



# The Christ Candle May 2024

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## CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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### CLC Staff

The Reverend Dale M. Zylstra  
Kelly Seitzinger - Secretary  
Abigayle Kubiak - Organist

### Congregation Council Officers

**Nancy Zimmerman - President**  
**Don Winston - Vice-President**  
**Jan Kopischke - Secretary**  
**Kelly Seitzinger - Treasurer**  
**Dara Kubiak - Financial Secretary**

### Council Members

Mike Vidimos                      Bob Talley  
Dave Holeman                      Shirley Whitesell  
Elden LaHayne                      Robin Bellamy  
Art Cinnovski

### Ministry Team Leaders

Worship & Music Director—  
Jan Kopischke  
Choir Director—Lori Zylstra  
JuBellation Director—Judy Rodgers  
Genesis Bells Director—  
Jan Kopischke

Fellowship - Esther Fuehrer  
Finance/Stewardship -  
Social Outreach- Julie Vidimos  
Property - Don Winston  
Christian Ed - Robin Bellamy  
SCS Superintendent - Kelly Seitzinger  
Visitation - Rosemary Wignall  
Worship & Music - Judy Rodgers  
Youth Ministry - Robin Bellamy

\*\*All meetings are open to members  
of the congregation.  
Scheduled meetings are sometimes  
adjusted based upon the ministry  
team members schedules.



### Mark Your Calendar Dates to Remember!



- May 05 - Music Sunday - Choir
- May 09 - Joint Ascension Worship
- May 12 - Mother's Day  
Music Sunday - Genesis Chimes
- May 19 - Music Sunday - JuBellation  
Last Day of Sunday School
- May 27 - Memorial Day
- June 16 - Baccalaureate Sunday

## CLC MISSION STATEMENT



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



Elden & Mary Anne  
LaHayne  
St. Patrick's Day  
Fellowship  
following worship!  
Aren't they  
adorable?

### YOUTH GROUP

For 6th - 12th Graders

May 12th—5-7pm

May 26th—5-7pm Game Night

Please Bring Your Friends!!

If you need a ride please call,  
we will get you there!

*Please see*

*Robin Bellamy for more information.*



### BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY

Graduates will be recognized during worship on June 16th. Please send the following information to the church office by Sunday, June 2nd:



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

Check out our website.

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# PALM SUNDAY & EASTER SUNDAY 2024

Thank you to everyone who shopped, set-up. Cooked and helped clean-up!









# TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER APRIL 27, 2024

Thank you to everyone who attended! We raised an amazing \$4,250.00!!



TEAM	ROUNDS				
	1	2	3	4	F
1. Know It Alls	18				
2. Senior Smarties	30				
3. Altar Guild	12				
4. Jar of Beans	18				
5. Clueless	18				
6. Opa	18				
7. Academics	24				
8. Kale Yungus	6 <sup>A</sup>				
9. Sixers	30				
10. Silvia Stoyles	12				
11. The Lemon Limes	18				
12. THE CRAZY 8s	30				
13. B&T Wheelers	18				





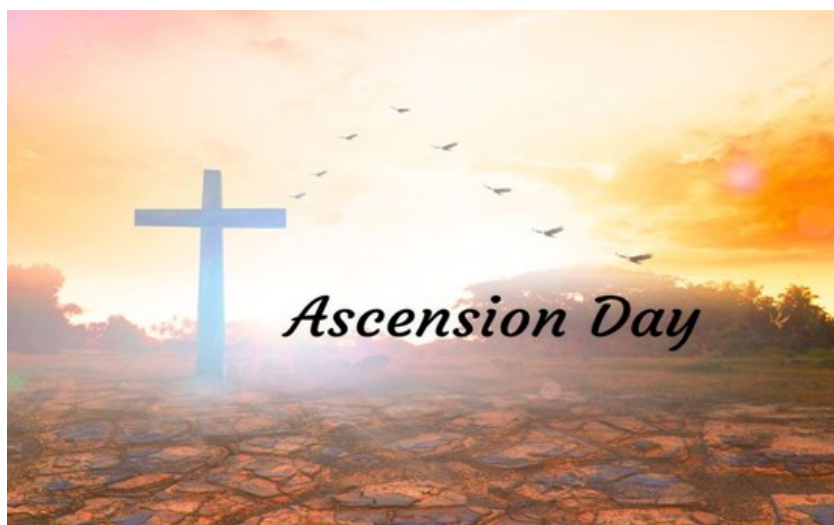
Your ELCA and Episcopal Churches in NW Indiana invite you to a special evening of worship as we gather to remember the Ascension of our Lord.

We gather to recall Jesus' triumphant return to His Father in heaven.

Jesus' Ascension is the bridge between His ministry on earth and Jesus' return to exercise His royal power over all creation.

Our service will be led by various pastors from our region and will include beautiful hymns and the sharing of Jesus' body and blood in the sacrament of Holy Communion.

All are welcome as the churches led by Jesus welcome you for this special celebration!



Worship begins  
at 7:00pm

Thursday - May 9th  
St. Timothy Episcopal  
Church in Griffith  
1115 N Cline Ave.,  
Griffith IN 46319

### **Easter Breakfast**

A **BIG** thanks to the men that prepared Easter breakfast this year!  
You guys did an awesome job...it was delicious!!!

