



PROCLAIMER

Christ Lutheran Church

May 2026

Worship

Sunday Morning
Worship through
May 17

8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Summer Worship
Schedule Begins
May 24th

One Service at
9:30 a.m.

With Breakfast at
9:00 a.m.

Livestream
10:30 a.m.

Christian Education
for all ages through
May 17th
9:30 a.m.

Office

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From the Pastor . . . Event, or Eventually

Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." But remember the Lord your God... (Deut. 8:17)

As the children of Israel completed their 40 years of wandering in the wilderness following the Exodus, Moses cautioned the people not to forget the steadfast love of the Lord which liberated them from bondage in Egypt. It was not their doing that resulted in their freedom, but the steadfast love of the God of Israel.

So it is, I believe, in matters of both spiritual and material maturation for all generations. In the Small Catechism of our own faith tradition, we learn "I cannot by my own understanding or effort, believe in Jesus Christ my Lord, or come to him, but the Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel..." (Luther's explanation of the Third Article of the Apostle's Creed).

As we emerge into the warming season of Spring in 2026, fresh from the celebration of Easter and embracing the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, it becomes the time we celebrate what many call "conversion." For some persons, their conversion to faith may be remembered as an "event." Perhaps they were turned from going in one direction and led to follow a different way. It is always my hope that we see our conversions not as accomplishment, but as God's work in us, continually re-directing us from mere self-interest, toward discipleship in Jesus' name as a way of life.

As Moses encouraged the children of Israel to see their entrance into the Promised Land as God's gift rather than their accomplishment, every Hebrew generation thereafter had to learn for themselves that the gift of faith and relationship with God is to be renewed throughout life, even daily.

I'm a typical Lutheran boy from Minnesota, less inclined to identify an event when I was converted to the faith. Perhaps my life of faith is more eventual, that is, I'll *eventually* see the Lord "face to face" as St. Paul is fond of writing. *Eventually*, I'll understand the mysteries that have been hidden from my limited human understanding. *Eventually*, I believe we will all be liberated from the limitations of sin and death in the realization of all that is yet to come.

For now, I celebrate my life in faith with you at Christ Lutheran Church as a conversion that repeats, over and over again, remembering each day God's claim on us, promised at our Baptisms. We receive the Holy Spirit not by our own efforts or piety, but as a gift from God's steadfast love. I perceive glimpses of eternity daily, in the faces of little ones in our congregation, learning to sing and pray the faith. I see the steadfast faith of those whose years are many, inspiring me as they have borne the burdens of life and work, encouraging all of us with their faithful witness of grace.

These are all conversion "events" to me, daily reminders that "eventually" we will join our voices with all who have gone before us, converted for all time into the mystery of God's eternal welcome.

-Pastor H

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CORNER

Faith University on Sundays in May, 9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

May 3: NAMI – Lauren Byrd, the new Executive Director of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) will share with us during our Adult Education hour on **Sunday, May 3**. NAMI Greater San Antonio is the leading organization in the community providing advocacy, education, support, and public awareness for individuals and families impacted by mental health issues. They are guided by the core values of hope, inclusion, empowerment, compassion, and fairness. Please join us to hear more about this vital organization.

May 10: Entering the Passion of Jesus – In March and April, we have been walking through Dr. Amy-Jill Levine's work, *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week*. Jesus' final days were full of risk. Every move he made was filled with anticipation, danger, and the potential for great loss or great reward. On May 10, we will focus on Jesus' teachings, and how he was willing to risk challenging others. We also take risks as we read and re-read these stories, finding new meanings and new challenges. Pastor Leslie will lead us in conversation around this work, utilizing the book and a series of videos Dr. Levine produces to accompany it. Feel free to purchase and read the book if you would like, but it isn't necessary for the class.

May 17: Haven for Hope – Christopher Edmiston is the new Major Gifts Manager for Haven for Hope and will be sharing the impact this ministry has had on our community, especially those who find themselves homeless for a variety of reasons. He will also be sharing the different opportunities for faith communities to engage in this work. He will present at the Adult Education hour **Sunday, May 17**, and will also give a temple talk the same day during both services.

May 17 is our final Faith University for the academic year. We look forward to seeing you at our 9:30 a.m. one-summer worship schedule throughout the summer months.

