

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Worship Bulletin

Access on our YouTube
channel

Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.

Readings and Psalm

- **Ezekiel 37:1-14** (alternate)
- Life to dry bones
- **Psalm 104:24-34, 35b**
- Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)
- **Romans 8:22-27**
- Praying with the Spirit
- **John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**
- Christ sends the Spirit of truth

Pentecost SUNDAY



Sunday, May 19, 2024
Day of Pentecost

The Holy Spirit's Groaning

Few sounds capture a groan like birth pangs. It is the raw sound of life and birth as well as of pain. It is the guttural desire for the end of the waiting for what has been anticipated and desired. For any who have been present through such an event, it is difficult to ever forget. It is in equal parts beautiful, stunning, and holy, as well as raw, painful, and horrific. "Creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves . . . groan inwardly while we wait for adoption," writes Paul to the church in Rome. He describes aptly that painful wail of our souls for the redemption we know so well, the restoration of all things promised in Christ. As Lutherans we know this all too well as the "now but not yet" proposition of our faith. We have been told of the return of the Messiah. We prepare for this coming and see how the whole of creation groans for her own restoration. We join this creation waiting for our own hearts, souls, and bodies to be restored. We know this is coming and as in pains of labor groan for this reality. While we wait, we are given a midwife, a Spirit of God to join us in our waiting for the birth of a new world and a new

reality. This gift is given this day, the day of Pentecost. May the Spirit join us in our cry to God, eagerly awaiting the begotten, the Son of God, Jesus.

A LOOK AHEAD

May 19 -25

Sunday - 9:00 a.m. Worship*

* Live Stream on our YouTube channel

Wear RED and your name tag

Blood pressure checks after service

Council Meeting 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.; Book Club 2 p.m.; I-Help 4 p.m.

Ministers: All baptized members

Pastor: Dr. Jeff Gallen

Readers:

May 19th - Sharoll Blodgett

May 26th - Jim Erickson

Sound/Tech:

Magan Ratalasky/Ruben Salgado

Altar/Communion:

Renee Myers Globe & Jerry Globe

Emily & Patsy Blankenship (Wine)

Ushers:

May 19th - Faith Hanley & Emma

Mary Ellen Crane

May 26th - Joan & Bruce Haroldson

Flowers: Carole Helland

Banners: Judy Wandler

Volunteers needed for hosting coffee fellowship after worship. Please

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.*

- **May 21 - Barbara Urena**
- **May 28 - Gayle Denny**
- **Jun 4 - Hope Alive**
- **Jun 11 - ???**
- **Jun 18 - Barbara Urena**
- **Jun 25 - ???**

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. Thank you for your generosity.



Summer Outreach Needs

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

Do you have some free time on Tuesday mornings? Please consider volunteering at the CELC Outreach food pantry. Many of our regular volunteers have left town for the summer and we could use a few extra hands to unload and store food, distribute food, and assist with clean up. Contact Su Erickson for more information, or just show up on a Tuesday morning and we'll put you to work!

The first Tuesday of every month we are offering our clients personal hygiene products as we have them available. Our supply is limited and we need donations of incontinence products (all sizes), feminine products, bed pads, and wipes.

Donations for our Tuesday Outreach food pantry and Boutique are accepted on Sunday, Monday, & Tuesday mornings 8-10 a.m. or by appointment.

Check your entry in the Church Directory

Earlier this year, we did a round of cleanup on the church directory information. We would like to make sure that we haven't missed anyone and also that your information is correct. Please take a moment to login to **Instant Church Directory** (or check your paper copy) and make sure that your information is correct.

1. If some of the information for your family entry needs to be updated (including your picture), please do one of the following:
 2. Login to Instant Church Directory, find your family's entry, press the "Edit My Family Button", and update/submit whatever needs to be updated.
 3. Or you can email the updated information directly to the church office (**office@christgoodyear.org**).
4. If there is not an entry for you in the directory and you believe there should be one, please email the church office (**office@christgoodyear.org**). Then your entry can be added (or reactivated in case your entry was inadvertently marked as inactive).
5. If there is a family that you think should be in the directory, but is not, also please email the church office (**office@christgoodyear.org**) so we can follow-up with that family.

Just a reminder, the online directory is only available using a login/password.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.



We have a team of volunteers who manage the sound booth and live streaming every Sunday. They serve on a



Training is provided, you just need to be at least somewhat comfortable with computers and technology.

If interested in knowing more,

rotating basis. Seeking one or two additional volunteers to help spread the load throughout the year.

contact Jim Erickson at it-help@christgoodyear.org.

West Valley Young Adults



May in the West Valley is buzzing with exciting events tailored for young adults (19-35) looking to socialize, engage in fun activities, and give back to the community. These events not only offer a chance to unwind and have fun, but also to connect with

like-minded individuals and foster community spirit. Mark your calendars, bring a friend, and be ready to create some unforgettable memories!

For more information, contact Casey Goslin at phxyoungadults@gmail.com

Prayers of strength and healing...

***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: Peace - Peoria; Pan de Vida - El Mirage

Our Service Men/Women:

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

CELC Office Phone: (623) 932-2394

Please email office for appointments or special requests

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