

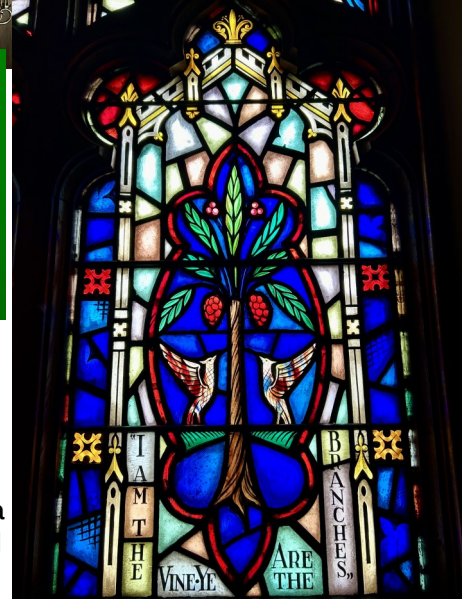


The labra, or arms of the candelabras in the Chancel since the 1950s are crafted to represent grapevines!



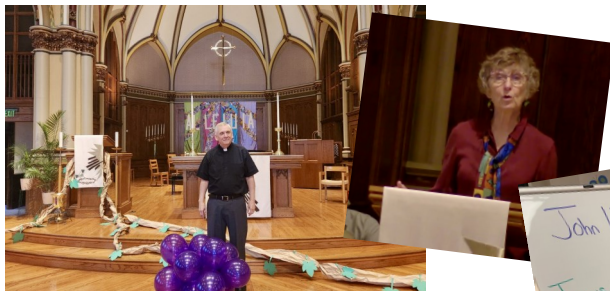
The windows in the east and west tower stairwells of our building depict Jesus' "I Am" parables. The window colorizing John 15 (below) is in the east tower. Check it out next time you're in the building!

*I am the vine, you are the branches.
Those who abide in me and I in them
bear much fruit, because apart from me
you can do nothing.
John 15: 5*

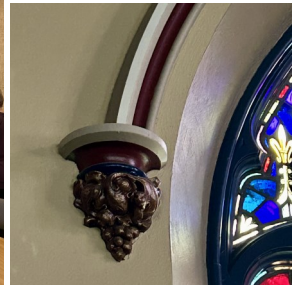


On Sunday, April 28, we celebrated the abundance in our faith community that makes the worship and ministry at Christ Church

possible - within our church walls, around our community, and in our world. The lectionary designated chapter 15 from John's Gospel for the day, and the image of Christ the Vine was a perfect pairing for this celebration! The image of the vine has long been a part of Christ Church, not just in teaching and witness, but in the very fixtures and finishes. Windows, handcrafted trim, candelabras, and (at one time) ornate painting in the Chancel arches all contain vine imagery. As we move towards a new chapter of ministry at Christ Church, may we feel connected to and strengthened by this vine - the literal *and* figurative ones! These vines connect us to who and how it is possible for us to be Christ Church in 2024, *and* what assures us of new growth in different and ever-changing times. Join us in worship and ministry as our roots are fed and as we await new growth in ourselves and in one another; growth that bears much fruit.



Our deep thanks to Pastor David Deal and Martha Reitz, who worked together to pair their messages for the day around John 15.



Have you ever noticed?! The trim around each window in the Nave (above) is finished off on either end with a bunch of grapes! This detail is original to the building, dating to 1904.

Thanks to Christopher Lutz-Long for coordinating our visuals in the Chancel!



In this flashback photo, more images of the vine can be found around Christ Church (mid-1960s). "I Am" scripture quotes were at the base of each arch. On the right, you may be able to make out "I Am the True Vine." In addition, the center arch, above the Reredos and Altar, was outlined with a vine in the border artwork.

If anyone needs a "homework assignment," handed out as part of Martha's reflection on Sunday during worship, let us know! These reflections are to help us live into the abundance around us in the midst of daily life, not just when we are in one another's presence.