Thank you to Dara Kubiak for organizing the Easter Egg Hunt  
for the kids again this year! You rock!!!

### **Midweek Lenten Services**

A big thanks to those who provided food at  
the 10:30am services.

### **Altar Guild**

Thank you for all of your hard work during Lent  
and preparing for Easter.  
Everything was beautiful as always!!





## + THE SEASON OF EASTER +



The seven weeks of Easter historically constitute the first real season of the Christian Church. Those first fifty days between Christ's resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost must have been a truly special time in the experience of the disciples -- a time of real exuberance and joy after the great disappointment and disillusionment of Good Friday -- a time of reconciliation of the disciples with their Lord -- even a time of holiness, a time of realizing the righteousness which was being bestowed upon these disciples through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and given as a gift of true grace by God.

There could be no more special time in the world than was this time between the resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit for the first disciples. No doubt, that is what encouraged them into annual celebrations of this season as they brought the gospel to more and more people and established the Christian Church. It is time to live out what Paul has proclaimed: the Great Exchange has taken place; Christ is my sin, and I am his righteousness (cf. 2 Cor.5.21).

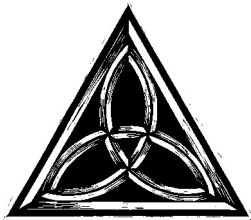
## + The Day of Pentecost +

Christian tradition regarded Pentecost as of special significance in view of the events related in Acts chapter 2, which tells of the very beginning of the Church. On that day, the risen Lord sent the Spirit in accordance with the prophecy of Joel (Acts 2:16-21). The author of Acts (Luke) understands the experience of the Spirit in the context of the prophetic tradition: the Spirit realizes the new covenant promised by Ezekiel 36:26-27. Crowds who had come for the Pentecost feast were witnesses to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the apostles and some 120 disciples. Just as at Sinai, God addressed Moses from the midst of the fire, so now the Spirit of the Lord manifested itself with the symbol of tongues of fire. The disciples who experienced the Spirit speak in other tongues. In this way, Luke expresses the universality of the Christian message. He sees the truth of the Spirit forming the Church among all peoples through Peter's discourse which was understood by men of different nationalities.



The Church prays that God would send forth the flame of the Holy Spirit and fill the Church with an abundance of gifts needed to carry out its baptismal mission. We pray that the Holy Spirit will lend fire to our words and strength to our witness. We ask that God would send us forth to proclaim with boldness the wondrous work of raising Christ, who is our faith and our hope. The color of red seen in the sanctuary symbolizes the fire of the Holy Spirit.

## + Holy Trinity Sunday +



The first Sunday after Pentecost is the Festival of the Holy Trinity. On this day, the church rejoices in the impenetrable mystery that God is *triune* (three-in-one) -- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. How the Lord can be one God in three distinct persons is completely beyond the ability of any human to understand. By the power of the Holy Spirit, Christians accept this incomprehensible mystery as a fundamental article of faith.

Trinity Sunday is a transitional day that bridges the two parts of the liturgical year. This is the solemn day on which we praise and adore God both for what He has done for the world and for who He is. As it is so beautifully confessed in the Athanasian Creed. The Athanasian Creed is the Christian church's wonderful and profound confession of the doctrine of the Holy Trinity. This creed takes its name from the influential Egyptian bishop and theologian of the 4th century, Athanasius, who was once thought to be its author. Because of its length, it is not recited in church on a regular basis. However, many congregations use it on Trinity Sunday. This creed, along with the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed, is one of the three ecumenical creeds that have been universally accepted and confessed by the Christian church since ancient times.

How God can be one God in three Persons is a mystery. While it is clearly taught in the Bible (for example, in Matthew 28:18-20 and 2 Corinthians 13:14), it can never be understood or rationalized -- it can only be accepted by faith. Since faith comes only through the Holy Spirit working through the means of grace, it is appropriate that this glorious mystery is celebrated on the first Sunday after Pentecost, the great festival of the coming of the Holy Spirit.





# May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>28 Easter 5</b> 9:00am SCS & Adult Ed 10:30am Worship 5:00pm Youth Group	29	30	1 7:00pm Estuary	2 6:15pm Genesis 7:00pm JuBellation 8:00pm Choir	3	4 Hall Rental
<b>5 Easter 6</b> 9:00am SCS & Adult Ed 10:30am Worship 12:30pm Worship & Music Mtg.	6	7	8 7:00pm Council	9 6:15pm Genesis 7:00pm JuBellation  7:00pm Joint Ascension Worship	10	11
<b>12 Easter 7 Mother's Day</b> 9:00am SCS & Adult Ed 10:30am Worship 5:00pm Youth Group	13	14	15	16 7:00pm JuBellation	17	18 Hall Rental
<b>19 Pentecost</b> 9:00am SCS & Adult Ed 10:30am Worship	20	21	22	23	24	25
<b>26 Holy Trinity</b> 9:00am Adult Ed 10:30am Worship 5:00pm Youth Group	27	28 Memorial Day	29	30	31	1

## **MAY IS MUSIC MONTH**

You don't want to miss all of our wonderful music groups!!

**May 5<sup>th</sup> - Adult Choir**

**May 12<sup>th</sup> - Genesis Chimes**

**May 19<sup>th</sup> - JuBellation**

### **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!

