

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Worship Bulletin

Access on our YouTube channel

Sunday, we celebrate "Creation in Christ Sunday."

- Supported by the Lutheran World Federation and World Council of Churches, ELCA worshiping communities are encouraged to celebrate this new day, using the lectionary texts provided by the Consultation on Common Texts. Since the seventh century, September 1 has symbolized the day of the creation of the world in the Byzantine tradition and has been the opening feast of its liturgical year (known as the Feast of the Indiction), in parallel with Rosh Hashanah marking the Jewish New Year. Creation in Christ celebrates the ongoing creation of the world in and through Christ, who sustains, unites, and holds all created things.*

Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

Ezekiel 33:7-11

The prophet's responsibility to warn the people

Psalms 119:33-40

I desire the path of your commandments. (Ps. 119:35)

Romans 13:8-14

Live honorably as in the day

Matthew 18:15-20

Reconciliation in the community of faith

Next week's readings

Genesis 50:15-21 ~ Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13 ~ Romans 14:1-12 ~ Matthew 18:21-35

September 6, 2026
15th Sunday after Pentecost

Called to Community

Jesus says, “For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them” (Matt. 18:20). In these Sundays after Pentecost, we are repeatedly reminded that God has not abandoned us and that Christ’s resurrection and ascension are a beginning for us, not an end. The readings this week focus on the practical work of the gathered Christian community: turning from sin to repentance, from conflict to reconciliation. The question is as relevant today as it was for the disciples and the first Christians: How do we live together, work together, as the body of Christ? We have been saved by grace, liberated by God’s love to love one another. What does it mean for us and for our community to “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” (Rom. 13:14) and to clothe ourselves in love?

We keep asking these questions because the way we gather as Christians continues to be profoundly countercultural. We do not gather as a social club, drawn and kept together only by shared demographics and interests. If church is only a social club, there is no reason to continue to gather if conflict arises, if uncomfortable issues are raised, or if “the way it’s always been” begins to change. If church is only a social club, there is no reason to do the hard work of reconciliation and forgiveness.

God calls us into community knowing that being in community is hard. In scripture we can find practical guidance for gathering through good and hard times. The Holy Spirit is always at work—in, through, and among us—to gather and regather us again. In community we meet and become Christ’s body in ways that are impossible for us as individuals; all the commandments are fulfilled in this call to neighbor-love (Rom. 13:9).

Worship Team

Pastor: Jeff Hackler

Music: Miloy Cañete

Assisting Minister:
Patsy Blankenship

Greeters:
13 - Kathy & John Williams, Judy
Turnen
20,27 - Carol Moonan

Readers:
6- Tony Fabrello
13 - Cole Stafford
20 - Julie Paisley
27 - Beth Blankenship

Altar Guild:

Communion Assistants:
Patsy Blankenship

Ushers:
6 - Ken & Karen Olson
Faith Hanley & Emma
13,20,27 - Gayle Denny & Jim Hill
Faith Hanley & Emma

Sound/Tech:
Magan Ratafsky & Ruben Salgado

Banners:
Judy Wandler/Karen Olson

Flowers:
Kathie Townsend

Special Food Pantry needs include:

Boxes (small-med sized), brown paper bags, **peanut butter**, **Mac n Cheese**, **cereal**, beans, rice, canned meat

Singles Mingle



The next Singles Mingle get together will be Friday,
September 11th, at 1pm for lunch Potbelly
10265 W McDowell Rd
Avondale, AZ 85392

Contact Julie Paisley for more information.

We remember in our prayers...(see email version)

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

Cactus Conference Churches: Pan de Vida - El Mirage; Faith - Yuma

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

Sept 7 - Office Closed (in observance of Labor Day)

Sept 11 - Singles Mingle lunch @ Potbelly

Sept 13 - CELC Book Exchange

Sept 20 - CELC Church Council

Oct 10 - CELC Fall Fest

Church **Directory**

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Simply **Giving** Application

Fry's Community **Rewards:** CELC #MW462

CELC **Calendar**

CELC Website

<https://www.christevangelical.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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