



The Christ Candle

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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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Jan Kopischke - Secretary

Kelly Seitzinger - Treasurer

Dara Kubiak - Financial Secretary

Council Members

Mike Vidimos

Bob Talley

Kathy Lord

Sylvia Ellman

Elden LaHayne

Robin Bellamy

Art Cimnovski

Sara Whitelaw

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 - Jan Kopischke

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 29 - Joint Ascension Worship

June 15 - Baccalaureate Sunday
Father's Day

CLC MISSION STATEMENT



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

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

May all
COME TO KNOW
the Love
OF GOD THE FATHER
HAPPY FATHERS DAY!
INSPIRED BY ROMANS 8:15

Estuary Group - June 4th

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



Men's Group - June 18th

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

Check out our website.
Visit us at:
clchammond.com



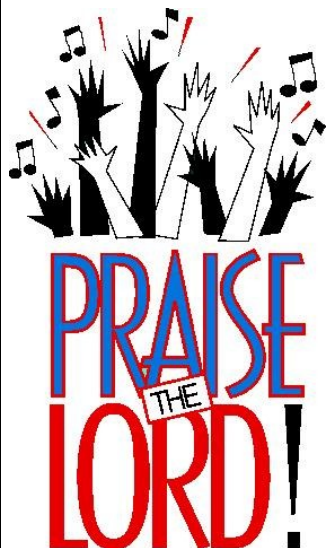
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Hammond IN**



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MAY WAS CLC MUSIC MONTH

A BIG thank you to all of our music groups and directors!

Genesis Chimes, directed by Jan Kopischke, performed on May 11th.

Adult Choir, directed by Lori Zylstra, performed on May 18th.

JuBellation, directed by Judy Rodgers, performed on May 25th.

The music was wonderful!

If you missed it...check out the videos on our YouTube page!

**A BIG thank you to our organist and accompanist Abigayle Kubiak!
We appreciate you so much!**

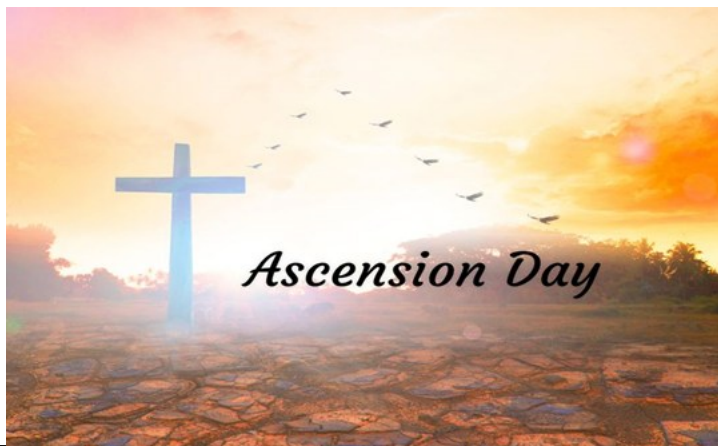
Your ELCA and Episcopal Churches in NW Indiana invite you to a special evening of worship as we gather to remember the Ascension of our Lord.

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.**

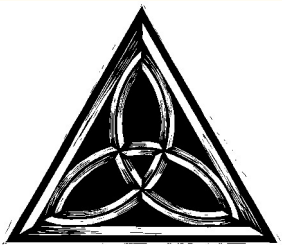


+ The Day of Pentecost +

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 +



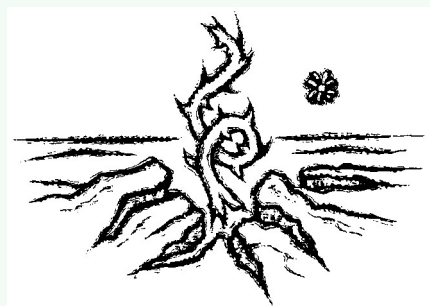
The first Sunday after Pentecost is the Festival of the Holy Trinity. On this day, the church rejoices in the impenetrable mystery that God is *triune* (three-in-one) -- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. How the Lord can be one God in three distinct persons is completely beyond the ability of any human to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

+ SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST + SUMMER



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.

There will be a liturgy for the *Season of Pentecost Summer* and a different liturgy for the *Season of Pentecost Fall*. The spoken liturgy will remind us of the emphasis during this six month period as we concentrate on learning and growing in our faith.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

In July and August, we will be taking pictures before and after church for a new church directory in honor of our 75th Anniversary next year. Appointments need to be scheduled. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex.



ARCHIVE PICTURES

We are looking for any and all pics from the church's history for our 75th Anniversary! If you have any that you would be willing to share, please see Kelly Seitzinger. All pictures will be returned to owner.

Thanks in advance!!



June 2025

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