

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Worship Bulletin

Access on our YouTube channel

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

Readings and Psalm

Isaiah 25:1-9

The feast of victory

Psalm 23

You prepare a table before me, and my cup is running over. (Ps. 23:5)

Philippians 4:1-9

Rejoice in the Lord always

Matthew 22:1-14

The parable of the unwelcome guest at the wedding feast

Next week's reading

Isaiah 45:1-7 ~~~ Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 ~~~Matthew 22:15-22

October 11, 2026

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Expensive Wedding. Expensive Grace.

An average wedding in North America can easily cost tens of thousands of dollars—or more! From the venue to flowers to food, invitations to music to photos, formal wear to centerpieces to officiants, getting married is not cheap.

In today's gospel Jesus tells a parable about a wedding invitation, a banquet, and God's grace. Jesus teaches about a king who ultimately invites all people to a wedding banquet. At first this parable seems to portray a wide open and gracious invitation to a wedding celebration. However, by the end it is hard not to feel sorry for the poor guy who gets a last-minute invitation but gets thrown out for not wearing the correct wedding duds! Again, getting married is not cheap—but neither is grace.

Receiving God's grace changes people. As Dietrich Bonhoeffer taught, God's grace is not cheap; it comes at a great cost upon the cross. Once we receive this costly grace, our lives are never the same. This grace compels us to act and calls us to bear fruit with our lives, sharing this grace with others. To continue to live in the same way after receiving this gracious invitation is not an option. So what are we to do? We simply receive the gracious invitation to the banquet and find a changing room—it's time to live a new life.

Worship Team

Pastor: Jeff Hackler

Music: Miloy Cañete

Assisting Minister:
Patsy Blankenship

Greeters:
11 - Mary Ellen Crane, Sandy Gabel,
Judy Turpen
18/25 - Joan & Bruce Haroldson

Readers:
11 - Rae Valabek
18 - Ann Bruce
25 - Patsy Blankenship

Altar Guild:

Renee Myers Globe and Jerry Globe

Communion Assistant:
Maria DeRush

Ushers:
11 - Dave & Carol Moonan
Faith Hanley & Emma
18 - Greg & Val Ellis
Faith Hanley & Emma
25 - Fred & Jo-Ann Wordell
Faith Hanley & Emma

Sound/Tech:
Jim Hill & Ruben Salgado

Banners:
Judy Wandler/Karen Olson

Flowers:
Kathie Townsend



October is SOCKTOBER month at CELC.

Why Socks Matter

- **Most requested, least donated:** Socks are consistently the most requested item in homeless shelters, but they are the least donated basic essential.
- **Health and comfort:** Clean, warm socks help prevent foot infections, provide daily comfort, and offer a basic measure of dignity.

We will also be collecting new men's and women's underwear, as well as adult hygiene products.. **Be on the lookout for Undie Sunday to Drop your Drawers at the Door!**

Outreach Boutique/IHELP needs

Have you cleaned out your linen closets and shoe closets recently? Ardyce & Su are requesting **bathroom towels, men's and women's shoes, men's pants, shampoo, deodorant** for our outreach boutique and IHELP. Bring donations to church on Sunday or drop off on Monday or Tuesday mornings.

IHELP Meal Sign Up

Please email the office or talk with Su Erickson if you (or team of people) can provide a meal on one of the dates below.

Nov 13

Jan 1



Adoration Choir Sing. Worship. Belong.

Come be part of our small community of worship leaders! The **Adoration Choir** welcomes singers and instrumentalists of all experience levels. **No auditions required.**

We sing a diverse repertoire, from **gospel to classical**, and lead worship every Sunday from **November through April**. Each year, we also present two special choral cantatas with orchestra for **Christmas and Easter**.

Rehearsals: Wednesdays at 9:30 AM (**Watch announcements for start date**)

Everyone is welcome!

Questions? Email music@christgoodyear.org



Singles Mingle

The CELC Singles Mingle group plans to meet **Thursday October 15th** at the church parking lot at 10 am to carpool to the MIM (Musical Instrument Museum). Join us for fun and camaraderie. Any questions can be directed to Julie Paisley.

CELC Book Exchange

The next Book Exchange is scheduled for October 18.

EASY PICKIN'!

Contact Judy Turnen for more information.



All Saints: Remembering Who We Belong To

There is something wonderfully strange about All Saints Sunday. For one Sunday, the church stops pretending that it is made up only of people sitting in the pews. We look around and remember that we belong to a much larger congregation. Some of its members are no longer with us. Their names may be familiar—parents, grandparents, spouses, friends, teachers, pastors, and neighbors. Some died recently; others have been gone for decades. Yet on All Saints Sunday, the church insists that death does not have the final word about them. We remember them because God remembers them.

