



The Christ Candle March 2026

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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.

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

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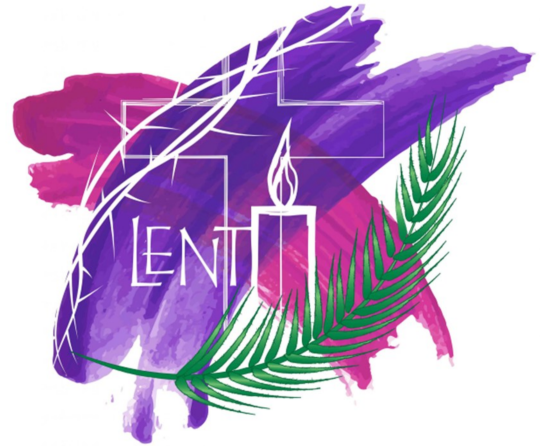
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Mark Your Calendar Dates to Remember!



- Feb 25 - Lenten Midweek Services Begin
- Mar 08 - Daylight Savings Time Begins
- Mar 25 - Lenten Midweek Services End
- Mar 29-Apr 4 - Holy Week



YOUTH GROUP

For 6th - 12th Graders

Mar 8th—5-7pm Game Night

Mar 22nd—Escape Room

Please Bring Your Friends!!

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

Please see Robin Bellamy for more information.



EASTER EGG HUNT

We are looking for candy donations (individually wrapped) for the Easter Egg Hunt! Please see Dara for more information!



Estuary Group - May 6th

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



Men's Group - TBD

Men's Group with Dave Roman meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7pm in Byquist.

Check out our website.

Visit us at: clchammond.com



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Christ Lutheran Hammond IN



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AMAZING *grace*

10:30AM Lenten Midweek Worship

“Amazing Grace” is a special series of Mid-Week Lay Leader Services for the season of Lent. Beginning on Wednesday, February 25 - March 25 in Byquist. (Soup to follow)

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LENT SERMONS



ASH WEDNESDAY
David



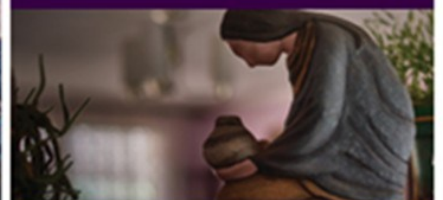
WEEK ONE
Isaiah of Babylon



WEEK TWO
The Prodigal Son



WEEK THREE
The Blind Man



WEEK FOUR
The Woman at the Well



WEEK FIVE
Paul

AMAZING grace

A WORSHIP SERIES
FOR LENT

In honor of the 250th anniversary of the writing of “Amazing Grace,” this worship series for Lent by theologian Michael Hoy ties the words of the beloved song to our lives today as Christ’s disciples. Those in the Bible who experienced the amazing grace of God help us each week to realize that though we once were lost in sin, we now have been found by Jesus, and though we once were blind to God’s mercy, we now can see his love at work in us through our Savior’s death and resurrection.

Ash Wednesday • David (Psalm 51:1): We find comfort that King David confessed his sins to God and received amazing grace in God’s forgiveness and a connection to Jesus, the Savior.

Week 1 • Isaiah of Babylon (Isaiah 6:7): We see God’s amazing grace at work in the life of the prophet Isaiah, who proclaimed to God’s people the salvation that was to come through the Suffering Servant.

Week 2 • The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:32): We hear of the great love of a father who lavished amazing grace upon the Prodigal Son, a picture of our Heavenly Father’s lavish compassion toward us.

Week 3 • The Blind Man (John 9:24): We witness Jesus bringing sight to a man born blind, giving the man the added spiritual vision to see the amazing grace of God found in Jesus, who heals us all.

Week 4 • The Woman at the Well (John 4:13-14): We listen to Jesus teach a woman at the well of his amazing grace poured out for us abundantly, which satisfies our thirsting souls for all eternity..

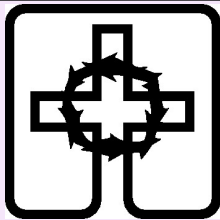
Week 5 • Paul (1 Timothy 1:15): We marvel at the story of amazing grace in the life of Paul, who turned from persecutor of Christ to proclaimer of our Lord through the mighty power of the Holy Spirit.

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+ The Season of Lent +

For Lutherans the 40-day season of Lent is an important one. Though the Scriptures do not mention Lent, it has a longstanding tradition in the Church. It began very simply as a time of preparation for Easter. The earliest reference to a 40 day fast leading up to Easter is the Second Festal letter of Athanasius in 330 A.D. Today Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday (Sundays are excluded to preserve the number 40).

For Christians living in the Fourth Century, Lent had two major emphases: (1) It was seen as a time of repentance and denial of self. All Christians were to examine their lives according to the Ten Commandments and other Christian ethical precepts and repent where necessary. They were to remember what it cost their Savior to save them; (2) it was a time of instruction and preparation for the catechumens who wanted to become members of the Christian Church.

At the time of the Reformation, some Christians wanted to eliminate Lent since Scripture didn't command it. Luther urged that it be kept, for he saw Lent as an opportunity for the strengthening of faith. Luther tells us that Lent should be preserved, in part, because it reminded Christians of the Passion (Suffering and Death) of Jesus and encouraged them to meditate upon it. However, no one should be forced to participate. It should be voluntary.

