

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Worship Bulletin

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Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the “between”: between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

Readings and Psalm

- **Ezekiel 2:1-5**
- The call of Ezekiel
- **Psalm 123**
- Our eyes look to you, O God, until you show us your mercy. (Ps. 123:2)
- **2 Corinthians 12:2-10**
- God’s power made perfect in weakness
- **Mark 6:1-13**
- Sending of the Twelve to preach and heal

Sunday, July 7, 2024
7th Sunday after Pentecost

Ready to Bear Witness

Where does power come from? The usual answers—family connections, reputation, possessions—are all rejected in this reading from Mark’s gospel. Jesus’ power is not only independent of his family connection—it is hindered by it. While it isn’t entirely clear why the people of Nazareth reject Jesus, the fact that they do may sound familiar to us. How often do we find exactly what we expect when we encounter something new? How open are we, really, to the possibility that God’s power might come from an

unexpected corner? The first part of today's reading suggests that even miracles take two things: both divine power and willing witnesses. Perhaps Jesus sends his disciples out stripped of their possession precisely so that they are ready to witness to God's power in a new way. They go without any of the usual trappings of security or wealth, with no guarantee that their ministry will be received. In fact, Mark reminds us a few verses later (Mark 6:14-28) just how hostile the world can be to receiving the proclamation of the kingdom of God. John the Baptist will lose his life because of Herod's resistance to repentance. Nevertheless, Jesus' teaching continues to astound, and the word continues to spread. The willingness to bear witness, even when we are not certain of answered prayer or mission success, is a theme that unites all this day's readings. Even the Psalm, in its simple gaze of faith, invites us to let go of results in favor of relationship. Paul's sometimes confusing logic about spiritual experiences becomes clear as he sums up God's word to him: "My grace is sufficient for you" That is a powerful word, which can make almost any experience an opportunity to witness to Christ's power.

A LOOK AHEAD

July 7-13

Sunday - 9:00 a.m. Worship*

* Live Stream on our YouTube channel

Wear your name tag

Adopt-A-Cop Cards and Recycling

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 - Women's Bible Study 12 p.m.

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

Saturday - Bible class 1:30 p.m.

Ministers: All baptized members

Pastor: Dr. Jeff Gallen

Readers

July 7 - Jim Erickson

July 14 - Les Stubbs

July 21 - Les Stubbs

July 28 - David Gregor

Sound/Tech

Jim Erickson/Ruben Salgado

Altar/Communion

Su Erickson
Emily & Patsy Blankenship (Wine)

Ushers

Faith Hanley & Emma

Flowers: Carole Helland

Banners: Judy Wandler

Volunteers needed for hosting coffee fellowship after worship. Please contact Gene Myers or the church office. Instruction provided!

Members in Touch

Saturday Bible Class

A new Bible study group for women and men is forming and will begin Saturday, July 13. The group will meet in Building B, Classroom C from 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Contact Judy Turnen for
more information



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.*

- **July 9 - Norma Heinrich & Cindy Dickinson**
- **July 16 - Barbara Urena**
- **July 23 - Norma Heinrich & Cindy Dickinson**
- **July 30 - Judy Turnen & Charla Seitz**

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.



Brown paper bags, cereal, dry pinto beans, peanut butter, rice, water

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

Prayers of strength and healing...

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: Spirit of Grace - Surprise; American - Sun City

Our Service Men/Women:

Christmas in July!

It's nearly that time again . . . when there's a chill in the air and everything smells like evergreens! Well, maybe that chill is coming from the A/C but it's "Christmas in July" at the Lutheran Thrift Shop!

Our most popular event of the year!

Our Holiday Shop will be all dressed up for Christmas the entire month. Exquisite holiday ornaments, dishes, twinkling colored lights, pre-lit Christmas trees, unique Nativity sets, decorated wreaths, table linens and every imaginable decoration in red, green, silver and gold fill the walls and shelves. You'll also find collectable Christmas towns, outdoor lighted yard figures, music, movies, cards and more.

Don't miss "Christmas in July". Open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm for your shopping pleasure.

Check out our website www.lutheranthrift.com for

more shop info and pictures and follow us on [Facebook.com/westvalleylutheranthriftshop](https://www.facebook.com/westvalleylutheranthriftshop) for weekly sales and special events.



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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

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Music: Miloy Cañete

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