

# Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

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**Worship Bulletin**

**Access on our YouTube  
channel**

The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

## Readings and Psalm

- **Acts 4:5-12**
- Salvation in the name of Jesus
- **Psalm 23**
- The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)
- **1 John 3:16-24**
- Love in truth and action
- **John 10:11-18**
- Christ the shepherd

**Sunday, April 21, 2024**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

## Life Laid Down

How does faith in the risen Christ call one to live? What shape does one's life take?

The readings for this fourth Sunday of Easter are rich in their imagery, and at the center is the image of the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep. Five times in eight short verses Jesus mentions laying down his life for the sake of the sheep.

The First Letter of John picks up the same theme: "We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our



lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?" (1 John 3:16-17). Laying down one's life for another might take many forms, but it at least means this: extending help, as much as you are able, when another is in need.

A friend tells the story of her grandfather, a faithful man who earned a modest income. Each year when tax time rolled around, he was audited. According to tax records he earned so little and gave away so much. The astounded auditors questioned him, wondering why he gave so much of his income to the church. Incredulous, he responded, "You can't outgive God."

The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep, and joined to the risen life of Christ, the lives of the baptized are shaped by generosity and sacrifice. Giving one's life, resources, gifts, or whatever one holds most dear for the sake of another is both a witness to the love we have first been shown and an act of faith. Hearing Jesus' words in this Easter season reminds us that laying down one's life is not an act to be feared; rather, it is an act that defies death, as we trust that, washed in the waters of baptism, we already live in the resurrected life of Christ.



## A LOOK AHEAD

**April 21-27**

**Sunday - 9:00 a.m. Worship\***

\* Live Stream on our YouTube channel

*Wear your name tag*

*Council meets after worship in Classroom A*

**Monday - Outreach prep 8-Noon; 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.; Adoration Choir**

Rehearsal 4 p.m.

**Thursday** - Men's Bible Study 8 a.m.; Book Club 2 p.m.; I-Help 4 p.m.

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**Ministers:** All baptized members

**Pastor:** Dr. Jeff Gallen

## **April worship assistants**

### **Readers:**

21st - Les Stubbs

28th - Rae Valabek

### **Sound/Tech:**

Jim Erickson/Ruben Salgado

### **Altar/Communion:**

Rosemary Vanesco and Tom Reynolds

21st - Tom Reynolds (Bread)

Jan Yost (Wine)

Patsy Blankenship (Wine)

### **Ushers:**

Faith Hanley & Emma

Elaine Carlson, Les Stubbs

**Flowers:** Carole Helland

**Banners:** Judy Wandler

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

## **OUTREACH THROUGH SERVICE**

### **I-HELP Meals**

We are grateful for our volunteers who provide food for 12 people each week. *Please deliver the food to Bldg B at 4:45 p.m.*

- **Apr 23** - Nancy, Laura, Marlene, Pam, Gail & Dorothy

- **Apr 30 - Gayle Denny**
- **May 7 - Hope Alive**
- **May 14 - Charla Seitz**
- **May 21 - Barbara Urena**
- **May 28 - ?**

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

## Items Needed

**The first Tuesday of every month we are offering our clients personal hygiene products as we have them available. Our supply is limited and we need donations of incontinence products (all sizes), feminine products, bed pads, and wipes.**

Brown paper bags, cereal, dry pinto beans, rice, pasta, canned tomatoes, peanut butter, canned fruits, and **water**

**Snowbirds, before you head out for the hot summer months, please clean out your pantry and refrigeration units. The Outreach food pantry welcomes your donations of unopened frozen or refrigerated food products, as well as any canned goods you'd like to discard.**

Donations for our Tuesday Outreach food pantry and Boutique are accepted on Sunday, Monday, & Tuesday mornings 8-10 a.m. or by appointment.

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### Youth to put together Manna Bags

On Sunday, April 28th, the Sunday School students are invited to help pack manna bags with Patsy after service. Snacks will be provided. Confirmation class will take place afterwards.



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## Lutheran Thrift Shop

Click [here](#) to read the latest from the Lutheran Thrift Shop. Did you know that CELC received grant money from LTS last year? The funds

were used to assist with the purchase of the canopy at the entrance of Building A Sanctuary and to assist with part of our sewer project. You can also visit the Lutheran Thrift Shop website at [www.lutheranthrift.com](http://www.lutheranthrift.com)



## Journaling Good for Mental Health

Research tells us that journaling is good for your mental health. “Journaling is the act of keeping a record of your personal thoughts, feelings, insights and much more.” (webMD.com).

If you prefer technology, you can journal on your phone, computer or tablet. I prefer to put pen to paper and allow my mind to wander. For some, it isn't easy to start writing but once you begin, it is a ritual that I do not want to leave out of my day.

Click [here](#) for more information on the benefits of journaling and tips on how to get started.

Kathy Williams,  
Health Coordinator

## Prayers of strength and healing...

*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](#).*

### **All Cactus Conference Pastors & Churches & Bill Miller**

**Bishops:** Deborah K. Hutterer and Elizabeth Eaton

**Area Churches:** Faith - Yuma; Lord of Life - Sun City

**Our Service Men/Women:**



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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***

***Council President: Su Erickson***

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