

# Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Worship Bulletin

Access on our YouTube  
channel

A house divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus makes this observation in light of charges that he is possessed. He is possessed, not by a demon, but by the Holy Spirit. We who have received the Holy Spirit through baptism have been joined to Christ's death and resurrection and knit together in the body of Christ. Those with whom we sing and pray this day are Jesus' family. With them we go forth in peace to do the will of God.

## Readings and Psalm

- **Genesis 3:8-15**
- God confronts Adam and Eve in the garden
- **Psalm 130**
- Wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast love. (Ps. 130:7)
- **2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1**
- Renewed in the inner nature
- **Mark 3:20-35**
- Doing the work of God as brothers and sisters of Christ

Sunday, June 9, 2024

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

## Baptismal Water Is Thicker than Blood

Many, perhaps most, subcultures in North America affirm the belief that "blood is thicker than water." Even when our commitment to family is too often served through hand-wringing sentiment over the so-called decline of the family or pandered to by politicians seeking to prove their "family values" credentials, we like to think of ourselves as loyal to our own kin. Family comes first! In the gospel,

Jesus sharply, alarmingly, contradicts the norm; he snubs his nuclear family, his blood.

We discover that Jesus' family is not defined by objective or biological categories—DNA tests, adoption records, or custody papers—but rather by function: Jesus' family consists of those whom God has called into mission and are engaged in that mission. Bringing a child of God from birth to maturity of faith requires many things, among them food, shelter, new birth, story, discipline, catechism, and an enduring hope in the one who raised Jesus from the dead. It is a joy to be celebrated when these gifts are provided by those who live in one's own household—parents, grandparents, extended families. But Jesus reminds us (with an echo from Paul) that even when those nearest to us thwart God's purposes, we "do not lose heart" but trust that God will call and create a household "not made with hands," where God's purposes for us will be nurtured and we will become like the one who "does the will of God."

There is a strong challenge here to Christian communities to keep their focus on the mission of God and not be tempted to confuse God's mission with what's "best" for nations or communities or (even) nuclear families.

## A LOOK AHEAD

June 3 - 8

**Sunday - 9:00 a.m. Worship\***

\* Live Stream on our YouTube channel

*Wear your name tag*

*Blood Pressure Readings after service*

**Monday** - Outreach prep 8-10 a.m.; Quilting for Others 9-Noon

**Tuesday** - Outreach 7-11:30 a.m.; I-HELP 4 p.m.

**Wednesday** - Women's Bible Study 12 p.m.

**Thursday** - Men's Bible Study 8 a.m.; I-Help 4 p.m.

**Ministers:** All baptized members

**Pastor:** Dr. Jeff Gallen

**Readers:**

June 9 - Sharoll Blodgett

June 16 - Gayle Denny

June 23 - David Gregor  
June 30 - Darrel Bjornson

**Sound/Tech:**

June - Stacy Anderson/Jim Erickson/Ruben Salgado

**Altar/Communion:**

June - Karen Olson  
Les Stubbs (Bread)  
Emily & Patsy Blankenship (Wine)

**Ushers:**

June - Joan & Bruce Haroldson, Faith Hanley & Emma

**Flowers:** Carole Helland

**Banners:** Judy Wandler

Volunteers needed for hosting coffee fellowship after worship. Please contact Gene Myers or the church office. Instruction provided!

## OUTREACH THROUGH SERVICE

### I-HELP Meals

We are grateful for our volunteers who provide food for 12 people each week. *Please deliver the food to Bldg B at 4:45 p.m.*

- Jun 11 - Judy Turnen
- Jun 18 - Barbara Urena
- Jun 25 - Su Erickson & Sue Addy

**August 27 is still open.** To sign up for a date, check the sign up sheet on the God's Work, Our Hands board, email [office@christgoodyear.org](mailto:office@christgoodyear.org), or call the church office. Thank you for your generosity.



### Summer Outreach Needs

Brown paper bags, **CEREAL**, dry pinto beans, and rice

Thank you to everyone who has assisted with the food pantry on Tuesday mornings. It is heartwarming to see so many hands at work.

Donations are accepted on Sunday, Monday, & Tuesday mornings 8-10 a.m. or by appointment.

## Members in Touch

1. CELC began as the mission project of Alzona Evangelical Lutheran Church, Phoenix.
2. The first church service was in March, 1953, at the Goodyear Boy Scout Lodge
3. 60 people attended CELC from 1953-1956.
4. The scent of flowers cannot travel against the wind, but the scent of good deeds travels in all directions.

## Prayers of strength and healing...

*Pray for all church delegates and rostered ministers attending the Grand Canyon Synod Assembly June 13-15.*

*Submit or update prayer requests by emailing: [office@Christgoodyear.org](mailto:office@Christgoodyear.org), calling the church office: 623-932-2394, or complete an [online prayer request form](#).*

### **All Cactus Conference Pastors & Churches & Bill Miller**

**Bishops:** Deborah K. Hutterer and Elizabeth Eaton

**Area Churches:** American - Sun City; Shepherd of the Desert - Sun City

**Our Service Men/Women:**

## HELPFUL LINKS

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Simply **Giving** Application  
Fry's Community **Rewards** CELC #MW462  
**CELC Calendar**  
**CELC Website**

<https://www.christevangelical.org/staff-and-leadership>

Council Meeting Minutes Click on link above

*Click on the highlighted word and it will take you to the link*

***Pastor: Jeffery Gallen***

***Music: Miloy Cañete***

***Council President: Su Erickson***

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***Please email office for appointments or special requests  
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