

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Worship Bulletin

Access on our YouTube channel

Today is sometimes called “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Jesus is called the “gate” of the sheep in today’s gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world’s violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God’s tender care to all creation

Readings and Psalm

- **Acts 2:42-47**
- The believers’ common life
 - **Psalm 23**
- The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)
 - **1 Peter 2:19-25**
- Follow the shepherd, even in suffering
 - **John 10:1-10**
 - Christ the shepherd

Next Week's Readings

Acts 7:55-60 ~ Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 ~ 1 Peter 2:2-10 ~ John 14:1-14

Sunday, April 26, 2026
Fourth Sunday of Easter

An Abundant Life

Abundant life is promised to those who follow Jesus. But what is meant by abundant life? Some Christians, and much of contemporary American culture, interpret an abundant life to mean the “good life” of many fine things, an opulent lifestyle. Much of our economy and leisure time revolves around consumerism—shopping and buying things which we hope will make us happier and our lives better. But an abundance of things does not necessarily lead to an abundant life.

What does Jesus mean when he says that he came so that we may have an abundant life? Psalm 23 provides us with a good illustration of what Jesus is promising to his followers. The psalm imagines an abundant life not in material terms but in relational terms. An abundant life is one lived in the presence of God, in the company of the Lord. Whether one is in green pastures or the darkest valley, there is nothing to want, because God is present. We are in the gracious and generous care

of our Lord through times of material abundance and in times of want and scarcity. This relationship between our Lord and us who are his followers is a relationship with one who knows us abundantly, who knows us by name, and who knows what we truly need to be fulfilled. The image of Jesus as our shepherd reminds us that he is with us at all times, and our relationship with him provides us all we need.

Worship Team

Interim Pastor: Kim Sterner
Music: Miloy Cañete

Assisting Minister:
Apr 26 - Les Stubbs
May 3 - Les Stubbs
May 10 - Patsy Blankenship

Greeters:
Apr 26 - Olga & John Blanchard,
Sandy Gabel
May 3 - Nadine Kriegel, Jeaneite
Lorenz, Sandy Gabel
May 10 - Judy Turnen, Jeaneite
Lorenz, Sandy Gabel

Readers:
Apr 26 - Elaine Carlson
May 3 - Ellory Christianson
May 10 - Rae Valabek

Altar Guild:
Apr 26 - Renee Myers Globe &
Jerry Globe
May - Sue Addy & Julie Paisley

Communion Assistants:
Emily & Patsy Blankenship

Ushers:
Apr 26 - Faith Hanley & Emma
Joan & Bruce Haroldson
May 3 - Faith Hanley & Emma
Gene Myers & Patti Santrizos
May 10 - Faith Hanley & Emma
Joan & Bruce Haroldson

Sound/Tech:
Apr 26 - Ruben Salgado & Stacy
Anderson
May - Magan Ratafsky & 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: 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](#).

Special Congregational Meeting

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.

A special congregational meeting is scheduled 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)

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

Are you leaving for the summer months? Clean out pantry and freezer before you leave and donate unopened food items to our CELC pantry.

Help keep our pantry shelves full

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



Thank you Jonathan, Eddie and Jim Hill for unpacking and moving the new



Thank you St. Mary's Food Bank for granting CELC the new 2-door

refrigerator into the kitchen.

refrigerator for our food pantry.

Southwest Valley IHELP

Update from April 20 Advisory Council meeting - less than \$6000 in our bank account. We have applied for several grants, but will not hear of approvals and receive funds for several weeks. **Please consider a donation** to this program. Details may be found at the link below. If you have questions, please talk with Su Erickson or Pr. Kim.

Here's a [link](https://azcommunityimpact.org/#ihelp) 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 a hairdryer (1), sunscreen, foot powder, toothpaste and chapstick

CELC Facilities & Maintenance

Check out new Facilities page on CELC Web site

A new page has been added to the church website. <https://www.christevangelical.org/facilities>

This page has lots of good information about what is happening to our buildings and grounds. Specifically, it has the following:

- Maintenance Request form – use this if you see something around our facilities that you think needs some attention.

<https://www.christevangelical.org/facilities/maint-request>

- Volunteer opportunities – information on how to become involved on facility related projects.
- Near Term Projects – major projects that have been approved by the church council and are either in progress or being actively planned.
- Long Term Projects – major projects that are on a “wish list” to be done, but not approved by the church council. Funding has not yet been identified for these and will probably not be addressed until 2027+.
- Punch List – current list of detailed work items that are open and closed.

We encourage you to check it out and make use of the Maintenance Request form.

Parking Lot Repair and Impact

The church council has approved Parking Lot repairs and refresh. It is scheduled for 5/20 – 5/22. Construction equipment and the work will impact access during this interval.

Wednesday, 5/20, Asphalt Repairs. Lot closed starting 6:00am

Thursday, 5/21, Crack sealing, Seal Coat, stripe – Lot closed

Friday, 5/22, Finish work - Lot closed until 3:00pm

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.

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



The poster features a red wax seal logo for the Orpheus Male Chorus of Phoenix, established in 1929. The title "American Roadtrip Songs from Every Mile" is written in a large, elegant script. Below the title, a map of the United States is shown with a red line tracing a road trip route. Several yellow directional signs are placed along the route, pointing to Utah, New Mexico, Los Angeles, Phoenix, San Francisco, San Diego, and Idaho. To the right of the map, four performance dates and locations are listed: Saturday, April 11, 3 p.m. at St. Matthew United Methodist Church in Mesa; Sunday, April 12, 3 p.m. at Pinnacle Presbyterian Church in Scottsdale; Sunday, April 19, 3 p.m. at Camelback Bible Church in Paradise Valley; and Sunday, April 26, 3 p.m. at American Lutheran Church of Sun City. A vintage red and black gramophone with a large horn is positioned in the bottom right corner of the poster.

Life Line Screening

CELC is hosting Life Line Screening **Thursday, April 30.**

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](#).

Single Mingle

All singles are welcomed to attend!

Tuesday May 12, 2026

1:00 p.m.

Mission BBQ

15333 McDowell Rd.

Goodyear, AZ

Contact Julie Paisley for more information.

Upcoming Events

Apr 26 - Special Congregational Meeting

Apr 30 - Life Line Screening

May 3 - Celebrate CELC H.S. Seniors

May 8 - Pastor Kim Celebration dinner

May 10 - Pastor Kim's last day at CELC

May 12 - Single Mingle @ Mission BBQ

May 21-23 - CELC Parking Lot closures (repairs/sealing)

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

Jun 3-5 - Bldg A painting

Jun 9-11- Bldg B classroom/hallway painting

Jun 14 - Book Exchange



April 30, 2026 | 10 - 10:45 a.m. PDT/Arizona

Looking to connect with fellow Veterans and learn about resources available to you and your family?

Each month, hear from one Veteran navigator, state agency, local nonprofit, or other trusted community resource in a 15-minute spotlight, followed by Q&A and conversation.

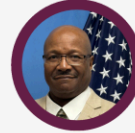
Grab a cup of coffee and join us!



Scan the QR code or click the link below to register:

<https://bit.ly/4bVJoDv>

This Month's Guest:



James McCullom
Veteran Liaison
Aqua Therapy Tubs

Connections. Resources. Community.



This program is hosted by Duet: Partners In Health & Aging and funded by the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services through the Arizona Veterans' Donation Fund.

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Council Meeting Minutes Click on link above
Click on the highlighted word and it will take you to the link

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