

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Worship Bulletin

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Someone who isn't part of Jesus' own circle is casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.

Readings and Psalm

- **Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29**
- The Lord's spirit comes upon seventy elders
- **Psalm 19:7-14**
- The commandment of the Lord gives light to the eyes. (Ps. 19:8)
- **James 5:13-20**
- Prayer and anointing in the community
- **Mark 9:38-50**
- Warnings to those who obstruct faith

Sunday, September 29 2024
19th Sunday after Pentecost

Don't Try to Stop God

In Mark 9:38-50 the disciples—at least John—are upset because they saw somebody, not a disciple, “casting out demons” in Jesus' name. Here John sounds strikingly similar to the Pharisees, who became upset when someone out of their

control, Jesus, healed a person on the sabbath (Mark 3:1-6). A common tendency among religious leaders seems to be uneasiness with God acting in ways that are outside of the expected channels and outside of their control.

Throughout Mark's gospel we are reminded that God's activity and power are not controlled by or limited to established religious institutions. This point is made clear in the opening verses of the gospel. Mark doesn't begin the story of the "good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God" (Mark 1:1) in Jerusalem, where one might expect the story of a holy person to start. Instead, the beginning of Mark's gospel takes us to the wilderness, a place often associated with the absence of God's presence. But it is precisely in the wilderness where we find John, proclaiming that "the kingdom of God has come near" (Mark 1:15).

There was a sense in Jesus' time that God could or would only be present in the temple, and that God's activity was determined by the actions of the religious leaders. We have the same temptation today. We often think of what happens in the church building as God's activity, but forget that God is also present and acting in the world outside the church. We often think of Christians doing God's work, but neglect to notice the ways in which non-Christians are also active in doing things that help to bring God's kingdom near. Jesus' response to his disciple's consternation about the fact that someone who is not a disciple is casting out demons in Jesus' name is an important instruction to us as well. We shouldn't stop someone who is doing God's will and bringing God's kingdom near, just because they aren't a part of our group. In fact, we may even want to learn more about what they are doing, and join them!

What's Happening at CELC

Sunday - 9:00 a.m. Worship*

* Live Stream on our YouTube channel
Congregation transition session 1 - CELC history

Monday - Outreach prep 8-10 a.m.; Quilting for Others 9-Noon

Tuesday - Outreach 7-11:30 a.m.; I-HELP 4 p.m.

Wednesday - Adoration Choir 9:30 a.m.; Women's Bible Study

11:30 a.m.

Thursday - Men's Bible Study 8 a.m.; I-Help 4 p.m.

Saturday - Bible Study 1:30 p.m.

Plan ahead and mark your calendars

Saturday Oct 19 - Fall Festival potluck and Latitude 33 band

Sunday Oct 27 - Reformation, Confirmation and Farewell & Godspeed to Pr. Jeff.

Saturday Nov 2 - Fall Deep Cleaning Day

Sunday Nov 3 - Book Exchange

Wednesday Nov 13 - CPR/AED class

Friday Dec 6 - Advent Dinner

*Click to view the full **CELC Calendar***

Submit events and dates to office@Christgoodyear.org

Ministers: All baptized members

Pastor: Dr. Jeff Gallen

Readers

Oct 6 - Les Stubbs

Oct 13 - Sharoll Blodgett

Oct 20 - Ann Bruce

Oct 27 - Pr. Jeff will provide

Sound/Tech

Jim Erickson/Stacy Anderson/Ruben Salgado

Altar/Communion

Renee Myers Globe

Emily & Patsy Blankenship

Ushers

Faith Hanley and Emma

Charla Seitz and Gail Bliss

Flowers: Carole Helland

Banners: Judy Wandler

Prayers of strength and healing...

(see email version - not on web for privacy)

We pray for safety as our snowbird friends and members return to Arizona in the coming weeks.

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

All Cactus Conference Pastors & Churches & Bill Miller

Bishops: Deborah K. Hutterer and Elizabeth Eaton

Area Churches: Community of Grace - Peoria; Peace - Peoria

Our Service Men/Women: (see email version for names)

OUTREACH THROUGH SERVICE

I-HELP Meals

We are grateful for our volunteers who provide food for 14 people each week. *Please deliver the food to Bldg B at 4:45 p.m.*

- **Oct 1 - Hope Alive**
- **Oct 8 -**
- **Oct 15 - Barbara Urena**
- **Oct 22 -**
- **Oct 29 - Gayle Denny**

To sign up for a date, check the sign up sheet on the God's Work, Our Hands board, email office@christgoodyear.org, or call the church office. Thank you for your generosity.



Water, water, water!
Brown paper bags
Cereal
Rice & Dry Pinto Beans

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

Fall Festival Celebration Oct 19



WHEN: Saturday, Oct. 19

TIME: 5:00-8:00 p.m.

WHERE: CELC Bldg B

COST: \$10 (children free)

Be ready to do some early Christmas shopping. **Quilting for Others** will have items for sale.

Join us for an evening of fellowship, friends, food and music to celebrate Pastor Jeff's 26 years of pastoral care and leadership at CELC. Share one of your favorite recipes with us. Potluck dinner sign-ups will be available before and after worship.

Music will be provided by the band Latitude 33 (Gene Myers, manager)

Children's activities will be provided by Magan Ratalasky. Let us know how many will be attending.



I feel it is important to review and practice CPR on an annual basis, so I have scheduled a CPR/AED refresher class for anyone who is interested. It will be Wednesday November 13, 2024 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am in Building B classrooms a/b. We need a minimum of 10 people for the class. A sign up sheet will be available on the table on Sunday. Deadline for sign up is: October 31, 2024. The class is free, however, if you wish to have a certification card it will be a \$20.00 fee, payable the day of the class. Cash only please.

Hope to see you there!
Kathy Williams

HELPFUL LINKS

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

Pastor: Jeffery Gallen

Music: Miloy Cañete

Council President: Su Erickson

CELC Office Phone: (623) 932-2394

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