

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Worship Bulletin

Access on our YouTube channel

Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.

Readings and Psalm

- [Acts 2:14a, 36-41](#)
- Receiving God's promise through baptism
 - [Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19](#)
- I will call on the name of the Lord. (Ps. 116:13)
 - [1 Peter 1:17-23](#)
- Born anew through the living word of God
 - [Luke 24:13-35](#)
 - Eating with the risen Christ

Next Week's Readings

Acts 2:42-47 ~ Psalm 23 ~ 1 Peter 2:19-25 ~ John 10:1-10

Sunday, April 19, 2026
Third Sunday of Easter

Change of Heart

The people who hear Peter's testimony and preaching are cut to the heart. The writer of 1 Peter instructs believers to love deeply from the heart. The disciples who encounter the risen Christ notice afterward that their hearts were "burning" within them as Jesus reveals the scriptures and then himself to them in the breaking of the bread. Whether a call to repentance, hope, recognition, or love, people are deeply affected by encounters with the one raised from death to become followers of Jesus' way. They not only turn from their sin and doubt but literally change direction, going

back from Emmaus to Jerusalem with renewed courage, faith, and hope. These heart-changing encounters with Jesus fulfill a promise from God for the whole community, from those who have lived a long life to those who are children.

Worship Team

Interim Pastor: Kim Sterner

Music: Miloy Cañete

Assisting Minister:

Les Stubbs

Greeters:

Apr 19 Ken & Karen Olson,
Sandy Gabel

Apr 26 Olga & John Blanchard,
Sandy Gabel

Readers:

Apr 19 - Jeaneite Lorenz

Apr 26 - Elaine Carlson

Altar Guild:

Renee Myers Globe & Jerry Globe

Communion Assistants:

Emily & Patsy Blankenship

Ushers:

Apr 19

Faith Hanley & Emma
Gene Myers & Patti Santrizos

Apr 26

Faith Hanley & Emma
Joan & Bruce Haroldson

Sound/Tech:

Ruben Salgado & Stacy Anderson

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: Peace - Peoria; Pan de Vida - El Mirage

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](#).

Update from the Call Committee and Council

We have news!

The Call Committee and your Church Council have promised we would share news with you about a potential new pastor for CELC as soon as it was available. We now have some news!

Pastor John (Jeff) Hackler has expressed interest in CELC! Both the Call Committee and Church Council have met with him and we are recommending him to

the congregation for your approval. You have the ultimate say about whether he will become our new Pastor. We have scheduled a special congregational meeting for **Sunday, April 26**, immediately following our worship service. At this time all voting members will have the opportunity to vote for three things.

1. To extend a call to Pastor Jeff Hackler.
2. To offer a compensation package to Pastor Jeff Hackler. (Package will be explained at the meeting on 4/26).
3. To adjust our Annual Budget to reflect the changes necessary to offer this compensation package to Pastor Jeff Hackler. (Also will be explained)

Meet and Greet Opportunities

You will have two opportunities to Meet and Greet Pastor Jeff in person. First, you are invited to come to an informal Lunch Open House on **Friday, April 17, from 11am - 2pm** in Building B Sanctuary. Drop in any time during these hours. You are also invited to meet him at Tech Day on **Saturday, April 18, from 10am - 12pm** in the classrooms of Building B. You may also have your technology questions answered by the youth while you are there! **Remember to wear your CELC name tag!**

You may hear and see Pastor Jeff preach at Lord of Life, utilizing their YouTube channel which contains links to all their services. We encourage you to do this! He will not be able to preach at CELC before our special congregational meeting. Here is the You Tube link.

<https://www.youtube.com/@LordofLifeLutheranChurch/streams>

[Click here to read more about Pastor Jeff](#)

REACHING OUT TOGETHER



Tuesday Food Pantry

Help keep our pantry shelves full

Paper and plastic bags, canned fruit, canned tomatoes, canned pasta sauce, beans, rice, canned meat

Southwest Valley IHELP

Here's a [link](#) to our landing page on the AZ Community Impact site,

<https://azcommunityimpact.org/#ihelp>

Meals are being scheduled for May 29, June 5, and 19. Email the church office if you would like to prepare a meal for IHELP.

Su Erickson will contact you to confirm the date.

We also need donations of **small sunscreens, foot powder, toothpaste and chapstick**

April IHELP newsletter

Youth and Senior Tech Day

Event Overview

Are your smartphones causing you trouble? Join us for Youth and Senior Tech Day, where seniors can engage with youth to discuss their technology concerns and challenges. This event encourages a two-way learning process—seniors can challenge the youth with their questions, and together, everyone can share knowledge and experiences.

