



Christ the Teacher: We are still facing the north side of the church and looking up at our beautiful windows. The fourth window, representing Christ the Teacher, was donated by Charles and Lois Swindler “in gratitude for God’s love and blessings.” Wearing red and white garments, Christ raises his right hand in a sign of blessing while holding in his left hand an open book.

On the left side of the page, we see the Greek letter Α, the first letter of the Greek alphabet, which we spell as Alpha using our Roman alphabet. On the other page, we see this interesting letter: Ω. That is the twenty-fourth and last letter of the Greek alphabet, Omega. In the Book of Revelation, the last book of the Bible, these two Greek letters appear in three verses: “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God” (Rev. 1:8); “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End” (Rev. 21:6); “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End” (Rev. 22:13). Christ is the beginning and the end; as we hear at the Easter Vigil during the blessing of the paschal candle, “Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, Alpha, and Omega; all time belongs to him, and all the ages; to him be glory and power, through every age for ever. Amen.”

Christ taught the apostles. He taught the people of Israel who heard him speak. He is called Rabbi in the Gospels; a rabbi is a teacher. Christ continues to teach us through the Gospels and through his example of unconditional love for others. Note that Christ in our window stands on a cloud, symbolizing his Resurrection from the dead and Ascension into heaven.