

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Worship Bulletin

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God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.

Readings and Psalm

Jeremiah 20:7-13

The prophet must speak despite opposition

Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18

Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind. (Ps. 69:16)

Romans 6:1b-11

Buried and raised with Christ by baptism

Matthew 10:24-39

The cost of discipleship

Next Week's Readings

Jeremiah 28:5-9 ~ Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18 ~ Romans 6:12-23 ~ Matthew 10:40-42

June 21, 2026

4th Sunday after Pentecost

God Comes First

God is, the theologians say, transcendent—beyond us, always exceeding our easy grasp. Recognizing God's awesome transcendence brings a reevaluation of other values. The God of vertigo-inspiring infinitude is also the God who know the hairs of our head. Trusting this God, fear is defanged and faith becomes a sort of courage. We live in faithful relationship to the hair-counting God as we joyfully "acknowledge" the one who acknowledges us. And as we do so, reveling in the intimacy of God's loving regard for us, other relationships, even familial ones, take on a different cast. God comes first, we realize, not only in priority, but ontologically, "in the beginning" (John 1:1). Before the God who is at once gracious and transcendent, we "lose" our lives and discover the true life in following the way of Jesus the crucified Son.

Worship Team

Communion Assistants:
Emily & Patsy Blankenship

Pastor Phil Gustafson

Music: Miloy Cañete

Assisting Minister:

Patsy Blankenship

Greeters:

Mary Ellen Crane, Sandy Gabel

Readers:

June 21 - Tony Fabrello

June 28 - Gayle Denny

Altar Guild:

Karen & Ken Olson

Ushers:

21 - Jo-Ann & Fred Wordell, Faith
Hanley & Emma

June 28 - Walter Rawls, Mike See,
Valerie & Greg Ellis

Sound/Tech:

June - Cole Stafford & Ruben
Salgado

Banners:

Judy Wandler/Karen Olson

Flowers:

Kathie Townsend

We remember in our prayers... (see email version)

Bishops: Deborah K. Hutterer, (Grand Canyon Synod), Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry (ELCA churchwide)

Cactus Conference Churches: Community of Grace - Peoria; Peace - Peoria

CELC Campus Churches: Casa del Rey, Hope Alive, Inglesia Cristiana Valle de Beraca, Vida Nueva

Service Men/Women: (see email version)

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

Pastor Phil Gustafson will lead worship and provide pastoral care this month. If you need pastoral care during this time, please contact the church office and we will put you in touch with Pastor Phil.



Keep our Outreach food pantry shelves full

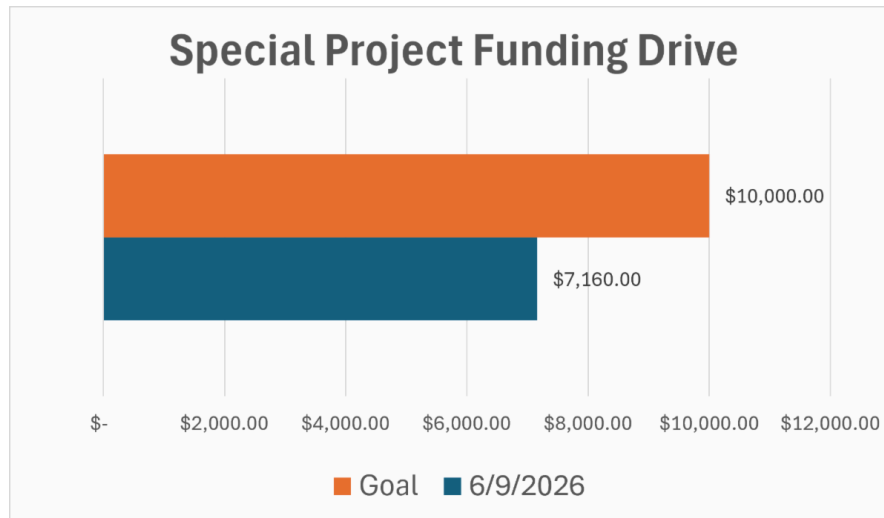
Boxes, paper bags, canned fruit, canned tomatoes/pasta sauce, cereal, **beans**, **rice**, canned meat, **water**

Southwest Valley IHELP

Meals are being scheduled for July 17, Aug 21, Sept 4. Email the church office or talk to Su Erickson if you would like to prepare a meal for IHELP.



If you have questions, please talk with Su Erickson.



Over half way to goal

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our special funding drive to replenish our reserve funds. **As of June 9, we've received \$7,160 in donations.**

To contribute, stop at the welcome table after service and select a square from the "donation" board that reflects the amount you wish to contribute to help pay for the special projects.

1. You can mark your envelopes with "Special Projects"
2. Write "Special Projects" on the memo line of your check
3. If you wish to send electronically via Zelle, contact the office or the finance team for instructions.
4. You can also go to the **"Giving" page** on our web site, click on "Give Now", and select special projects to use credit card, debit card, or an EFT transfer from your bank.

For more information, talk with Ann Bruce, Stewardship.

Sunday School is on Summer Break

CELC Sunday School is not meeting for the summer. It is scheduled to resume August 23.

The CELC Youth are still collecting items for the Homeless Youth Connection program. Donations welcome through the end of June.

Singles Mingle Fellowship

The Singles Mingle group met last week at Times Square in Litchfield Park for great company, good food and service.



All singles are welcome to join in the activities. Mark your calendars for the monthly events and contact Julie Paisley for more information.

The next luncheon will be at Haus Murphy in Glendale on Friday, July 10.

August 13 they will meet at the church parking lot around 10:00 a.m. to carpool to OdySea Aquarium at the AZ Boardwalk.

Update church directory and office records

"We are making a push in June to update our records before Pastor Jeff begins his ministry with us on 7/1. We are also trying to reduce any inconsistencies we may have between our two primary databases. As such we have three requests for you:

1. Check your Instant Church Directory entry and insure it is correct and complete. We would really like individual email addresses and cell phone numbers for all adult members. Updates should be sent to office@christgoodyear.org.
2. **Need a new Directory photo? Send a photo to the church office, office@christgoodyear.org.**
3. Respond to any emails from office@christgoodyear.org or it-help@christgoodyear.org requesting assistance on resolving discrepancies between our databases.

We appreciate your assistance in this."

Upcoming Events

Jul 1 - Welcome Pr. Jeff Hackler
Jul 10 - Singles Mingle @ Haus Murphy
Jul 12 - Pr. Jeff Hackler Installation (during worship service)
Aug 13 - Singles Mingle Odysea Aquarium outing
Aug 16 - CELC Council Meeting
Aug 23 - CELC Sunday School resumes

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<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

Music: Miloy Cañete
Council President: Carol Moonan
CELC Office Phone: (623) 932-2394
Please email office for pastoral care, appointments or special requests at office@christgoodyear.org

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