

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Worship Bulletin

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Introduction

In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

Readings and Psalm

- **Acts 1:6-14**
 - Jesus' companions at prayer after his departure
 - **Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35**
- Sing to God, who rides upon the clouds. (Ps. 68:4)
 - **1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11**
- God will sustain and restore those who suffer
 - **John 17:1-11**
 - Christ's prayer for his disciples

Next Week's Readings

Acts 2:1-21 ~ Numbers 11:24-30 ~ Psalm 104:24-34, 35b ~ 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Sunday, May 17, 2026 Seventh Sunday of Easter

Overhearing Jesus

At the ascension we, like the disciples in today's reading in Acts, are left looking at the sky. But in the High Priestly Prayer (John 17), Jesus brings us back to earth. In the prayer he speaks not only from the perspective of the risen and ascended one, but as the Word of God, now made flesh. The prayer anticipates the accomplishments of this Word, which does not return empty (Isa. 55:11), namely in the fulfillment of the "hour" of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. It is as if Jesus has already ascended "to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God" (John 20:17), and has returned to tell us something vital.

As we overhear Jesus, we learn that God's character and motive are identical to those of Jesus, who has now, fully and completely, "made God's name known." We no longer have to speculate about the nature of God. God's purposes and love are made known in Jesus. But we also learn about ourselves. Jesus' prayer frequently mentions the "world"—the world at once hostile to God and God's anointed, and yet also beloved of God (John 3:16). With Jesus' commissioning today we have our

work to do, to make God known in and through Christ Jesus. The Living One works through us as “words within the world,” who no longer seek meaning among the dead, but are empowered to make known the vibrant, new reality of Easter.

Worship Team

Pastor Stephen Beyer

Music: Miloy Cañete

Assisting Minister:
Tony Fabrello

Greeters:
May 17 - Maria & Rocky DeRush,
Faith Hanley
May 24 - Norm & Barb Johnson,
Faith Hanley
May 31 - Sue & Bob Addy

Readers:
May 17 - Emily Blankenship
May 24 - Stevie Henderson
May 31 - Ann Bruce

Altar Guild:

May - Sue Addy & Julie Paisley

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Communion Assistants:
Emily & Patsy Blankenship

Ushers:

May 17 - Faith Hanley & Emma
Gene Myers & Patti Santrizos
May 24/31 - Faith Hanley & Emma
Renee Myers-Globe & Jerry Globe

Sound/Tech:

May - Magan Ratafsky & Ruben
Salgado

Banners:

Judy Wandler

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

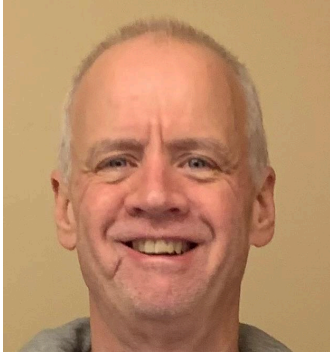
Service Men/Women: (see email version)

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

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!



Who will preach in May and June?

Beginning Sunday, May 17 and continuing through the month of May, we welcome Pastor Stephen Beyer to lead our worship services. 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 Steve or Pastor Phil.

Several people have asked how they can keep in contact with Pastor Kim and Bob. You can find contact information for them in our church directory. Pastor Kim's CELC email address will no longer be active. Please send emails to sternerkim@yahoo.com.

REACHING OUT TOGETHER



Tuesday Food Pantry

Are you leaving for the summer months? Clean out pantry and freezer before you leave and donate unopened food items to our CELC pantry.

Many of our snowbird volunteers have left for the summer. If you're available on Tuesday mornings this summer, consider volunteering a few hours at the CELC food pantry. Many hands make light work.

Help keep our pantry shelves full

Paper bags, canned fruit, canned tomatoes, canned pasta sauce, beans, rice, canned meat



Southwest Valley IHELP

URGENT REQUEST

Please consider a donation to support the IHELP program and bridge our financial gap until we receive anticipated grant funds. We have applied for several grants, but will not hear of approvals and receive funds for several weeks. Meanwhile, we still have to cover payroll for our night monitors and our Program Director. AZ Community Impact is our parent organization and an Arizona QCO.

Information on how to donate online are found in the link below.

Here's a [link](#) 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.

Meals needed for June 5 and July 17. Email the church office or talk to Su Erickson if you would like to prepare a meal for IHELP.

We also need donations of a sunscreen, foot powder, toothpaste, small shaving cream/razors, and chapstick

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 for more information.



Parking Lot Repair and Impact

The church Parking Lot will be **CLOSED 5/20-5/22** for asphalt repairs, sealcoating and striping.

Wednesday, 5/20, Asphalt Repairs. Lot closed starting 6:00am
Thursday, 5/21, Crack sealing, Seal Coat, stripe – Lot closed
Friday, 5/22, Finish work - Lot closed until 3:00pm

If you have questions, please contact the office or Jim Hill.

Special Project Funding Drive (Over \$4100 in pledges and donations received as of May 10)

We have two near term capital projects upcoming to responsibly maintain the safety and integrity of our church campus. The parking lot is being refreshed with asphalt



repair, new seacoating, and new striping. The expected cost is \$28.2K. The Building B classrooms/hallways, Building B Exterior Doors, and the Building A sanctuary are getting repairs and a fresh coat of paint. The expected cost is \$8.8K. These projects are not covered by our regular budget. The Council is moving forward with these using designated/reserve funds, but **we need to replenish those funds through your contributions.**

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.

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.

CELC Recycling

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.

Special Opportunity for 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.

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..

Do you knit or crochet?



We're in need of crocheters who can make some small "prayer squares" OR who can make rectangular Prayer Shawls. We have plenty of yarn for the "squares" but are limited in larger quantities of yarn needed for the shawls. Each shawl takes about 4-5 avg. skeins.

When someone crochets a "square" I add the small charm and the note. I have the directions to make the "squares" but not the shawls. The shawls can be knit or crocheted to about 19 inches x 60 inches. Bright colors. Would be happy to talk to any perspective crafters. Judy Turnen..



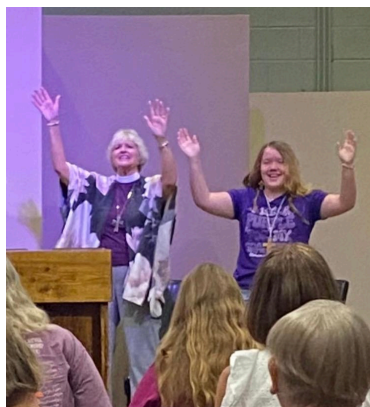
Upcoming Events

May 12 - Single Mingle @ Mission BBQ

May 17 - Blood Pressure Readings

May 20-22 - CELC Parking Lot closures (repairs/sealing)
May 24 - PENTECOST (wear red)
May 25 - CELC Office CLOSED (in observance of Memorial Day)
Jun 7 - Recycling Sunday
Jun 3-5 - Bldg A painting
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)

In Case you Missed Pr. Kim's Farewell



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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

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Council President: Carol Moonan
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