

# Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Worship Bulletin

Access on our YouTube channel

Though the word trinity is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.

## Readings and Psalm

### Genesis 1:1—2:4a

The creation of the heavens and the earth

### Psalm 8

How majestic is your name in all the earth! (Ps. 8:1)

### 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Paul's farewell to the church at Corinth

### Matthew 28:16-20

Living in the community of the Trinity

### Next Week's Readings

~ Hosea 5:15—6:6 ~ Psalm 50:7-15 ~

Romans 4:13-25 ~ Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 ~

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**Sunday, May 31, 2026**

**Holy Trinity Sunday**

### Celebrating Our God beyond Understanding

The festival of the Holy Trinity celebrates the wonder of relationship with God while leaving us distinctly dissatisfied with our limited understanding of what God is. While guarding against the idolatry of language, we survey our scripture, doctrine, creeds, and symbols of our heritage. Equally important, we pray for God to inspire fresh, innovative ideas of God in the present moment.

Today's gospel contains one of the few biblical references to the trinitarian formula. As the eleven are commissioned to make disciples, baptize, and teach, we are invited to consider our calling to influence the world with the good news of God's love. The text from Second Corinthians also includes a kind of naming of the Holy

Trinity in an affectionate sign-off of a personal letter. With the psalm praising God the creator and sustainer of all creation, Genesis 1 relates the first of two creation stories, this one an ancient liturgy celebrating God as a divine plural.

That God that is beyond our understanding may be both troubling and comforting. The temptation may be to attempt to apprehend the idea of God with our intellect, offering the worshiping assembly a showcase of various models for God. The result is usually disappointing and feeds our bias toward intellectualism. Another possibility is to celebrate God's presence in all its glory and colorful wonder and our belonging to this wonder-full God.

**Worship Team**

Pastor Stephen Beyer

**Music:** Miloy Cañete

**Assisting Minister:**

Patsy Blankenship

**Greeters:**

May 31 - Sue & Bob Addy

June - Mary Ellen Crane, Sandy Gabel

**Readers:**

May 31 - Ann Bruce

June 7 - Julie Paisley

June 14 - Patsy Blankenship

June 21 - Tony Fabrello

June 28 - Gayle Denny

**Altar Guild:**

May - Sue Addy & Julie Paisley

June - Karen & Ken Olson

**Communion Assistants:**

Emily & Patsy Blankenship

**Ushers:**

May 31 - Faith Hanley & Emma  
Renee Myers-Globe & Jerry Globe

June 7 - Bruce & Joan Haroldson,  
Faith Hanley & Emma

June 14/21 - Jo-Ann & Fred  
Wordell, Faith Hanley & Emma

June 28 - Walter Rawls & Mike  
See, Faith Hanley & Emma

**Sound/Tech:**

May - Magan Ratalaky & Ruben  
Salgado

June - Cole Stafford & Ruben  
Salgado

**Banners:**

Judy Wandler

**Flowers:**

Kathie Townsend

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

***Prayers of comfort and peace*** for the family and friends of ***Cliff Reph*** who passed away May 22.

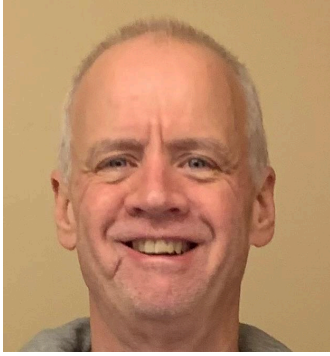
**Bishops:** Deborah K. Hutterer, (Grand Canyon Synod), Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry (ELCA churchwide)

**Cactus Conference Churches:** Lord of Life - Sun City; Gloria de Cristo - Yuma

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



## Looking Forward

Pastor Jeff Hackler has accepted our call and will begin his service at CELC on July 1. His first worship service will be July 5. Mark your calendar for July 12 to celebrate his installation as the next pastor of Christ Lutheran.  
Welcome Pastor Jeff!

**Thank you Pastor Steve** for leading our worship services in May.

Pastor Phil Gustafson will join us in June.

Should 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, canned pasta sauce, beans, rice, canned meat, water

Volunteers welcome on Monday (8-10 a.m.) to help set up, receive and sorting product or Tuesday (8-11:30 am) to receive and sort product, fill and distribute boxes, and clean up.



## Southwest Valley IHELP

Meals are being scheduled for **July 17, Aug. 7, Aug 21, Sept 4**. Email the church office or talk to Su Erickson if you would like to prepare a meal for IHELP.

## LAUNDRY HELP needed this summer!

We are looking for one or two volunteers to help with the laundry after our Friday IHELP hosting.

