

# Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Worship Bulletin

Access on our YouTube channel

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

## Readings and Psalm

**Jeremiah 28:5-9**

The test of a true prophet

**Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18**

Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing. (Ps. 89:1)

**Romans 6:12-23**

No longer under law but under grace

**Matthew 10:40-42**

Welcome Christ in those he sends

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## Next Week's Readings

Zechariah 9:9-12 ~ Psalm 145:8-14 ~ Romans 7:15-25a ~ Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

June 28, 2026

## 5th Sunday after Pentecost

### Life in Christ Includes Praise and Lament

Though we may prefer to think of God giving us lives of joy and ease, a full life in Christ also includes sorrow and grief. To the extent we are willing to acknowledge God's presence in every circumstance, our faith becomes integrated and sustainable through a lifetime.

The texts for today offer a survey of faith-full moments for the people of God, from arguably the most disturbing story in all our scriptures (Genesis 22; semicontinuous series) to the proclamation of God's everlasting faithfulness (Psalms 89 and 13).

Does our worship avoid faithful lament?

Marked by transformation as clear and life and death (Romans 6), the disciple naturally embodies the gospel of Jesus Christ. Like it or not, this includes moments of sadness, grief, and betrayal that were very much a part of Jesus' faithful journey.

If our lives are identified with Christ, disciples can name both joys and sorrows as dimensions of Christ's story and purpose.

The greatest challenge of faith for most Christians is the moment of suffering, so this day invites us to practice faithful lament. In an age of denial when difficult things are swept under the rug, we may resist the idea that God wants anything to do with suffering. Our scriptures, however, ensure we do not avoid earth-bound realities. The psalmist wails a prayer in faith that not only laments abandonment by God but also confesses God's steadfast love (Psalm 13; semicontinuous series). The story of Abraham and Isaac haunts our imaginations when we expect God to make life easy.

Worship calls us to faithfully lament as well as praise. Let today be a service of full-hearted proclamation of the depths of life in Christ.

**Worship Team**

Pastor Phil Gustafson

**Music:** Miloy Cañete

**Assisting Minister:**

Patsy Blankenship

**Greeters:**

Mary Ellen Crane, Sandy Gabel  
July - Gayle Denny & Jim Hill

**Readers:**

June 28 - Gayle Denny  
Jul 5 - Beth Blankenship

**Altar Guild:**

Karen & Ken Olson  
July - Stacy Anderson

**Communion Assistants:**

Emily & Patsy Blankenship

**Ushers:**

June 28 - Walter Rawls, Mike See,  
Valerie & Greg Ellis  
Jul 5 - Walter Rawls & Bob Addy

**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:** Pan de Vida - El Mirage; Faith - 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](#).

**Until We Meet Again**

This weekend, CELC says Farewell and Godspeed to Olga & John Blanchard and Bert Hendricks. They are moving out of state to be near family. Our CELC family will miss you. We thank you for your service and fellowship throughout your time at CELC and wish you the best in your next chapter. You will be missed.



## Installation of Pastor Jeff Hackler at Christ Evangelical Church in Goodyear

- Sunday, July 12, 2026
- 9:00AM

Rev. Jeff Hackler will be installed Sunday, 7/12/2026, during the 9am worship service at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church (918 S Litchfield Rd, Goodyear, AZ. 85338). Rev. Cherlyne Beck, Grand Canyon Synod Transition Coach will preside and install. Pastor Lisa Hackler, Pastor Jeff's wife, will preach. Pastor Jeff will greet members and guests at a small reception following the service.



### Keep our Outreach food pantry shelves full

**Do you have some extra boxes that you could donate to the pantry?** We give out 10-15 cardboard boxes in addition to the regular totes week and are running low. (wine box/book box and a bit larger too)

