Christ Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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Worship Bulletin

Access on our YouTube channel

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the Lamb.

Readings and Psalms

Amos 5:18-24
Let justice roll down like waters

Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16 (alternate)
Wisdom makes herself known

Psalm 70
You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry. (Ps. 70:5)

Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20 (alternate)
The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for instruction. (Ws. 6:17)

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
The promise of the resurrection

Matthew 25:1-13
The story of the wise and foolish bridesmaids

Next Week's Readings

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 | Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12 | 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 | Matthew 25:14-30

Overview

Trusting in God, Trusting with God

Human beings are relational creatures. We are created to be in relationship with one another and with God. No one, no matter how independent or disconnected they may feel they are, functions completely outside the context of relationships. From the moment we are born we are thrust into relationship with people around us—the people who delivered us, the people who will be taking care of us in a hospital nursery, our family, and God. When we enter this world we do so forming relationships right from the start.

Relationships, healthy relationships, require a lot of work and care to continue. In particular, relationships require trust to grow and become mature. Relationships rooted in trust can bring out the best in us. Relationships rooted in anything else can bring out the worst.
Today's readings give us the chance to consider the trust required in the relationship between God and God's people. Moreover, we are invited to give thought to the consequences of

replacing trust with something else: hubris stemming from trust in one's identity or work (in Amos), or hubris stemming from trust in others to sustain us rather than God (in Matthew). Paul reminds us that our relationship with God is cause for joy even in the midst of sorrow, since we believe (trust) God's promise of eternal life through the living Lord Jesus.

Worship Team

Pastor: Jeff Hackler

Music: Miloy Cañete

Assisting Minister:
Nov 8 - Patsy Blankenship
Nov 15 - Pat Bolka

Greeters:
Tom Reynolds, Rosemary Vanasco, Sandy Gabel, Judy Turnen

Readers:
Nov 8 - Tony Fabrello
Nov 15 - Cole Stafford

Altar Guild:
Ken and Karen Olson

Communion Assistants:
Nov - Mike and Kathie Coyle

Ushers:
Nov. 8 - Fred and Jo-Ann Wordell, Faith Hanley and Emma
Nov. 15 - Mary Ellen Crane, Bob Addy, Faith Hanley and Emma

Sound/Tech:
Wes and Jan Yost

Banners:
Judy Wandler/Karen Olson

Flowers:
Kathie Townsend

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

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. This is an opportunity to earn some community service hours for any organizations that you might need it for.

Lunch will be provided at noon
Check in at Bldg B for your assignment

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 with a special blessing from Pastor Jeff during the 9:00am worship service. 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. We wear name tags to help us get to know one another. If you don't have one, 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 so we can remain in touch throughout the year and to 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.**



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.

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.

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.

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

*Spanish translation will be available

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 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.



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.

Invitation to Stephen Ministry

Dear friends, I invite you to join me in a journey of sharing Christ's Mercy to others in their time of need. Stephen Ministry ministers are trained to come alongside a person after a time of loss, perhaps the loss of a loved one, loss of a job, or loss of a marriage. I am a trained Stephen

Minister and a trainer of Stephen Ministers. If you have the gift of compassion and empathy, Stephen Ministry will train you to use Christian caregiving tools to help bear another's burden and uplift them in their time of need. If you are unsure about how to help someone during a difficult time in their life, rest assured, Stephen Ministry will fully equip you with the knowledge, skills and tools you need to become a Christian caregiver. If you have been previously trained as a Stephen Minister, consider joining in the training; the curriculum was updated in 2020. My hope is to start the training at the beginning of next year. ***Click here*** to watch an informative video from Stephen Ministry and learn more about the training.

If you have questions please email the office at office@christgoodyear.org.

Galatians 6:2 "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

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

Bishops: Deborah K. Hutterer, (Grand Canyon Synod), Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry (ELCA church wide)
Cactus Conference Churches: Gloria de Cristo - Yuma; Spirit of Grace - Surprise
CELC 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 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 Campus Churches Thanksgiving Service and Pie Social
Dec 3 - Life Line Screening
Dec 11 - Advent Dinner
Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Services (Contemporary 4:30pm and Traditional worship 7pm)
Dec 25 - Christmas Morning Worship 9am

Church **Directory**
Join Our **Mailing List**
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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