

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Worship Bulletin

Access on our YouTube
channel

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

Readings and Psalm

- **Amos 5:6-7, 10-15**
- Turn from injustice to the poor, that you may live
- **Psalm 90:12-17**
- So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. (Ps. 90:12)
- **Hebrews 4:12-16**
- Approach the throne of grace with boldness
- **Mark 10:17-31**
- Teaching on wealth and reward

Sunday, October 13, 2024

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Fat Camels and Narrow Needles: Only Possible for God

A rich man approaches Jesus and asks how to inherit eternal life. Jesus tells him to sell what he owns, give the money to the poor, and follow. Jesus will accept nothing less than our very selves. Like the rich man, we too are left defenseless and grieving by Jesus' radical call to leave behind and give away what we count on for our own security. He wants us, and therefore also wants the things that keep us from him; he gazes upon us in love, even as he calls us to leave behind our false sources of security. How hard it is for us camels to pass through the eye of the needle! We too grieve at the impossibility. It is in fact impossible for us, yet more than possible for God to make it so. For we have a "great high priest who has passed through the heavens, the Son of God," who is both able to

sympathize with our great weakness but also to provide mercy and help. While eternal life on the other side of the needle is a free gift that only God can give, it is a gift that claims the entirety of our lives and therefore reshapes our stewardship of whatever earthly goods we do have. For first and foremost we are called to follow the Christ who gazes upon us in love. Since we are his, following him we will enter through the eye of the needle, leaving behind what cannot fit through with us. In doing so we are promised that we will gain everything: a hundredfold more in this life in a new community under the Cross, “and in the age to come eternal life” (Mark 10:30).

What's Happening at CELC

Sunday - 9:00 a.m. Worship*

* Live Stream on our YouTube channel

Blessing of quilts

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 - Adoration Choir 10:00 a.m.; Women's Bible Study 11:30 a.m.

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

Saturday - Bible Study 1:30 p.m.

Plan ahead and mark your calendars

Saturday Oct 19 - Fall Festival potluck and Latitude 33 band

Thursday Oct 24 - Book Club

Sunday Oct 27 - Reformation, Confirmation and Farewell & Godspeed to Pr. Jeff.

Saturday Nov 2 - Fall Deep Cleaning Day

Sunday Nov 3 - Book Exchange

Wednesday Nov 13 - CPR/AED class

Friday Dec 6 - Advent Dinner

*Click to view the full **CELC Calendar***

Submit events and dates to office@Christgoodyear.org

Ministers: All baptized members

Pastor: Dr. Jeff Gallen

Readers

Oct 13 - Sharoll Blodgett

Oct 20 - Ann Bruce
Oct 27 - Pr. Jeff will provide

Sound/Tech

Stacy Anderson/Ruben Salgado

Altar/Communion

Renee Myers Globe
Emily & Patsy Blankenship

Ushers

Faith Hanley and Emma
Charla Seitz and Gail Bliss

Flowers: Carole Helland

Banners: Judy Wandler

Prayers of strength and healing...

(see email version for names)

We pray for safety as our snowbird friends and members return to Arizona in the coming weeks.

*Submit or update prayer requests by emailing:
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: Pan de Vida - El Mirage; Faith - Yuma

Service Men/Women: (see email version for names)

OUTREACH THROUGH SERVICE

I-HELP Meals

- **Oct 8 - Charla Seitz**
- **Oct 15 - Barbara Urena**

- **Oct 22 - ???**
- **Oct 29 - Gayle Denny**

To sign up for a date, check the sign up sheet on the God's Work, Our Hands board, email office@christgoodyear.org, or call the church office. We are grateful for our volunteers who provide food for 14 people each week. Please deliver the food to Bldg B at 4:45 p.m.



Water, water, water!
Brown paper bags
Cereal
Rice & Dry Pinto Beans

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



GIVE TO LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to Hurricane Helene, Hurricane Milton and other disasters, whenever and wherever they strike.

Your gifts in support of Lutheran Disaster Response help our church provide immediate relief, such as water, clothing, gift cards, tarps and other needs. Since many hurricanes also require a long-term response, Lutheran Disaster Response provides support on the long road to recovery with disaster case management, construction management, unmet needs, and emotional and spiritual care.

Click [here](#) to donate online

Fall Festival Celebration Oct 19



WHEN: Saturday, Oct. 19

TIME: 5:00-8:00 p.m.