Topics and Activities

- Exporting pictures
- Downloading music
- Using social media platforms such as Instagram and Facebook
 - Exploring other smartphone features

If the youth are knowledgeable in these areas, seniors may also have opportunities to teach and share their own expertise, fostering mutual learning.

Date: April 18

Location: Building B classrooms

Time: 10:00 AM

If you have concerns about your laptop, feel free to bring it along for assistance.

Please fill out the [survey](#) to let us know of your interest.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/D5ZLTHD>

Pastor Kim's Farewell Dinner

CELC will host a farewell dinner for Pastor Kim and Bob

WHEN: Friday, May 8 at 5:30 p.m.

WHERE: CELC Bldg B

Menu

Baked Rigatoni

Salad

Garlic Bread

Dessert

Beverages

Free will offering to help cover expenses

Rooted IN God's Story

Would you like an opportunity to represent CELC at the Grand Canyon Synod Assembly, June 11-13, 2026? Beth and Patsy Blankenship have already volunteered to serve as our delegates. Patsy will serve as a youth delegate. We still have an opening for one more adult delegate. More information may be found at the assembly [website](#). Please talk with Carol Moonan, Council President if you are interested in this opportunity. Registration and mileage are covered by CELC.

As part of the 2026 Synod Assembly under the theme “Rooted in God’s Story,” the Grand Canyon Synod is creating a **community recipe book — Rooted at the Table**. This is more than a cookbook. It is a collection of memory. Of culture. Of faith passed around tables. [Click here](#) for more information on submitting a recipe to this community recipe book. Reach out to Beth Blankenship at 480-450-6687 or bengels77@gmail.com if you need help submitting your recipe.

CELC Book Club

The CELC April Book Club meeting will be held on Thursday April 23 at 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Joan Haroldson will be leading the discussion of *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* by Taylor Jenkins Reid.

Our book list for the rest of the year includes:

May - *Buckeye* by Patrick Ryan led by Ann Bruce


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.

Some of us will continue to meet over the summer for lunch and less formal book discussions. Our first summer book will be *The Correspondent-A Novel* by Virginia Evans. Contact Ann Bruce or Stevie Henderson for more information.

Hear CELC member Larry Kleingartner sing with the Orpheus Men's Chorus



The poster features a map of the United States with a red line tracing a road trip route. On the left, a signpost has arrows pointing to Utah, New Mexico, Los Angeles, Phoenix, San Francisco, Oregon, and San Diego. In the top left corner is a red wax seal logo for the Orpheus Male Chorus of Phoenix, established in 1929. In the bottom right corner is a vintage gramophone. The text is written in a mix of red and black fonts.

Orpheus
MALE CHORUS
OF PHOENIX
SINCE 1929

American Roadtrip

Songs from Every Mile

Saturday, April 11, 3 p.m.
St. Matthew United Methodist Church | Mesa

Sunday, April 12, 3 p.m.
Pinnacle Presbyterian Church | Scottsdale

Sunday, April 19, 3 p.m.
Camelback Bible Church | Paradise Valley

Sunday, April 26, 3 p.m.
American Lutheran Church of Sun City

Life Line Screening

Time is running outsign up today!

Did you know?

"80% of strokes are preventable, according to the American Heart Association and Life Line Screening provides valuable health screenings to detect the risk of stroke and cardiovascular disease".

You can take advantage of these health screenings today by signing up for the complete stroke screening package which includes four screenings for vascular disease.

Appointment times are filling up! Please don't miss your chance to make your appointment today before the event is full!

Pre-registration is required. Sign up now by calling toll free to **1-800-324-9458** or **text** the word "**circle**" to **216-279-1607** or visit **LLSA.SOCIAL/HABC**.

For more information and to book an appointment, [click here](#).

Upcoming Events

Apr 17- Meet & Greet Pastor Jeff Hackler
Apr 18 - Computer Tech with Youth
Apr 18 - Meet & Greet Pastor Jeff Hackler
Apr 19 - CELC Council meeting
Apr 23 - CELC Book Club
Apr 26 - Special Congregational Meeting
Apr 30 - Life Line Screening
May 8 - Pastor Kim Celebration dinner
May 25 - CELC Office CLOSED (in observance of Memorial Day)

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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

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