Children & Youth Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

There are only three Sundays left before the conclusion of our Sunday School year! Please join us Sunday May 3rd to work on a Mother's Day Craft, May 10th for our Mother's Day Brunch in the Cross Way, and May 17th for our end-of-year celebration! It has been a wonderful year, and I'm looking forward to the fall!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Synod Assembly, May 1-2

Synod Assembly will be held May 1-2 this year in Austin at Triumphant Love Lutheran Church. The theme of the Assembly is *Becoming . . .* focusing on how our ministries are always evolving as we seek to share God's good news with the world. The assembly offering this year will be dedicated to the Tiemann fund which supports leadership development in our synod. Voting members, both clergy and lay, will gather from across our synod to represent their congregations in making decisions about the issues facing the larger church. We are very grateful to Deacon Lisa Diana and Pastor Leslie for serving as our voting members. If you would like to learn more about what issues will be discussed and voted on at Synod Assembly, please visit the Synod's website at www.swtsynod.org.

Congregation Council Nominations

Our Nominating Committee consists of two members of the Congregation Council plus three members of the congregation. The Congregation Council approved Church Members Scott Merkord (chair), Adam Melius, and Kathy Dicke and Council Members Karen Corder and Paul Pfeifer to serve on the Nominating Committee along with Pastor Leslie to nominate candidates to serve on the Congregation Council. Jeff Timm is completing his first term as Treasurer on Council and is willing to stand for re-election to a second term at this year's Annual Meeting. Michael Fischer (President), Bryan Woods (Vice-President), Edna Robbins (At-Large Member #1), and James Ehler (At-Large Member #3) are all finishing their second terms on Council, which will conclude their time of service in those roles. We thank them for their service and will honor them this summer. The Nominating Committee seeks suggestions for candidates for these positions from any member of our church. Suggestions for all Congregation Council positions must be submitted in writing to the church office by Thursday, May 14, and include the signature of the potential nominee, the position they are being suggested for, and information on his or her history and experience serving at Christ Lutheran. The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 14, after worship.

Annual Meeting - Save the Date - Sunday, June 14, Following Worship

Embodied Grace Yoga

Many of you may know Rev. Charles Fredrickson as a faithful, longtime ELCA pastor. You may not know that he has found a way to combine two of his passions into a spiritual yoga practice. His non-profit, Embodied Grace, centers around Yoga and the Christian Mystics. On Easter Sunday, he offered a sunrise Yoga class at Christ Lutheran, and he continues to offer classes at various local venues. His Hatha Yoga classes are peaceful, spiritual, and uplifting. If you'd like to attend an upcoming class, you can find one on Facebook at Embodied Grace of SA; on Instagram at [embodiedgracesa](https://www.instagram.com/embodiedgracesa), or you can contact him at embodiedgracesa@gmail.com. On Pentecost Sunday, May 24, he will lead a class at Charis Park at Sunset Ridge, 291 Emporia Blvd. Time to be determined.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MINISTRIES

Angelicus (pre-K) & Gloria (K-5th) Choirs

Our year of singing together is coming to an end. We are delighted that the Angelicus & Gloria Choirs will sing in worship once more before the summer hiatus on Mother's Day Sunday at the 10:30 a.m. service. We will also have our end-of-year party in May to celebrate together a wonderful year of singing and growing in our faith. Thanks to all the parents, children, and congregation members who have supported our children's music ministry throughout the year.

Here's the schedule:

Final Rehearsal – Wednesday, May 6 at 5:30 p.m.

Final Singing in Worship – Sunday, May 10 at 10:30 a.m. (Mother's Day)

End-of-Year Pool Party – Wednesday, May 13 at 5:30 p.m. (at Ms. Blythe's house, address will be sent via email)



SMALL GROUP CORNER

Joseph's Sons, Monday, May 4, 6:30 p.m., Wild Barley

Please join us for a meal at Wild Barley Kitchen and Brewery, 8403 Broadway, for fellowship and discussion on topics impacting men today.

