



# The Christ Candle

## May 2025

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#### CLC Staff

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

#### Congregation Council Officers

- President

**Don Winston - Vice-President**

**Jan Kopischke - Secretary**

**Kelly Seitzinger - Treasurer**

**Dara Kubiak - Financial Secretary**

#### Council Members

Mike Vidimos	Bob Talley
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#### 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.

## CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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## Mark Your Calendar Dates to Remember!



- May 11 - Mother's Day  
Music Sunday - Genesis Chimes
- May 18 - Music Sunday - Adult Choir  
Last Day of Sunday School
- May 25 - Music Sunday—JuBellation
- May 26 - Memorial Day
- May 29 - Joint Ascension Worship
- June 15 - Baccalaureate Sunday



## BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY



Graduates will be recognized during worship on June 15th. Please send the following information to the church office by Sunday, June 1st:

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

## YOUTH GROUP

For 6th - 12th Graders

May 11th—5-7pm

May 25th—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.*



## Estuary Group - May 7th

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



## Men's Group - May 21st

Men's Group with Dave Roman meets at 7pm in Byquist Hall.

Check out our website.

Visit us at:  
**clchammond.com**



Go to YouTube.com and Search:

Christ Lutheran  
Hammond IN

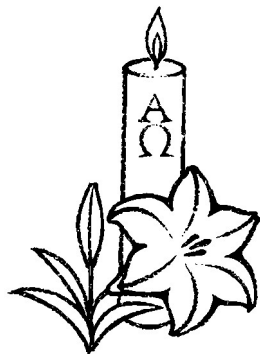


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## + THE SEASON OF EASTER +

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).

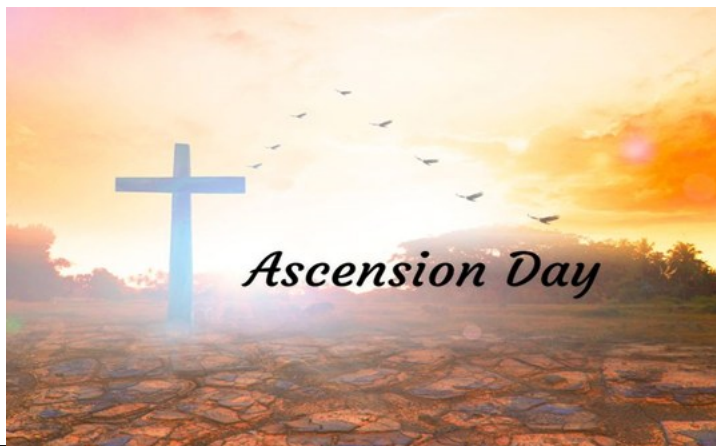
Your ELCA and Episcopal Churches in NW Indiana invite you to a special evening of worship as we gather to remember the Ascension of our Lord.

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 29th

Christ Lutheran Church  
7051 INDPLS BLVD.,  
Hammond IN 46324

Coffee & snacks in Byquist  
at 6pm, before worship.





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

## **MAY IS MUSIC MONTH**

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

**May 11<sup>th</sup> - Genesis Chimes**

**May 18<sup>th</sup> - Adult Choir**

**May 25<sup>th</sup> - JuBellation**

### **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.

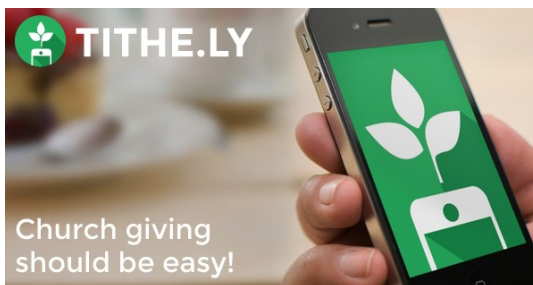
Everything was beautiful as always!!



### **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 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.