Christ Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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Worship Bulletin

Access on our YouTube channel

Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the Lord will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

Readings and Psalms

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14

Next Week's Readings

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 | Psalm 95:1-7a | Ephesians 1:15-23 | Matthew 25:31-46

Overview

Awake to the Grace of God

Linked with the reading from 1 Thessalonians and Psalm 90, Jesus' parable of the talents invites a full-hearted response to God's lavish gifts of faith and purpose: "Use 'em if you've got 'em!" The people of God are meant to be engaged, alert, and ready to share what we have received from our prodigally (wastefully) generous God. While the parable has sometimes been interpreted in the context of judgment, a careful reading also spotlights the beauty of the faith-generated response to God's lavish grace.

One word for this is stewardship. Presented in light of God's gift of faith and purpose, this "churchy" term can today be transformed to new understanding in the proclamation of the gospel text. Instead of the weight of obligation and duty we so often associate with religion, we are invited today to another way: What does it mean to be awake to the grace of God?
On the surface Jesus' parable is a simple premise: the contrast of workers who please and workers who disappoint their master. Psalm 90 sings to us to carefully treasure our lifetimes, for there is something at stake. First Thessalonians is a letter reminding people they have exactly what they need to survive and thrive.

What does it mean to be awake to the grace of God?
In a time when so many people are discouraged with work, home, life, and church, a word from Jesus' parables may be healing, enriching, and startlingly attractive. The gospel text today is an opportunity to remind the people of God that there is a depth to faith that is sustainable. In fact, beneath the parables of Jesus is a depth it will take a lifetime to unpack.

Outreach Food Pantry

Rice & Beans (canned or dry), pasta, canned meat, plastic bags



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 ++++++++++

Everyone is welcome!

Questions? Email music@christgoodyear.org



Deep Cleaning Day

A big thank you to the members of Christ Lutheran, Vida Nueva, and Valle de Beraca for their efforts in cleaning the church campus. We accomplished a lot: including power washing of the tables and chairs in both Buildings A and B, cleaning windows and blinds in Building B classrooms, the Building B kitchen stove, carts, all of the artificial plants and so much more. Your efforts help keep our campus in good shape!



Our Snow Birds Have Returned!

We had a special recognition and reception to welcome back our seasonal Snowbirds which included a special blessing from Pastor Jeff and a lunch fellowship. We treasure our Snow Birds and want them to feel at home here. If you see one of them this Sunday, make you sure to give them a friendly "Hello" to let them know we are all happy they returned safely.

New Member Informational Gathering

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

Bldg B - Classroom A

The New Member Informational Gathering is an opportunity to learn more about this church, our ELCA denomination, ask questions and meet other new members. This gathering will be led by Pastor Jeff.

In the event you were told the gathering begins at 10am, please make note that the correct time is 9am.



Name Tags

We will order church name tags in November, shortly after our new members on November 14. If you have never had a name tag, we will order you one at no charge. If you have lost or misplaced your name tag, you can order a replacement name tag for $8.00.

SIGN UP** at the Welcome Center or email the church office, **office@christgoodyear.org by November 16**. **Spell your name** exactly the way you want it on your name tag. If you are paying for a replacement, please designate it for **NAME TAG.

Christ Lutheran's Council: Call for Nominations

This is an important time in the life of our church and its ministries, and the Council is looking for a few new leaders who would like to be a part of supporting our future. The Council's aim includes oversight of the church budget, supporting our church staff and overseeing member engagement and services to maintain the life of the church.

As part of our nomination process, our Constitution allows for members to self-nominate should they desire to become part of the Council. The Nominating Committee gathers names for recommendations that are then submitted to the congregation and voted on at our annual meeting. **At this time, we anticipate two open positions for the Jan 2027 – Jan 2028 Council, Evangelism and Health Consultant.**

We ask you to prayerfully consider becoming a Council member. Please feel free to speak with any current Council member about their experience serving on Council.
Thank you for considering joining us in this important work!

Carol Moonan and the Nominating Committee

Thanksgiving Service and Pie Social



Join us for a Thanksgiving Service with our sister congregations who share our campus facilities: Casa del Rey, Hope Alive, Iglesia Cristiana Valle de Beraca, and Vida Nueva.



All campus churches will come together in gratitude and thankfulness for a "Pie Social" and coffee which will be held immediately following the service to provide an opportunity to fellowship and

We will gather as one community on **November 18, 2026** at **6pm** in the **Building B Sanctuary.**

get to know one another better. Let's foster an even greater spirit of unity with one another.

***All pies will be provided by CELC.**



Family Caregiver Webinar

November is National Family Caregivers Month. AllThrive 365 is hosting a webinar with expert, Bob Roth, co-founder and managing partner of Cypress HomeCare Solutions, a family-owned home care agency.

This **FREE** webinar will explore key considerations when hiring a caregiver, including how to evaluate your options, hiring loved ones, understanding costs, and finding the right support for your family's needs.

The virtual webinar will be held on **November 18, 2026** at **10am - 11am.** For more information or to register please call 602-285-1800. Click **here to download** the flyer.

Lord of Life Thankoffering Event

The Lord of Life Women's Ministry invites the women of Christ Lutheran to their Thankoffering event on Friday, November 20, 2026. Let's all come together and gather for worship and hear speaker, Pastor Kim Sterner, speak about Southwest Valley IHELP. While there is no cost to you (lunch will be provided), we ask that you **register through the Lord of Life church office at (623) 584-2000**



Life Line Screening @ CELC

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

We remember in our prayers...

Members: (See email version)

Friends and Family: (See email version)

Bishops: Deborah K. Hutterer, (Grand Canyon Synod), Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry (ELCA church wide)
Cactus Conference Churches: American and Shepherd of the Desert - Sun City
Campus Churches: Casa del Rey, Hope Alive, Iglesia Cristiana Valle de Beraca, Vida Nueva
Service Men/Women (+ indicates serving oversees)**:** (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

Nov 14 - New Member's Gathering
Nov 15 - New Member's Reception
Nov 18 - All Campus Churches Thanksgiving Service and Pie Social
Nov 19 - Book Club
Dec 3 - Life Line Screening
Dec 11 - Advent Dinner
Dec 13 - Adoration Choir Cantata
Dec 20 - Children's Christmas Program
Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Services (Contemporary 4:30pm and Traditional worship 6pm)
Dec 25 - Christmas Morning Worship 9am

Church **Directory**
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Simply **Giving** Application
Fry's Community **Rewards:** CELC #MW462
CELC **Calendar**
CELC Website
https://www.christgoodyear.org/staff-and-leadership
Council Meeting Minutes Click on link above
Click on the highlighted word and it will take you to the link

Pastor: Jeff Hackler
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Council President: Carol Moonan
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