

Christ Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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Worship Bulletin

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Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

Readings and Psalm

[Jeremiah 31:31-34](#)

I will write my law in their hearts, says the Lord

[Psalm 46](#)

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. (Psalm 46:7)

[Romans 3:19-28](#)

Justified by God's grace as a gift

[John 8:31-36](#)

Jesus says, Continue in my word and you will know the truth

October 25, 2026 Reformation Sunday

Jesus Is Really into Relationships!

Love God, love neighbor, and love yourself. Jesus is really into relationships! Oftentimes, even if unintentionally, we put loving ourselves first, and because "we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves" (ELW, p. 95) we usually do a poor job of actually loving ourselves. This means we have less love to give to God and our neighbors. Jesus puts relationship with God first. He doesn't do this to make us last but so that we can fully understand love and relationship the way God desires it for us.

Today's readings give us insight into the ways God desires us to be in relationship: by being just in all our dealings with others, by not being led astray by the wicked, by sharing the gospel with humility and tender care, and by loving God and neighbor. It might sound simple, but relationships are far from simple. Even the best relationships include struggle.

People in our congregations struggle with relationships each and every day. Love should be an easy thing, but it takes work and effort to love God, love others, and love oneself. The psalmist uses the image of trees planted by streams of water to describe people who "delight in the law of the Lord" (Ps. 1:2). These are not weak,

brittle, or dying trees; these are strong trees that prosper. Our faith plants us, nourishes us, and strengthens us to love.

How can we be like trees planted by streams of water? In what ways can the church help people to make and maintain healthy relationships? How do we encourage self-worth and humility? This is an excellent day to ask these questions, to create forums where answers can be discussed, and to remind one another how much God truly loves us.

Worship Team

Pastor: Jeff Hackler

Music: Miloy Cañete

Assisting Minister:
25 - Patsy Blankenship
Nov. 1 - Pat Bolka

Greeters:
25 - Joan & Bruce Haroldson

Readers:
25 - Patsy Blankenship

Altar Guild:

25 - Renee Myers Globe and Jerry
Globe
Nov - Karen and Ken Olson

Communion Assistant:

25 - Maria DeRush
Nov 1 - Patsy Blankenship

Ushers:

25 -Fred & Jo-Ann Wordell
Faith Hanley & Emma
Nov. 1- Jerry Globe and Renee Myers
Globe
Faith Hanley & Emma

Sound/Tech:

Jim Hill & Ruben Salgado

Banners:

Judy Wandler/Karen Olson

Flowers:

Kathie Townsend

Outreach Food Pantry

Rice & Beans (canned or dry) and 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



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.**



Singles Mingle Voyage to the Titanic Experience

The CELC Singles Mingle group is going to the Titanic Experience on **Friday, October 30, 2026 for the 11:30am showing.** [Click here](#) to purchase your tickets. Meet at the church at 10am to carpool. Contact Julie Paisley for more information about this event or the Single's Mingle Group.

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

8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (join the effort at any time) All youth (7th-12th grades) are invited to help out and earn some community service for any organizations that you might need it for.

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.



Name Tags

We will order church name tags in November, shortly after our reception of new members. 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**.*

Welcome Back Snow Birds

We will have a special recognition and reception to welcome back our seasonal Snowbirds to CELC on November 8th. We think most of you will be back in Arizona by that time and we want to welcome you and have a special blessing by Pastor Jeff at the 9:00am worship because we want you to know we treasure the dynamic talents you bring to our church during your stay. We want you to feel at home here. And what helps us get to know one another is a name tag. If you don't have one now, you can order one at our Welcome Center.

There will be a special reception following the Welcome Back Service. We also request that you update your contact information that we might be in touch throughout the year and let us know of any special needs, prayers or support we can offer you while you are here in Arizona. Contact the church office to update your contact information or update your information in the church directory. The email is office@christgoodyear.org. The phone number is 623-932-2394.

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.

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... (see email version)

Bishops: Deborah K. Hutterer, (Grand Canyon Synod), Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry (ELCA churchwide)

Cactus Conference Churches: Gloria de Cristo - Yuma; Spirit of Grace - Surprise

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](#)**.

Upcoming Events

Oct 25 - Reformation Sunday (wear red)
Oct 30 - Single's Mingle @ Titanic Experience
Nov 1 - All Saint's Sunday
Nov 7 - All Church Deep Cleaning Day
Nov 8 - Snowbird Welcome Back
Nov 14 - Symposium @ American Lutheran Church
Nov 14 - New Member's Gathering
Nov 15 - New Member's Reception
Nov 18 - All Church Thanksgiving Service
Dec 3 - Life Line Screening



Welcome the new Office Administrative Assistant

CELC welcomes April Street as our new office Administrative Assistant. She has experience in church office administrative work and social work. She has 3 children, 3 grandchildren, a desert tortoise, 2 dogs and enjoys paper crafting in her spare time. She is excited to be here and looks forward to meeting everyone.

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

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