WHERE: CELC Bldg B

COST: \$10 (children free)

Be ready to do some early Christmas shopping. **Quilting for Others** will have items for sale.

Join us for an evening of fellowship, friends, food and music to celebrate Pastor Jeff's 26 years of pastoral care and leadership at CELC. Share one of your favorite recipes with us. Potluck dinner sign-ups will be available before and after worship.

Music will be provided by the band Latitude 33 (Gene Myers, manager)

Children's activities will be provided by Magan Ratalasky. Let us know how many will be attending.

CELC Deep Cleaning Day – Nov 02

8:00 AM to Noon



WHO: All Churches

WHERE: Buildings A & B

WHAT?? LUNCH IS FREE!

HOW: Cleaning supplies available on site.



Faithfully Engaged in the Election Process

Bishop's Letter: October 9, 2024

“But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.” – Amos 5:24

As early voting begins in Arizona, and with early voting also beginning soon in Utah and Nevada, I want to reflect on the sacred responsibility we hold as citizens and people of faith. Our participation in the democratic process is not only a privilege but a duty—one that reflects our commitment to justice, peace, and the flourishing of all people.

Throughout this election year, we have spoken about the importance of staying engaged in fair elections. This engagement is a direct expression of our faith, rooted in the understanding that each person is a beloved child of God, deserving of dignity and respect. Our call as followers of Christ is to seek the common good, ensuring that our elections are conducted with integrity, fairness, and transparency.

In a time when division can feel overwhelming, we are reminded of our biblical call to love our neighbor as ourselves. Voting provides us with an opportunity to act on that love, making choices that uphold the values of

justice, equity, and compassion in our communities.

As early voting begins, I encourage you to take time for prayerful reflection on the issues that are most important to you. Consider how your vote can contribute to shaping a future focused on hope and the well-being of all people. I also invite you to gather with others in your congregation and community to discuss the propositions and candidates. Together, we can engage thoughtfully and meaningfully with the initiatives on the ballot. The Office of the Bishop staff has devoted particular attention to sharing resources in this election season. If you are living in Arizona, **LAMA created a guide to the 2024 Arizona Ballot Measures**. We've also shared **important voting dates in Arizona, Nevada, and Utah in our calendar**.

I also want to draw your attention to the **Church and Society resource page** on the Grand Canyon Synod website. This page is filled with valuable resources that explore important election issues, offer guidance on Christian nationalism, and provide tools for ensuring the safety and well-being of our congregations during these complex times. I encourage you to visit this page and share it with others in your community as we navigate this election season with faith and discernment.

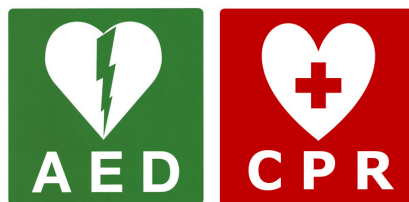
I am grateful for the participation on our recent Conversation About Congregational Safety Zoom call. Dozens of congregational leaders joined us to address concerns about political violence and shared resources from both the FBI and the ELCA on Christian nationalism. We received excellent feedback from this conversation and gained even more resources to support our ongoing efforts to keep our communities safe. These discussions are vital as we continue to work toward creating secure spaces for all, especially during such a polarized time.

We believe that God listens to and answer our prayers. So with bold confidence we pray for our neighbors, our leaders, and for the systems that guide our nation. Let us pray:

Gracious God, guide us as we take part in this election process. Grant us wisdom, humility, and a heart for justice. May your spirit of peace fill our communities as we seek to serve you and one another. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

In Christ's service with you,

The Rev. Deborah K. Hutterer
Bishop
Grand Canyon Synod of the ELCA



I feel it is important to review and practice CPR on an annual basis, so I have scheduled a CPR/AED refresher class for anyone who is interested. It will be Wednesday November 13, 2024 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am in Building B classrooms a/b. We need a minimum of 10 people for the

class. A sign up sheet will be available on the table on Sunday. Deadline for sign up is: October 31, 2024. The class is free, however, if you wish to have a certification card it will be a \$20.00 fee, payable the day of the class. Cash only please.

Hope to see you there!
Kathy Williams

HELPFUL LINKS

Church **Directory**

Join Our Mailing **List**

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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