Read Through the Bible in a Year, Mondays, 7:00 p.m., Zoom

Christ Lutheran Church invites all interested persons to Read Through the Bible in a Year with Pastor H. Classes meet via zoom every other Monday, May 11 and 25 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome in this read through, regardless of membership at CLC or any community of faith. Here is the Zoom link to access the class: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2461346872>

CLC Book Club, Wednesday, May 6, 6:45 p.m., CrossWay

Readers are welcome to join this monthly discussion group at 6:45 p.m. in the CrossWay on first Wednesdays each month. Our May 6 selection is Paper Girl by Beth Macy.

Living in Interesting Times, Thursdays in May, Fellowship Hall

Living in Interesting Times will meet May 7, 14 and 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will continue to feature one or two speakers a month.

All are invited who promise to keep confidentiality. Nothing is to be shared which might cause someone harm or break a confidence. People who are not members of Christ Lutheran are welcome.

-Rev. Dr. Paul Ziese

Men's Breakfast Group, Tuesday, May 12, 7:00 a.m., Bill Miller BBQ

All men of the church are invited to a short Bible study on the upcoming Sunday gospel. Join us for breakfast tacos and fellowship at Bill Miller BBQ located at 410 and Nacogdoches Road.

Lunch Bunch, Thursday, May 21, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Lunch Bunch invites seniors to gather for lunch on the third Thursday of each month. We will meet on May 21 at noon in the Fellowship Hall for food and fellowship. Many thanks to Carolyn Dufelmeier for continuing to host these fun, friendly get-togethers.

Lucy Circle, Sunday, May 17, 9:30 a.m., Parlor

CLC women are invited to join us in the Parlor on Sunday, May 17, following the 8:30 a.m. worship hour. We'll discuss an essay by Buddhist Monk and peace activist Thich Nhat Hanh on "Death and Dying." This will be our final meeting before the summer hiatus, but we'll be back in September! Grab a cup of coffee and join the conversation.

-Jan Schubert Norris

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Mission and Outreach Team Report

Happy May! It's hard to believe the end of the school year is coming and summer will soon be here. We have been very busy with our Mission and Outreach ministry. Our focus has been helping our neighbors in need, especially our new neighbors, as Lois McGuire hosted a training for delivering groceries, which began at the end of April. And, we have handed out care kits that we assembled for neighbors experiencing homelessness. We still have some more kits in the CrossWay, so feel free to pick one up and give it to someone in need.

We had a special guest speak during our Adult Education hour in April. Sister Denise LaRock shared the story of her work in immigration. On May 16, we plan to volunteer with Downtown Dinners, a homeless ministry. During two of our adult education hours in May, we will hear from speakers who work in our community. The first will be from NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness) and the second from Haven for Hope. Read more on page 2.

It's important to learn from others, so that we can become aware of those who have different experiences from ourselves. And when we learn about them, we may be motivated to do something. We may be called to volunteer or to pray or to give of ourselves. Through action, we are opening ourselves to being transformed by the other and by God in the process. Isn't this what God wants from us? To grow in our faith, through learning, by practicing our faith, and as a result being changed.

Our next **Mission and Outreach Team meeting** will be Monday, **May 4, at 6:00 p.m.** in the church Parlor and Zoom for those who can't come in person. We will continue to discuss and plan our ministry for how to best respond to the needs of our community and world.

-Deacon Lisa Diana

Volunteer at Downtown Dinners Saturday, May 16, from 5:45-8:30 p.m.

Please join us in this street ministry to help serve a meal to those experiencing homelessness or poverty. All ages are welcome! 200-250 people are served every Saturday night. Sign up with the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044FA8A82CA4F85-63539318-downtown> or use the QR code in the graphic. We will meet at 724 Chestnut Street promptly at 5:45 p.m. for the volunteer training. If you wish to carpool, email lisa@clcah.org.

A flyer for Downtown Dinners featuring a top-down view of various fresh ingredients like leeks, avocados, tomatoes, broccoli, and bread. A central green shape contains the event details. A QR code is placed on a brown paper bag in the bottom right corner.

Downtown Dinners

SATURDAY, MAY 16
5:45-8:30 P.M.
724 CHESTNUT

Join us as we partner with Taking it to the Streets ministry and serve dinner in a family-style setting to houseless men, women and children.
All ages are welcome to volunteer.

Sign up using the QR code or sign up sheet below.

