

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Worship Bulletin

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Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

Readings and Psalm

Acts 2:1-21

Filled with the Spirit to tell God's deeds

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Varieties of gifts from the same Spirit

John 20:19-23

The Spirit poured out

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## Next Week's Readings

Genesis 1:1—2:4a ~ Psalm 8 ~ 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 ~ Matthew 28:16-20

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## Sunday, May 24, 2026

### Pentecost Sunday

#### God Gives More than Enough

It is the "first day of the week" (John 20:19), the day of the new creation, but to those locked away in the upper room in fear, the world is as it always has been. So entrenched are they in the ways of grief and guilt that the Risen One in their midst needs to offer his life-giving invitation twice: "Peace be with you." The logic of the new age is peace, not retribution; forgiveness, not vengeance. With the invitation to new life comes also the means: the gift of the Holy Spirit, breathed upon them and within them. Just as the Father sent Jesus into the world, so now are these disciples sent as witnesses to God's saving work.

Pentecost is therefore the crowning achievement of the Jesus story. Now, more than ever, these huddled disciples would have just cause to sing the "Dayenu" ("It would have been enough") verses from the Passover seder meal, but revised: It would have been enough for the Word and wisdom of God to have been born in the flesh . . . Dayenu! It would have been enough for the Word to grow to adulthood and share his stunning parables about God's gracious activity in the world . . . Dayenu! It would have been enough for this Word to say to his enemies, "Father, forgive them" . . . Dayenu! It would have been enough for this Word to have died on a cross for us . . . Dayenu! It would have been enough that he rose again in blessing, not vengeance . . . Dayenu! But now, beyond what we would even expect—the Word becomes our word and it is

written on our hearts at Pentecost . . . Dayenu! It is enough, and more than enough to enflame our ministry of reconciliation in a world in need of a healing word.

### **Worship Team**

Pastor Stephen Beyer

**Music:** Miloy Cañete

**Assisting Minister:**

Tony Fabrello

**Greeters:**

May 24 - Norm & Barb Johnson,  
Faith Hanley

May 31 - Sue & Bob Addy

**Readers:**

May 24 - Stevie Henderson

May 31 - Ann Bruce

### **Altar Guild:**

May - Sue Addy & Julie Paisley

**Communion Assistants:**

Emily & Patsy Blankenship

**Ushers:**

May 24/31 - Faith Hanley & Emma  
Renee Myers-Globe & Jerry Globe

**Sound/Tech:**

May - Magan Ratalasky & 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:** 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](#).



## **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](mailto:sternerkim@yahoo.com).

## REACHING OUT TOGETHER



### Tuesday Food 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.

The CELC book club meeting will be on **Thursday, May 28th at 2:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Ann Bruce will lead the discussion of *Buckeye* by Patrick Ryan.

The list of books for the fall is included below:

Sept - *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi led by Jerilyn Tomanek

Oct - *Mrs Endicott's Splendid Adventure* by Rhys Bowen led by Terry Wels

Nov - *Grace and Henry's Holiday Movie Marathon* by Matthew Norman led by Stevie Henderson.

During the summer months Stevie will be sending out emails to the group. We will meet at the Lakeside Grill in the Starpointe resident center in Estrella. The first meeting will be June 25th and the book will be *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans. If you have any questions about these summer meetings, just ask Stevie or Ann Bruce.



## 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 sealcoating, 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](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..

## Upcoming Events

May 24 - PENTECOST (wear red)

May 25 - **CELC Office CLOSED** (in observance of Memorial Day)

May 28 - CELC Book Club

Jun 7 - Recycling Sunday

Jun 3-5 - Bldg A Sanctuary 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)

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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*

**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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