**We are in need of donations of sunscreen, foot powder, toothpaste, deodorant, small shaving cream/razors, and chapstick**

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the IHELP program. We have been approved for a \$15,000 grant through Arizona Complete Health. We are still waiting to hear when the funds will be released. We are still in need of continued financial support to sustain program operations until grant funding is received. Every donation, no matter the amount, truly makes a direct impact and helps us continue

providing shelter, safety, transportation, case management and hope to those we serve.

Information on how to donate online is found in the link below.  
Here's a [link](https://azcommunityimpact.org/#ihelp) to our landing page on the AZ Community Impact site,  
<https://azcommunityimpact.org/#ihelp>

If you prefer to donate by check, make the check out to AZ Community Impact and include IHELP in the memo line.

Checks should be mailed to:  
AZ Community Impact  
22236 Twilight Trail  
Buckeye, AZ 85326

If you have questions, please talk with Su Erickson.



## MAY 31 is last day to order NAME TAGS

*One goal for welcoming Pastor Jeff Hackler on July 1 is to wear our nametags and help him learn the congregation by name.*

*If you have never had a name tag, we will order you one.*

*If you have lost or misplaced your name tag, we will replace your name tag. Then you can have two nametags so you know where at least one is at all times! Maybe!*

*The cost of our name tags has increased to approximately \$8.00.  
We ask for a voluntary donation of half the cost \$4.00 if you **order by May 31.***

**PLEASE** find your name tag and wear it or **ORDER** a NEW NAME TAG!

**SIGN UP** at the Welcome Center or email the church office,  
[office@christgoodyear.org](mailto:office@christgoodyear.org).

*If you are making a donation, please designate it for **NAMETAG** and **spell your name** exactly the way you want it on your nametag.*

*WE WILL PLACE THE ORDER on June 1..*

## CELC Youth Collection Drive for Homeless Youth

Did you know there are 1800 youth are homeless in Maricopa County? 87% of the homeless youth will drop out of school or already have.

CELC youth are collecting items to support the Homeless Youth Connection. Donations are being accepted the whole month of May.

**Items needed:** soap, laundry pods, toothpaste, hair shampoo, razors, shaving crème. All items must be in an unopened box or container. We will also collect donations of gift cards, including Visa cards and cards from various stores.

Contact Jennifer Cole or Patsy Blankenship for more information.

# Bldg A & Bldg B Painting Scheduled

## Painting schedule

Bldg A Sanctuary interior: 6/3-6/5

Bldg B Classrooms/Hallway interior: 6/9-6/11

Bldg B External Doors: 6/9-6/11

Access to these areas may be limited on the days of the painting. Some groups may be moved to a different meeting space during this project.



## Special Project Funding Drive Over half way to goal

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our special funding drive to replenish our reserve funds. **As of May 26, we've received \$6,030 in donations.** We are well over half way to our goal of \$10,000 to replenish the designated/reserve funds being used to pay for the parking lot and painting projects.

The parking lot project was completed last week (see photos below) and the painting project for Building A Sanctuary and Building B classrooms/hallways and exterior doors is scheduled for June.

To contribute to these projects, 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 these 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.

**THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU**  
**Jim Hill and Rose Paving**  
**The parking lot project is complete.**



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## CELC Recycling Sunday is JUNE 7

The church council has designated the **first Sunday of the month** as **"RECYCLING" Sunday**. Be a good steward and save your aluminum cans and plastic water bottles for recycling. Due to limited storage space, we are asking you to deliver them to CELC on the first Sunday of the month. **Funds received go into the facilities budget to improve our campus for all.**

You may now also recycle empty printer ink cartridges through CELC on the First Sunday of the month! Staples will give us store credit for each empty ink cartridge we turn in (they do not have to be purchased at Staples). We can also recycle an old printer if you want to dispose of it, and receive store credit. CELC will use these funds for our office supplies and/or school supplies for children of our Outreach Families.

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## 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](mailto:office@christgoodyear.org).
2. Determine if an updated picture is necessary. Again, please send new pictures to [office@christgoodyear.org](mailto:office@christgoodyear.org).
3. Respond to any emails from [office@christgoodyear.org](mailto:office@christgoodyear.org) or [help@christgoodyear.org](mailto:help@christgoodyear.org) requesting assistance on resolving discrepancies between our databases.
- 4.

We appreciate your assistance in this."

## Upcoming Events

May 31 - CELC Church Council meeting  
Jun 3-5 - Bldg A Sanctuary painting  
Jun 7 - Recycling Sunday  
Jun 9-11- Bldg B classroom/hallway painting  
Jun 14 - Book Exchange  
Jul 1 - Welcome Pr. Jeff Hackler  
Jul 12 - Pr. Jeff Hackler Installation (during worship service)

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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*

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**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](mailto:office@christgoodyear.org)***

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