MISSION AND OUTREACH



The Congregational Collective

Resources for Mental Wellbeing

The Congregational Collective Mental Health Survey

Please take the time to complete the Mental Health Survey provided to us by the Congregational Collective. This survey is meant to be a base point for growing a new ministry around mental health for participating congregations throughout our city. We will appreciate all of your responses! Electronic and paper copies will be available **during the month of May**.

Mental Health Coaching with the Congregational Collective

We will be offering Companionship Training called SALT (Serve, Affirm, Love, and Transform) to support and accompany those struggling with mental health. Upcoming coaching sessions will be Sunday May 3, from 11:45a.m.-1:15 p.m., and Sunday June 7, from 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Both trainings will be held at Christ Lutheran following the 10:30 a.m. worship hour. The training is open to all who are interested in learning from this model how lay persons can provide care for others, and there is no cost to participate. For more information, contact Deacon Lisa Diana at lisa@clcah.org. Thank you.

Our CLC Benevolence Partners: Booklet Available

For several decades, Christ Lutheran has designated 10% to 20% (currently 20%) of our Sunday worship offerings to non-profit local, national, international, and Lutheran ministries. This commitment leverages your gifts and their impact – enriching and transforming the lives of individuals served by non-profits dedicated to missions that extend the reach of our care, compassion, and Christian love. The CLC Benevolence Team meets throughout the year to review, vet, and survey the needs, achievements, and effectiveness of the benevolence partners we honor with your gifts. The Benevolence Team has produced a small booklet that introduces each of these benevolence partners with a summary of their mission, provides contact information for those who may wish to lend additional support or find out more, and shares news of volunteer opportunities for individuals and groups. You may pick up a copy of the 2025-2026 booklet in the CrossWay to learn more about the impact of your giving and Christ Lutheran's commitment to this outreach.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

An Update from Ms. Blythe

April was a joyful and event-filled month for CLC Youth! Even with inclement weather, our egg hunt was a great success with full baskets for children of all ages. We rejoiced during our group baptism as some of our older youth were baptized at a special service. The FX3 group went to see the new Mario movie and enjoyed a fun movie and lots of popcorn and slushies. Children of all ages enjoyed a cascarone battle and piñata at our annual church Fiesta celebration. We celebrated the First Communion of Noelle, Hannah, Judah, Clarisse, Emily and Lucas who all studied, baked unleavened bread and then received the Eucharist for the first time.

Looking ahead, we are excited for more opportunities to grow and serve together. Vacation Bible School is just around the corner, and I am currently seeking volunteers to help make this special week meaningful for our children. If you feel called to help, I would love to have you join in! Registration for children is also open—be sure to sign up soon if you haven't already.

We also have several important dates coming up in May. On May 10, our youth will host a Mother's Day Brunch in the garden at 9:30 a.m. during our Sunday School hour. Come enjoy breakfast and a treat presented by our youth. On May 13, our children's choirs will celebrate the end of the year with a pool party at Ms. Blythe's house. On May 17, we will celebrate Confirmation Sunday, have our last Sunday School of the year, recognize and thank our Sunday School teachers during the service, and our FX3 group will enjoy a pool party later that day.

I'm excited for a great end to the school year and exciting summer programming!

-Ms. Blythe



Thank you Sunday School Teachers!

Sunday, May 17, 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Please join us in thanking our faithful Sunday School teachers for a wonderful year of learning about God. This year's teachers are: Deacon Lisa Diana, Patti Lynch, Beth Witten, Elizabeth Yust, Scott Merkord, Suz Braaten, Rhonda Barsalou, Natalie Stone, and special youth assistant, Silas Tenorio.

Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, May 17th, 10:30 a.m. worship service

Please join us to celebrate this special Stepping Stone for our 8th grade youth and congratulate them as they confirm their faith. This year's confirmands are Emery Brown, Valyn Pfullman, Leopold Von Durkheim, and Ainsley Thompson. They will share their faith statements/projects at each service and affirm their baptisms at the 10:30 a.m. service. After the late worship service, our congregation is invited to attend a reception in the CrossWay to celebrate this milestone for these young people.

SUMMER @CLC

Announcing VBS 2026: Splash! Dive into God's Gift of Water

Get ready to make a splash at VBS 2026! This year we're diving into the amazing ways water appears throughout the Bible.