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

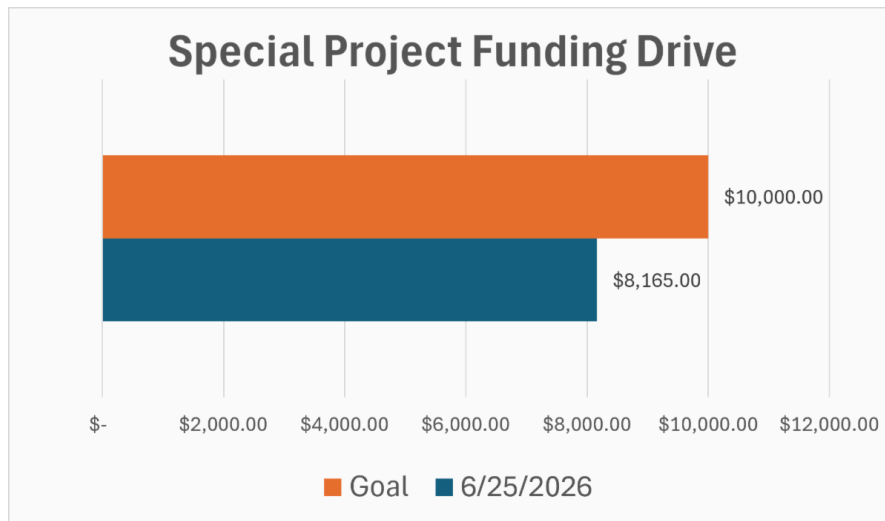
**Outreach Food Pantry CLOSED July 7**



### Southwest Valley IHELP

We are in need of meals for **July 17 and Aug 21.**

Email the church office or talk to Su Erickson if you can prepare a meal for IHELP.



## 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 25, we've received \$8,165.00 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.

## Last week to Youth project

This is the last week to donate personal hygiene products for the Homeless Youth Connection program. Talk to Patsy Blankenship for more information.

## Update on dog outside CELC



A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who provided water and cared for the little dog that greeted us last Sunday morning outside the Building B main doors. Leslie Bieler reached out to HAART rescue and provided us with an update.

"On Sunday, a small dog was pacing up and down and crying by the church door. So many kind-hearted people tried to help this sweet girl! It was evident that she had had puppies not long ago. Several volunteers

searched around the premises and areas near the church, but no puppies were found.

Since my husband and I have fostered dogs and are acquainted with volunteers at HAART rescue, I offered to take the dog home and contact the rescue.

Sadly, the rescue volunteer said that they see this quite often when people use a dog for breeding and then abandon the dog because the puppies were not making enough profit. This sweet girl isn't chipped, so no owner was identified.

She is a miniature Pincher and is the sweetest dog ever. She isn't housebroken and doesn't understand what grass is, since she likely never left her cage.

She will be going to HAART rescue if anyone is interested in adopting her. If you have the time and patience to house train her, she will make a lovely pet and companion. She loves to sit in your lap and get pets."

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### Singles Mingle Fellowship

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.



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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. **Need a new Directory photo? Send a photo to the church office, [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.

We appreciate your assistance in this."

If you or someone you know could use support, please consider becoming a part of the Alzheimer's Support Group. They meet virtually twice a month. For more information, contact

Ivon J. Gandara or Lora Johnson

**Johnson & Ashworth P.L.L.C.**

*Phone:* 623.505.3903

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### **July 6th: Preventing Financial Abuse and Scams for a Person with Dementia.**

Discuss ways to help protect loved ones from financial exploitation, scams, and unnecessary spending.

Resources:

<https://www.ssa.gov/blog/en/posts/2023-06-13.html>

<https://alzfdn.org/keeping-seniors-with-dementia-s-a-f-e-from-scams-and-fraud/>

<https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/protect-older-parents-from-scams/>

### **July 20th: Autonomy and Independence vs Safety**

Explore the balance between maintaining a loved one's independence while ensuring their safety as a caregiver.

Resources:

<https://www.alz.org/help-support/caregiving/safety/home-safety>

<https://withalula.com/the-space-between-safety-and-independence>

<https://www.homewatchcaregivers.com/huntington-newport-beach/about-us/blog/dementia-home-care-keeping-someone-safe-without-taking-away-independence/>

Please feel free to review the articles shared before the meetings.

## **Upcoming Events**

Jul 1 - Welcome Pr. Jeff Hackler

Jul 5 - Recycling Sunday - Aluminum cans, plastic water bottles and used printer cartridges

**Jul 7 - Outreach Food Pantry CLOSED**

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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**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*

***Music: Miloy Cañete***

***Council President: Carol Moonan***

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