

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Worship Bulletin

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In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

Isaiah 55:1-5

Eat and drink that which truly satisfies

Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21

You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. (Ps. 145:16)

Romans 9:1-5

The glory of God's people Israel

Matthew 14:13-21

Christ feeding five thousand

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**Next week's readings**

**1 Kings 19:9-18 ~ Psalm 85:8-13 ~ Romans 10:5-15 ~ Matthew 14:22-33**

**Aug 2, 2026**

**10th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Abundance from Scraps**

Jesus is able to feed us abundantly, even with scraps. He meets earthly needs by feeding the crowds and continues now to offer himself as holy meal, freely given to all, no matter their income or rank in society. Advertisers have trained us that what's proclaimed as "free" usually isn't. More often, it's a ploy to get our money for some other, larger, purchase. Today we are invited to trust and receive Jesus' free gift of love without mistrusting that he's got some scheme up his sleeve.

It can be hard to relax and trust God to take care of us and nourish us with the mere scraps we often see around us. We panic and take matters into our own hands instead of trusting. We experience that crushing sense of responsibility, not just to ourselves, but to our children or parents or other loved ones to keep them fed and clothed and healthy. Trusting as the crowd did that day seems completely foreign to those of us living in North America, abundant in resources.

With food freely given, with quantity enough to feed only a few, Jesus makes this miracle, and there are leftovers to clean up. But for most of us, belief comes slowly and warily when we've been burned by experience: How will there be enough for all of us, when we've been the last one at the lunch line, the late arrival at the party, and

everything's gone? What if we see people in the crowd we don't want fed and jostle our way to the head of the line to get first choice? Will it be fair? Trusting that our daily bread and even our very lives are in God's hands is hard to do as we grow older and are burdened by responsibility, but God has compassion for every member of the crowd, and we are blessed and invited to be joyful recipients of that generosity.

### **Worship Team**

Pastor Jeff Hackler

**Music:** Miloy Cañete

**Assisting Minister:**

Patsy Blankenship

**Greeters:**

2,9 - Jo-Ann & Fred Wordell

16,23 - Rae Valabek & Judy Turnen

30 - Kathy & John Williams, Sandy Gabel

**Readers:**

Aug 2 - Tony Fabrello

Aug 9 - Les Stubbs

Aug 16 - Patsy Blankenship

Aug 23 - Sharoll Blodgett

Aug 30 - Maria DeRush

### **Altar Guild:**

Julie Paisley & Norma Heinrich

**Communion Assistants:**

Emily & Patsy Blankenship

**Ushers:**

Aug 2,9 - Jo-Ann & Fred Wordell

Faith Hanley & Emma

**Sound/Tech:**

Stacy Anderson & Ruben Salgado

**Banners:**

Judy Wandler/Karen Olson

**Flowers:**

Kathie Townsend



Jorge Coss from St. Mary's Food Bank stopped by CELC for an official presentation of our \$1500 grant funds. Thank you, thank you. These funds have helped us serve our community each week.

### **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

*"Thank you so much for all the help that you have given to our family. We will not need your help and kindness anymore, our situation has improved for the better and once again thank all of you."*

(note received from one of our Tuesday Outreach clients)

### **IHELP needs:**

Deodorant, small shampoo (travel-sized), toothpaste

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

## New Bible Study to Begin August 2

Grab a cup of coffee and join Pastor Jeff immediately after worship service for a Bible Study: The Life of Jesus: An Introduction to the 4 Gospels.

**Location: Bldg B, Classroom A**

**Time: 10:15-11:00 a.m.**

Come with your questions. Come with your doubts. Come after a difficult week or a joyful one. You do not have to know all the answers before you arrive. The invitation is simply to come, to listen, and to let God do what God has always done—speak life through the Scriptures.

## \*\*\*Recycling Sunday\*\*\*

**August 2** is the first Sunday of the month and it's "Recycling" Sunday at CELC.

We all want to be good stewards and recycle as much as possible. CELC collects **plastic water bottles and aluminum cans for \$\$\$**. Please discard all other products in your household recycling. Funds received are used to offset our expenses to maintain our facilities and grounds to improve our campus for all.

We also accept **used printer ink cartridges** for recycling. Staples gives the church store credit which we use for office supplies.

## 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)

Neumann, Roy Rood, Joanna, Ruth, Delaney Jones, Josiah, Marilyn Jaster, Maverick

**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](mailto:office@Christgoodyear.org), **calling the church office:** 623-932-2394, or complete an [online prayer request form](#).

## Upcoming Events

Aug 2 - Bible Study (led by Pr. Jeff)  
Aug 2 - Recycling Sunday  
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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