Water is essential for life—our planet is about 71% water, and even many of the drinks we enjoy every day are mostly water! But water is more than just something we drink. In the Bible, water shows up in powerful and exciting ways. Sometimes it represents chaos, like the deep waters at creation. Sometimes it brings danger, like storms and floods. Often it is a sign of life and God's care—through rain, rivers, and springs. And, of course, water reminds us of baptism and God's promises to us.

Throughout the week, we'll explore some incredible Bible stories involving water. Get ready for fun, learning, and maybe even getting a little wet along the way! Come join the adventure as we **splash, learn, and dive deeper into God's Word together!**

Registration is open now!

Vacation Bible School at Christ Lutheran Church

June 15–19, 2026

🕒 9:00 a.m. – Noon

For children **ages 4 years old through 5th grade**

Cost: \$50 per child

[Click here to register.](#)



Celebrating High School Graduates

Sunday, June 7, during 9:30 a.m. worship service

It's time to celebrate our CLC high school graduates of 2026. This special blessing will be held on Sunday, June 7, at the 9:30 a.m. worship service with a reception afterwards in the CrossWay. Graduates will have tables set up in the CrossWay, and you're invited to stop by to hear about their post-high school plans. Our 2026 graduates are Sophia Diana, Bennett Hall, Parker Jowers, Drake Woods, and Seth Tenorio.

Summer Breakfast Sign-Up

Each Sunday beginning with Memorial Day weekend, Sunday, May 24, through Labor Day Weekend, Sunday, September 6, we will hold just one service with Holy Communion beginning at 9:30 a.m. On each of these Summer Sundays, you're invited for a light breakfast and fellowship beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the CrossWay. If you would like to participate in providing breakfast foods for the fellowship time, please do so via this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044FA8A82CA4F85-56494254-summer>. You may sign up for one or all of the food offerings – fruit, juice, and pastries. We ask that food be set up by 9:00 a.m. and that you stay to help with clean-up after worship. Thanks in advance!

Second WEDNESDAY Swim Nights this Summer

If you're missing our regular Wednesday night Community Dinners from the school year, join us this summer on the second Wednesdays of the month at the Alamo Heights pool! This has become a beloved annual tradition for CLC where fabulous memories have been made amongst children, adults, and youth. We are changing the nights from Friday to Wednesday this year to better accommodate schedules and follow the ministry pattern we have established of gathering on Wednesday evenings. Join us from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for fellowship and fun. You don't need to be a member of the pool! All ages are welcome. The AH pool boasts ample space with tables and loungers, an Olympic-sized pool, and a playground. In addition, they have a poolside grill that offers a full menu of food and beverages available for your purchase. The second Wednesday dates this summer are June 10, July 8, and August 12.

UPCOMING EVENTS



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Saturday, May 9 at 5:00pm
Christ Lutheran Church of Alamo Heights
6720 Broadway, San Antonio

ANTICIPATION
The Adventure Begins, Ron Mallory

RAGE
Barracuda, arr. Greg Urban

JOY
Joy!, arr. CJ Caminiti

PATRIOTISM
American Carillon, James Weber

DESIRE
Por Una Cabeza, arr. Stevie Berryman

LOVE
Under Pressure, arr. Sondra Tucker

TERROR
Erk König, arr. Stevie Berryman

QUIETUDE
Quietude, Michael Glasgow

GRIEF AND HOPE
Triptych, Derek Hakes

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RiverCityRingers.org for more information



INFORMATION

All concerts are free and open to the public.
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River City Ringers is a 501c3 nonprofit organization.



FX3



POOL PARTY

MAY 17
at 5pm
Ms. Blythe's House



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Sunday, 3. May 2026, 4:00 PM
Christ Lutheran Church of Alamo Heights
6720 Broadway St.
San Antonio, Texas 78209
Free General Admission. Arrive early to secure your seat.

PRAISES TO:

- Our worship assistants, Altar Guild, ministry staff, and music ministries for a beautiful Holy Week and Easter.
- All who helped make our annual Fiesta event a huge success.
- Our First Communion Children who learned about our sacred sacrament and grew in faith and understanding.

MEMBER NEWS

We give thanks to God for the baptisms of:

- Walter Shaddock (April 12)
- Caroline Shaddock (April 12)
- Noelle Tate (April 12)
- Claire Tate (April 12)
- Sofia Hernandez (April 5)

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