So we also retain Lent to this day, because we see it as a salutary outward discipline that gives Christians a wonderful opportunity for spiritual renewal. Our observance of Lent combines many of the above features. Through our midweek and Sunday services, our Bible studies, and Lenten devotional materials, we come face to face with whatever sin may be hindering our walk with Christ. But most profoundly, we come face to face with the Gospel of Jesus which forgives and removes that sin and gives us the power to live anew.

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

+ Holy Week +



Palm/Passion Sunday: March 29th 10:30am

On this day the church continues its procession with our crucified and risen Lord. He is in our midst as we hear of his life-giving death and as we share his body and blood. At the beginning of this great week, the passion gospel sets forth the central mystery of the Christian faith: Christ emptied himself in death so that we might know God's mercy and love for all creation.



Maundy Thursday: April 2nd 7:00pm

On this day the Christian community gathers to share in the holy supper which Christ gave the church to reveal his unending love for the human family. In the actions of this liturgy, Christ demonstrates this love by speaking his faithful word, washing our feet, and giving us his body and blood. From this gathering we are sent to continue these actions in daily life: to serve those in need, to offer mercy, to feed the hungry.



Good Friday: April 3rd 7:00pm

Tenebrae (Latin for "darkness") was the name given to the medieval pre-dawn morning prayer celebrated by monks during the last three days in Holy Week. In recent time, this monastic liturgy was transferred among many churches to Friday evening in Holy Week to complete the walk to the cross and our Lord's death for our sin.



Easter Vigil: April 4th 7:00pm

This liturgy's Easter Proclamation announces, "This is the night in which all who believe in Christ are rescued from evil and the gloom of sin, are renewed in grace, and are restored to holiness." It is the very foundation of our Christian faith, and it is what makes this the crowning moment of the church's year, as the risen Lord leaves the tomb.



Easter: Sunday of the Resurrection: April 5th

Easter is the festival that celebrates the central event of the Christian faith: the resurrection of Christ three days after his death by crucifixion. Easter is the oldest Christian holiday and the most important day of the church year. All the Christian movable feasts and the entire liturgical year of worship are arranged around Easter.

8:00am-10:00am Breakfast

10:30am-Worship

12:30pm-Easter Egg Hunt

To Our Christ Lutheran Family

We all enjoy Fellowship after Worship Services, but we could use a few items to help the Fellowship budget. When out shopping, if you would like to help, we could use the following items:

- 12oz Plastic White Cups
- Napkins
- 8.5" Paper Plates
- Cans of Coffee (Regular & Decaf)
- Hawaiian Punch
- Tea Bags (Regular & Decaf)
- Disposable Bowls
- Monetary Gifts for Fellowship

Thank you so much in advance!



Attention CLC Musicians

We are looking for any musician that may want to join the Christ Lutheran Instrumental Anniversary Ensemble for All Saints Sunday in 2026. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex. Practice dates would be announced later.



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!!

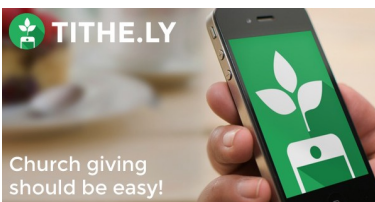


Highland Community Band Spring Concert

Wednesday March 18, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Come join us for a free performance by the Highland Community Band! We have several members that play in the band! Performance will be held at the Lincoln Center.

CLC MISSION STATEMENT

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



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!

March 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Lent 2 9am SCS, Confirmation & Adult Ed 10:30am Worship 12:30pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2	3	4 10:30am Lenten Midweek Worship 7:00pm Lenten Midweek Worship @ Griffith Lutheran	5 6:15pm Genesis 7:00pm JuBellation 8:00pm Adult Choir	6	7 
8 Lent 3 9am SCS, Confirmation & Adult Ed 10:30am Worship Hall Rental 5:00pm Youth Group	9 7:00pm Council	10	11 10:30am Lenten Midweek Worship 7:00pm Lenten Midweek Worship @ Griffith Lutheran	12 6:15pm Genesis 7:00pm JuBellation 8:00pm Adult Choir	13	14 Hall Rental
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22 Lent 5 9am SCS, Confirmation & Adult Ed 10:30am Worship 12:30pm Anniv. Committee Mtg. Youth Group	23	24	25 10:30am Lenten Midweek Worship 7:00pm Lenten Midweek Worship @ Griffith Lutheran	26 6:15pm Genesis 7:00pm JuBellation 8:00pm Adult Choir	27	28 Hall Rental
29 Palm Sunday 9am SCS, Confirmation & Adult Ed 10:30am Worship	30	31	1	2 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship	3 7:00pm Good Friday Tenebrae	4 7:00pm Easter Vigil



2026 EASTER GARDEN



Flower orders are now being received.
Don't be disappointed,
order yours today!!

COST: \$10.00 per Plant

Orders due by: Sunday, March 29th

(In order that names are correct, please print)

Your Name: _____

Envelope # _____ Phone: _____

Given in Memory of: _____

And/Or

Given in Honor of: _____

Amount of Money Enclosed At \$10.00 per Plant: \$ _____

Check which plants apply:

(Please give quantity if ordering more than one type of plant)

_____ Easter Lilies # _____ Tulips # _____ Hyacinths

_____ I will take home after LATE Service (Easter Day)

_____ I will leave for Easter Season and Planting on Church grounds.