We remember the saints not because they were perfect, but because they belonged to Christ. That is an important distinction. The Bible calls God's people "saints," which can sound like a designation reserved for unusually religious people. But Paul uses the word for ordinary Christians—people trying to follow Jesus in the middle of ordinary life. Saints go to work. Saints raise children. Saints worry about money. Saints get sick. Saints lose their tempers. Saints forgive. Saints fail and begin again. Saints sit beside hospital beds and hold the hands of the dying. Saints bake casseroles. Saints teach Sunday school. Saints visit nursing homes. Saints pray when they don't know what else to do. Saints sometimes simply show up. And perhaps that is why remembering the saints matters so much. Because when we remember them, we remember what kind of people the church is called to be. We remember the woman who taught us to pray. The man who quietly served without needing recognition. The friend who stayed when everyone else had gone. The parent who showed us what faithfulness looked like. The grandparent whose Bible was worn from years of use. The person whose life was complicated and imperfect, but whose love for Christ was unmistakable. So, we remember. We remember with gratitude, because we have been given people whose lives became gifts to us. And we remember with hope, because the communion of saints is larger than what our eyes can see.

Pastor Jeff

***On November 1, All Saint's Sunday, CELC will remember members of our family who have left us this past year. If you lost a loved one in the past year and would like us to include them in our prayer list of remembrances, please send names to office@christgoodyear.org by October 26.

CELC Deep Cleaning Day

Join us for a morning work day. Have some fun sharing and honing your skills in making things **"SPARKLE"**.

Saturday, November 7, 2025
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (join the effort at any time)
Lunch will be provided at noon



Check in at Bldg B for your assignment
Cleaning supplies will be available in Building A, Fellowship Hall and Building B Classrooms: cleaning solutions, gloves, paper towels, rags, garbage bags.

One major project we intend to accomplish is power washing the plastic tables and chairs which requires assistance from a team of at least 5-6 people to move them outside, wash, dry, and return them. Other projects will be tackled as the number of volunteers allows, including less

physically demanding tasks such as washing windows, cleaning blinds, cleaning artificial plants, etc.

New Member Informational Gathering

Saturday, November 14, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Bldg B - Classroom A

Are you looking for a new church home? This is an opportunity to learn more about this church and also our ELCA denomination. Hear about our ministries, ask questions, and meet other seekers. The Informational Gathering will be led by Pastor Jeff.

We will receive any who decide to become members on Sunday, November 15 at the 9:00 a.m. worship service.

Please RSVP by November 10 if you plan to attend by contacting the church office by phone, 623-932-2394 or email, office@christgoodyear.org.

REGISTER NOW

Grand Canyon Growing In Faith Program Presents:

Guest Speaker: Shelley Bryan Wee,
Bishop of the Northwest Washington
Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America

**A DIFFERENT WAY: JESUS
AND THE CALL BEYOND
CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM –
Hope, Courage and Community
for such a time as this**

November 14, 2026
9:30 AM – 3:00 PM
American Lutheran Church
Sun City, Arizona
In-person or virtual
Snacks and Lunch will be served.

\$25
for both online
and in person.
For administrative costs.

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What does it mean to be a Christian in America today? How can Christians love their country while remembering that our ultimate allegiance is to Christ? And how do we engage faithfully with Christian Nationalism without surrendering either our faith or our neighbor?

The **Grand Canyon Growing in Faith Program**, a Mission and Ministry Partner of the Grand Canyon Synod, invites rostered ministers, lay leaders and others across the synod to explore these questions at **“A Different Way: Jesus and the Call Beyond Christian Nationalism — Hope, Courage and Community for Such a Time as This.”**
[View a PDF of event info here.](#)

The one-day symposium will be held **Saturday, Nov. 14, 2026, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Arizona time** at **American Lutheran Church in Sun City, Arizona**, with both **in-person and virtual participation** available. The cost is **\$25 per person** for either format. Lunch and snacks will be provided for those attending in person.

Life Line Screening @ CELC

Life Line Screening is returning to CELC on **Thursday, December 3**. For more information or to schedule an appointment, **call 1-800-324-9458**. Pre-Registration is required.



You're invited to a Life Line Screening event!

Thursday December 3, 2026
Location:
Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church
918 S. Litchfield Road
Goodyear, AZ 85338



Life Line Screening is the nation's leader in **Stroke and Cardiovascular Disease Risk Screenings**.

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These tests cannot detect all risk factors for all conditions, such as and including the presence of coronary artery disease.

Those with abnormal results should discuss possible next steps with their family healthcare provider and ensure they understand the risk and benefits of any additional testing or procedures.

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, Iglesia 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](#).

Upcoming Events

Oct 10 - CELC Fall Fest/Quilt Boutique
Oct 12 - CELC Office CLOSED (Indigenous People's Day/Columbus Day)
Oct 15 - Singles Mingle @ MIM
Oct 16 - ELCA World Hunger Day
Oct 18 - Book Exchange
Oct 18 - CELC Council meeting
Oct 25 - Reformation Sunday (wear red)
Nov 1 - All Saint's Sunday
Nov 7 - All Church Deep Cleaning Day
Nov 14 - Symposium @ American Lutheran Church
Dec 3 - Life Line Screening

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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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