

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Worship Bulletin

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Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.

Readings and Psalm

1 Kings 19:9-18

The Lord speaks to Elijah on Mount Horeb

Psalm 85:8-13

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying. (Ps. 85:8)

Romans 10:5-15

Hearing and confessing the word of faith

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus walking on the sea

Next week's readings

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 ~ Psalm 67 ~ Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 ~ Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

Aug 9, 2026

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Silencing the Wind

In a world filled with noise and empty words, God comes to us as stillness and silence, even to the point that wind ceases (Matt. 14:32). Jesus walks over stormy waters to his disciples, entering their boat and being present with them despite their fears and doubts. Today's readings encourage us to keep our words spare and meaningful, to lay aside our little faith with its wordy worries, and to listen for God, who comes to us as quieting comfort.

The wind blows us powerfully, frighteningly, making even familiar places seem strange, stirring up the water to obscure our vision and make our journey fearful and slow. Today Jesus comes to us in our drowning panic, quickly responding to our "Lord, save me!" (v. 30). The "little faith" (v. 31) of Peter (and our little faith) is not only a chiding to "do better" in our faith lives and respond to Jesus' call with discipline. It holds room for forgiveness. Even when we risk and screw up anyway, God's hand is there to reach out and catch us.

To command even the wind to be still is a powerful thing. If a very strong wind suddenly stopped near one of us, we would probably panic, wondering who did it, whether it was the calm eye of a storm, or whether a still bigger tornado is coming. But Jesus walked out upon the water and helped Peter in his fear to return to the boat's safety and security. Jesus gives powerful reassurance and the gift of presence. God is not distant from our fears, but close to keep us safe.

Worship Team

Pastor Jeff Hackler

Music: Miloy Cañete

Assisting Minister:

Patsy Blankenship

Greeters:

9 - Jo-Ann & Fred Wordell

16,23 - Rae Valabek & Judy Turnen

30 - Kathy & John Williams, Sandy
Gabel

Readers:

9 - Sharoll Blodgett

16 - Patsy Blankenship

23 - Sharoll Blodgett

30 - Maria DeRush

Altar Guild:

Julie Paisley & Norma Heinrich

Communion Assistants:

Emily & Patsy Blankenship

Ushers:

9 - Jo-Ann & Fred Wordell

Faith Hanley & Emma

Sound/Tech:

Stacy Anderson & Ruben Salgado

Banners:

Judy Wandler/Karen Olson

Flowers:

Kathie Townsend



Blood Pressure Screenings

Stop and see Kathy Williams at the back of the sanctuary right after the worship service Sunday to get your blood pressure checked.

Special Food Pantry needs this week include:

Brown paper bags, canned vegetables, Mac n Cheese, cereal, canned fruit, canned tomatoes/pasta sauce, cereal, beans, rice, canned meat

IHELP needs:

Deodorant, small shampoo (travel-sized), toothpaste

Thank you to everyone who has provided meals and laundry service for IHELP participants.

Singles Mingle Fellowship August 13

The Singles Mingle group will visit OdySea Aquarium at the AZ Boardwalk on **August. 13.** They will meet at the church parking lot around 10:00 a.m. to carpool

All singles are welcome to join in the activities. Mark your calendars for the monthly events and contact Julie Paisley for more information.

Youth Movie Fellowship

The youth will host a movie at CELC on August 23.
Join them for the showing of The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe,
popcorn, pizza and drinks.
Location: CELC Bldg B
Time: 4:00-7:00 p.m.

We remember in our prayers... (See email version)

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

Cactus Conference Churches: Faith - Yuma; Lord of Life - Sun City

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](#).

Upcoming Events

Aug 9 - Blood Pressure Readings
Aug 13 - Singles Mingle Odysea Aquarium
Aug 16 - CELC Council Meeting
Aug 23 - CELC Sunday School resumes
Aug 23 - CELC Youth Movie Night
Sept 7 - Office Closed (in observance of Labor Day)
Sept 13 - CELC Book Exchange
Sept 26 - CELC Women's Social

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