



# The Christ Candle May 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.

## CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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## Mark Your Calendar Dates to Remember!



- May 03 - Choir Music Sunday
- May 10 - Genesis Music Sunday  
Mother's Day
- May 14 - Joint Ascension Worship @  
Gloria Dei
- May 17 - Last Day of Sunday School
- May 25 - Memorial Day
- June 28 - Baccalaureate Sunday

## CLC MISSION STATEMENT

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



## YOUTH GROUP

**For 6th - 12th Graders**

**May 10th—Zao Island 5-7pm**  
**May 24th—Farewell Dinner**  
**5-7pm (TBA)**

Please Bring Your Friends!!

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

Please see  
*Robin Bellamy*  
for more  
information.



## MUSIC SUNDAYS

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

- April 26th - JuBellation
- May 3rd - Adult Choir
- May 10th - Genesis Chimes

### Estuary Group - May 6<sup>th</sup>

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



### Men's Group - May 20<sup>th</sup>

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

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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 14th at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church 3711 Ridge Rd, Highland, IN 46322 Dinner at 6pm, before worship. Attendees are asked to bring a salad or side.

## BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY

Graduates will be recognized during worship on June 28th. Please send the following information to the church office by Sunday, June 14th:

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

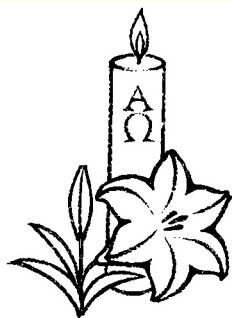


## Attention CLC Musicians

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.



### + The Season Of Easter +



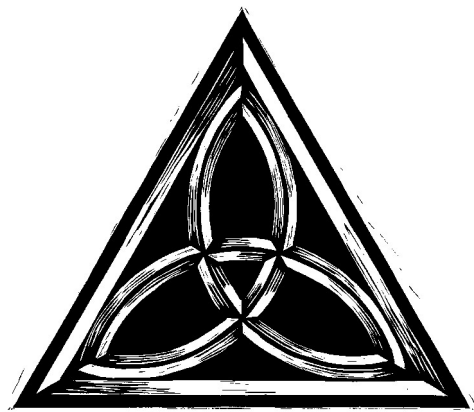
The seven weeks of Easter historically constitute the first real season of the Christian Church. Those first fifty days between Christ's resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost must have been a truly special time in the experience of the disciples -- a time of real exuberance and 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.



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!!

## 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!!




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Christ Lutheran Church



**First United Ev.**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

First United Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hammond and Christ Lutheran Church of Hammond have officially partnered to make the Scruba - Dove Ministry a joint church Love INC of Greater Hammond Gap Ministry! We are so thankful for both churches and their willingness to come together as the body of Christ and serve our neighbors in need. Please help them restock their inventory by donating any of these items listed. Call 219-923-2775 to schedule a donation drop off to our Love INC office.

## Scruba - Dove Gap Ministry

### Donations needed to help our neighbors.

dish soap

toilet bowl cleaner and brush

bath and kitchen or any spray cleaner

laundry soap and bleach

fabric softener [liquid or sheets]

Pine Sol type products

Ajax or Comet

wire scrubbers

At times, we also get requests for:

rag mops and pails

disinfectant sprays or wipes

small or large trash bags

floor cleaner

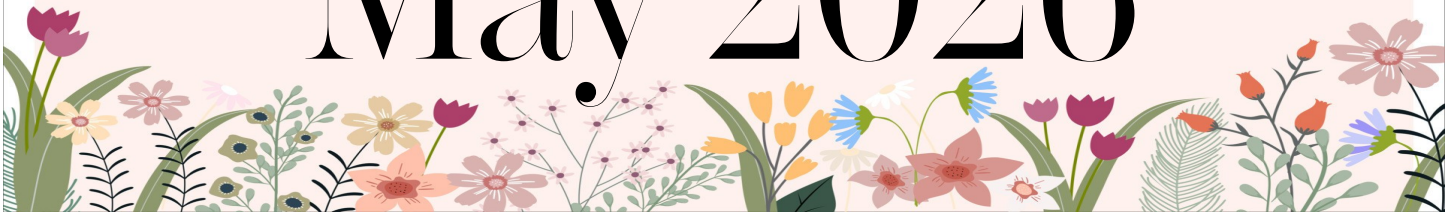
air freshener

shower curtains, liners, rings

Please call 219-923-2775 to schedule a donation



# May 2026



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