schlichting encouraged the faithful to “look around with love and compassion at our neighbors, including those who are the least

among us.”

He said those who follow Jesus would face troubles and resistance, as did Jesus, and he rose above all.

Food was part of the evening service, starting with a sit-down dinner. Money raised from the collection is going to the Food Bank of Northwest Indiana, Adams reported.

Eric Socin, a member of Gloria Dei since the 1980s, was “glad we had it. It would be nice if we could do it more often.”

Zylstra said after the service that plans are underway for a similar service next year, possibly inviting Methodists.

Added Socin: “The Ascension is not often celebrated by churches. It only happens once a year, and this is a great opportunity to get together as different congregations.”

Our JuBellation Bell Choir played at the Ascension Day service at Gloria Dei as well.





Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Mr. Charlie Cole – Development Coordinator
 Food Bank of Northwest Indiana
 6490 Broadway
 Merrillville, IN 46410

Re: Donation

Charlie –

It was a pleasure speaking with you on Tuesday, May 30. As I mentioned, on May 18, 2023, several churches in NW Indiana gathered for a dinner then a special Ascension Day service at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. This was the first time that churches in our region came together to worship God in this way, and our aim was twofold. Bring members from various churches together in worship of God, and, as part of our ministry collect funds for the Food Bank. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$304.00 for the work the Food Bank accomplishes for our neighbors in NW Indiana.

Pastors and members of the following churches gathered for this special service and the donations came from all people and churches who attended the Ascension Day service.

- Bethel Lutheran Church – Gary
- Christ Lutheran Church – Hammond
- Emmanuel Lutheran Church – Merrillville
- Gloria Dei Lutheran Church – Highland
- Griffith Lutheran Church – Griffith
- Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church – St. John
- Prince of Peace Lutheran Church – Merrillville
- St. Barnabas Episcopal Church – The Dunes/Gary
- St. Paul's Episcopal Church – Munster
- St. Timothy's Episcopal Church – Griffith

It was an evening in which God's Spirit was truly present and we are honored to help the Food Bank in this way as you carry out Jesus' command to love one another through your work.

If you have any questions about this correspondence, please feel free to contact me.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. David Adams
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LOCAL VBS PROGRAMS



SAVE THE DATE: REDEEMER'S 2023 VBS PROGRAM!

JUNE 12-16, 2022 ☆ 9:00 – 11:30 AM

Open to all children ages 4 years through 6th grade.

Please register online. Click on the VBS link at www.RedeemerHighland.org or register directly at <https://vbsmate.com/events/Redeemerlutheran2023/26957>

Many volunteers are needed! Sign-up sheets are posted on the foyer South bulletin board or speak with Director Sara Hill. You can contact Sara at 219-310-5471 or sjkreis@gmail.com

Register now!

COME JOIN US FOR VBS!

June 26 - 29 from 5-8pm

\$5 per child



- Kid friendly dinner served at 5pm
- Bible Stories, music, crafts, games, and fun!
- Featuring "Foam Lady" & Kona Ice Truck on Thursday Evening
- Sign up using the QR Code
- Contact Lyndsay Werner at: hslclyndsay@gmail.com with any questions

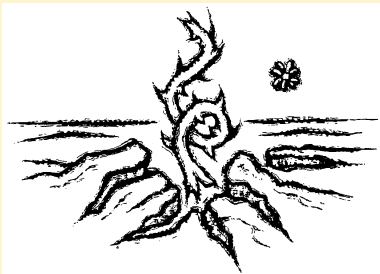
AGES: Preschool - Grade 6

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9770 Keilman St. St John, IN 219-365-3803



June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 Pentecost 9:00am Adult Ed 10:30am Worship	29	30	31	1	2	3
4 Holy Trinity 9:00am Adult Ed 10:30am Worship 12pm W&M Mtg.	5	6	7 7:00pm Estuary Group	8	9	10 IK Synod Assembly (Virtual) Hall Rental
11 Pentecost 2 9:00am Adult Ed 10:30am Worship	12	13	14 7:00pm Council	15	16	17
18 Pentecost 3 Baccalaureate Sunday Father's Day 9:00am Adult Ed 10:30am Worship 12pm Christian Ed Mtg.	19	20	21	22	23	24 Hall Rental
25 Pentecost 4 9:00am Adult Ed 10:30am Worship	26	27	28	29	30	1



+ SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST +

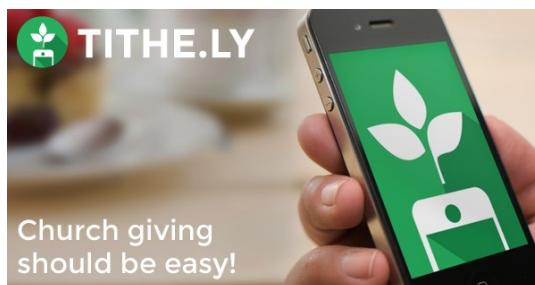
This is the longest stretch of Sundays of the Christian church year known by many Christians as “Ordinary Time,” “Time of the Church,” or “Time after Pentecost.” This time is neither watchful like Advent and Lent, nor celebrative like Christmas and Easter.

The Time After Pentecost relates to the time between the Age of the Apostles and the End of the World -- it relates to *now*, to the Church guided by the Holy Spirit, to our sanctification.

The season of Pentecost is bracketed by two major festival days. The first is *Holy Trinity Sunday* being the first Sunday after the Day of Pentecost. The second is *Christ the King Sunday* being the last Sunday in the season of Pentecost and of the church year. Both Sundays are given the color of white. The long series of Sundays in between are given the color of green representing growth as disciples of Jesus.

Christ Lutheran is signed up for online giving.

You can still give your offering in the plate at church or by mail, this is just another way to give. Simply go to [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) website or download the app and set up an account. It walks you through a few simple steps and your ready to go!



CLC MISSION STATEMENT

SHARING God's love by
LIVING our faith and
SERVING the world.