

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Worship Bulletin

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Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus' compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God's redeeming love.

Procession with Palms

- Luke 19:28-40
- Entrance into the final days

Readings and Psalm

- Isaiah 50:4-9a
- The servant of the Lord submits to suffering
- Psalm 31:9-16
- Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)
- Philippians 2:5-11
- Humbled to the point of death on a cross
- Luke 22:14—23:56
- The passion of the Lord



Sunday, April 13, 2025
Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday

A Place with Jesus

The movement of this day—from shouts of praise to words of denial and cries for crucifixion—mirrors the path of discipleship. The lives of Jesus' followers hang in the balance between faithfulness and betrayal. For Peter, the act of denial is subtle and insidious. He claims not to know Jesus; he claims to have no place as his disciple. On the surface it is seemingly harmless. It happens, and then is over in a

moment. In reality, the harm is deep and lasting. Subtle but harmful denial happens in a split second as disciples compromise faith for the sake of self-protection—as they're too embarrassed to give thanks; as someone knows how to help but fails to do so because it's inconvenient; as resources are hoarded. While Peter withholds everything for his own sake, Jesus, for the sake of others, withholds nothing. As disciples fail to claim their place with Jesus, Jesus' embrace claims them. From the cross, Jesus offers mercy wide enough to claim even those who do not know what they do.

April Worship Team

Interim Pastor: Kim Sterner

Music: Miloy Cañete

Reader: 13th - Elaine Carlson, 20th 7am- Ellory Christianson, 10am - Tony Fabrello,
27th - David Gregor

Altar/Communion: Renee Myers Globe & Jerry Globe; Patsy & Emily Blankenship Apr
20 7am - Ellory Christianson

Ushers: Jo-Ann & Fred Wordell, Faith Hanley & Emma; Apr 20 7am - Faith Hanley &
Emma and David Bruce

Sound/Tech: Ruben Salgado & Stacy Anderson; 18th - Wes & Jan Yost

Flowers: Carole Helland

Banners: Judy Wandler

Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

April 13 - Palm Sunday - Adoration Choir Cantata - *What Wondrous Hope*

April 17 - Maundy Thursday [Seder meal](#) and communion at 6:00 p.m.

April 18 - Good Friday worship service at 6:00 p.m.

April 20 -

- Easter Sunrise contemporary/praise worship at 7:00 a.m.
 - Easter [Breakfast](#) @ 8:00 a.m.
 - Easter Egg Hunt @ 8:30 a.m.
 - Easter Festive Worship @ 10:00 a.m.
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We remember in our prayers... (see email version for names).

Bishops: Deborah K. Hutterer and Elizabeth Eaton
Area Churches: Community of Grace - Peoria; Peace - Peoria
Service Men/Women: (see email version for names)

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

Upcoming events at CELC

Apr 13 - Blood Pressure checks
Apr 13 - Council meeting
Apr 19 - Youth group meeting @ 10am
Apr 24 - Book Club
May 4 - Book Exchange
May 7 - Life Line Screening
May 8 - Life Line Screening
May 17 - Senior Tech Day

Seder Dinner - April 17

The Thursday during Holy Week, Maundy Thursday, or Holy Thursday, is the day we commemorate as "the night on which he, (Jesus) was betrayed." This we recall by celebrating Holy Communion which was instituted on that first Thursday all those years ago.

What Jesus was celebrating during the Passover Festival was a Seder Meal. Passover is the Holiday and the Seder is the meal Like a Christmas Dinner.

The word Seder, means, Order. This is a meal that is done in order to recall the Passover. It is ordered, structured, in a way that moves us through the Exodus

- Seder Dinner Thursday April 17
6pm - 7:30pm

Pastor Kim will have a special demonstration from 6 - 6:30pm
Dinner 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Menu

Tickets are \$20 for adults,
\$10 for children

Last day to buy tickets is April 13

Easter Lily Orders

Honor or remember a loved one with an Easter Lily. The flowers will adorn our altar on Easter morning and will be available for you to take home after the 10:00 a.m. Easter worship service. **April 13 is the deadline for ordering Easter Lilies to adorn our altar on Easter morning. The cost is \$15.**

Everyone is encouraged to bring loose flowers of your choice on Easter Sunday for our Easter Cross.



Members in Touch

Welcome each other at our Holy Week Services. Wear your name tag and greet your neighbor.

A few more crocheters and knitters needed to make prayer shawls and God's Hugs. Contact Ellory Christianson or Judy Turnen.

Easter Basket Raffle

The baskets are on display tickets may be purchased before or after worship on Sunday. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6/\$5.00. The baskets will be raffled off at the Easter Breakfast at 9:00 a.m. Proceeds will go to landscaping the area in front of Building A.



CELC Easter Breakfast

April 20 - 8:00-9:30 a.m. in Bldg A Fellowship Hall
Free will offering

Please consider donating food for our [Easter breakfast](#), April 20. Check the sign up table for what is still needed.

There are opportunities to assist on Saturday, April 19, with set up & decorating, and cutting fruit, and on Easter Sunday to assist in the kitchen and with clean up.

Any questions call Valerie Ellis
Fellowship Team Leader

CELC Call Committee

The Call Committee was elected at a special meeting of the congregation on April 6, 2025. Members of the committee are: Connie Sornsins, Chairperson, Jennifer Cole, Kathy Coyle, Jim Erickson, Tony

Fabrello and Rae Valabek.

CELC's Call Committee will build on the work of the transition team. The transition team, with input from the congregation, established and updated our Mission, Vision and Values statements. The work of the committee is done prayerfully and the people on the committee open themselves to the call and movement of the Holy Spirit to discern if a candidate presented to us is the best candidate for our congregation. Please keep them in your prayers.

Youth Activity

The next Youth group meeting will be the day before Easter, Saturday, April 19, 10am-noon in Bldg. B, Classroom C. We will make posters for upcoming youth events and will be helping Magan stuff Easter eggs for the Easter egg hunt on Sunday.

On Easter Sunday, youth may assist Magan in hiding eggs and help with the Easter breakfast. We will be having a discussion concerning the rest of the year. Any questions, contact Olga Blanchard, Youth Ministry Team Leader.

OUTREACH THROUGH SERVICE



Canned fruit, cereal, rice, and beans

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

Have You Taken Control of Your Health Today?

Life Line Screening will be at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church of Goodyear on Wednesday, May 7, 2025 and Thursday, May 8, 2025 offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. To be more proactive about your health for yourself, your family and your community, please register for these health screenings today. Please refer to the [attached flyer](#) to get more info about how you can sign up.

There is no time like the present to take action!

Three ways to register:

- Call toll-free: 1-888-814-0466 promo code HSCA001

- Online: <https://www.lisa.social/hlsa>
- Text: the word circle to 216-279-1607

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Church **Directory**

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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

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Council President: Carol Moonan

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