If you missed worship on Sunday and are curious what April 28 worship was all about, you can always visit the [Christ Church YouTube Page](#), where all worship services are saved for your reference and enjoyment outside of Sunday morning.

"Sufficiency isn't an amount at all. It is an experience, a context we generate, a declaration, a knowing that there is enough, and that we are enough." - Lynne Twist Question to answer: "What nourishes sufficiency in me?"



Our congratulations and best blessings to Ken and Arturo! Pastor Tom Lichner officiated and presided at their wedding on Saturday, April 27. Their beautiful ceremony included over 65 guests and family. Ken and Arturo live in the neighborhood and have been attending worship at Christ Church for the past year. We wish them the best in this new chapter of life together and look forward to congratulating them when we next see them!

Ken & Arturo Wickiser-Carreno

Don't forget the **Knit Wits** keeps busy all year long! Be in touch with Nadine Smith directly, or the church office if you'd like to join!

And if knitting or crocheting isn't your thing, **St. John's Lutheran has a quilting group** that regularly meets. Both of these groups welcome community members and complete various projects that support the wider community.



The **Lehigh Conference of Churches** will hold a workshop designed to connect, organize, and resource people of faith and community leaders to continue early conversations about leveraging human and physical resources from across the region to make a noticeable, positive impact on housing needs and municipal policy. Registration required for this one day event - **May 29, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at St. Timothy Lutheran Church.** [Event site and Registration HERE](#)

PENTECOST - MAY 19

ORDER GERANIUMS TO DECORATE THE CHANCEL AND HELP US MARK THE FESTIVAL OF PENTECOST

Please make one dedication per form

Circle one: In honor of In memory of

Honored/Remembered name(s) _____

Dedication by _____





5/7 Jacqueline Evans

5/7 Joyce Hardigg

5/13 Dolores Szuchyt

5/20 Thomas Hendricks

5/25 Rev. Laura Klick

A full list of May birthdays (not just 80+) is included in the announcement PowerPoint, which is displayed weekly during fellowship in the SHRA gathering space.



If advocacy and policy change is the type of service that interests you, Lutherans in Allentown are registering for Lutheran Day in the Capitol 2024. This year marks 45 years of LAMPa! (Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania) Carpools are available if you are interested in attending. Contact the church office to be put in touch with our local participants or visit the Lutheran Day in the Capitol [website here](#) to learn more about the overall event. In celebration of 45 years, a Gala is also part of this year's gathering.

CLARION LITE SPONSORSHIPS

Thank you to this week's sponsor:

**Lori K. Sockel in memory of my grandmothers,
DeToisia Hauser and Edith Kreidler**

If you'd like to sponsor the Clarion Lite or Altar Flowers in memory, honor or celebration, please call the church office or pick up a form in the Narthex.

The cost is \$25 for each Clarion Lite sponsorship and \$35 for an Altar Flower sponsorship.

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Wednesday, May 1

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, May 2

Friday, May 3

6:45 p.m. LVCO rehearsal (gym)

7:00 p.m. Bible Study

Saturday, May 4

Sunday, May 5 • The Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:15 a.m. Sunday School/Christ's Kids (choir room/Fellowship Hall)

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:45 a.m. Fellowship (Chapel)

1:30 p.m. Piano Studio Recital (Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall)

Monday, May 6

Tuesday, May 7

11:30 a.m. Staff meeting (pastor's study)

12:30 p.m. Knit Wits (SHRA third floor)

6:00 p.m. YPP rehearsals (Sanctuary/Chapel/Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, May 8

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, May 9

Friday, May 10

7:00 p.m. Bible Study (Zoom)

Saturday, May 11

Sunday, May 12

10:15 a.m. Sunday School/Christ's Kids (choir room/Fellowship Hall)

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:45 a.m. Fellowship (Chapel)

Monday, May 13

Tuesday, May 14

11:30 a.m. Staff meeting (pastor's study)

12:30 p.m. Knit Wits (SHRA third floor)

6:00 p.m. YPP rehearsals (Sanctuary/Chapel/Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, May 15

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)

**Worship Attendance April 14: 70 in-person 32 online
MAIN OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.**