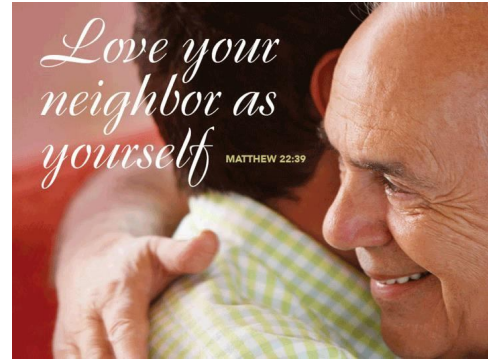


**Christ Ev. Lutheran Church**  
918 S. Litchfield Rd., Goodyear, AZ 85338  
**Reformation Sunday**  
October 29, 2017  
20th Sunday after Pentecost  
Worship 9:00 AM  
Sunday School 10:00 AM



## *Reformation Sunday Combined Service*

Sunday, One Service 9:00 AM

Celebrate the 500th year of the Reformation with the CELC Choir and the Praise Band leading worship.

**This is the Sunday to wear red!**

*On this day we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ-the good news-that makes us free! We pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church today in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the waters of baptism we are made one body; we pray for the day that all Christians will also be one at the Lord's table.*

## *For the Week of 10-29-17 held at CELC*

<b>Sunday</b>	Reformation Sunday Worship <b>9 AM</b> ; SS 10:00 AM
<b>Monday</b>	Quilting for Others, 9 AM Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>	Outreach 8 AM; I-Help 4 PM
<b>Wednesday</b>	Men's Bible Studies: 7 AM; Choir 10 AM Women's Bible Studies: Noon
<b>Next Sunday</b>	Worship 9 AM; SS 10 AM; Praise Worship 10:45 AM

## *Up-Coming Events*

### **New Member Class**

Saturday, November 11, 8:30 AM

### **Advent Dinner**

Saturday, December 2

### **Combined Services at 9:00 AM**

Dec. 3: **1st Sunday in Advent Worship**

Dec. 10: **Children's Christmas Cantata**

Dec. 17: **Choir Cantata**

Dec. 24: **Christmas Eve Morning Worship**

Christmas Eve Worship:  
**5 PM Children's Choir**  
**7 PM Worship**

**Christmas Morning Worship 9:00 AM**

## *Catechism Classes*

All 6th Grade and Up

If you and/or your children are interested in Catechism Classes, please sign up on the sheet on the Information Cart at the back of the church. Pastor will get a hold of you to discuss scheduling.

## *Advent Dinner*

Saturday, December 2

Sign up to **Host** or **Attend** CELC's Advent Dinner. This year we will have a Scandinavian theme. Tickets will be \$20 each or TWO for \$35. See Olga, Pastor or Miloy for more information.



## *Council Positions Opening*

You are needed!

The Nominating Committee (Elizabeth Banta and Connie Sornsins are this year's Council representatives) will be looking for parishioners who are interested in serving their congregation. These positions are part of the CELC Council as well as team leader. If are interested in helping but not serving as leader, please still let us know. We can't do this without YOU!

## *Oktoberfest Followup*



Thanks to all the workers for this fun evening!

What a great evening which couldn't have happened without all the hands, feet and hearts working on this - special thanks to Ron and Janet Altman for organizing the event. Because of many donations we were able to net almost \$900 plus 50/50 drawing going to the Youth trip.

### *Visitor's Information*

*"All are welcome in this place"*

Welcome to Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church - CELC! We would like you to know that communion (the Eucharist) is served to all. Grape juice (white) is in the center tray. Gluten-free wafers are available by request from server. You are invited to any event that we hold at CELC, most are listed in this announcement page. This page is also available through our email program; filled out the email line on the Visitor's card and we will add you to the list (you can unsubscribe instantly at any time).

### *Prayer Requests*

(New in Bold)

**Members:** Floyd Behm, Dolores/Lowell Bloom, Mabe Foster, Marchelle Hood, Michael Jack, Deb Kuehnbaum, Fred Marshall, Mary McDonald, Francina Mercado, Flo Riese, Roy Rood, Jay Stocker, Lura Stubbs, Mike Valabek,

John Wagner, Bea Warmoth

**Home bound Members:** Paula Johnson, Lou Rice

**Family & Friends:** Pastor Steve Bergeson, Pastor John Gunn; Marlene, "Scooter" (Yost), Debi, Rosa, Peggy, Eleanor, Frank, Dorie, John (Armstrong), Rachelle, Nancy (Berg), Jack/Barb (Sornsin), Sunny (Henderson), Jan, Loraine, Lea, Carol (Carlson), Nicole & Tim (Gallen), Nancy (Williams), Florence (Bolka), Jose/Marta (Capelli), Sylvia and Rich, Lewis family (C. Johnson), Jerry & Barb (Krogstad), Patty (Huber), Emma (Brown), Nyle (Neumann grandson), Deb (Townsend), Bonnie Neace, **Jerry (Reynolds), Marcia G's Mother**

**Parents Preparing for Birth:** *January:* Jennifer and Eric Podgorny;  
*April:* Stephen and Beth Gallen

**All Cactus Conference Pastors & Churches & Bill Miller**

**Bishops:** Interim Bishop Lowell Almen, Elizabeth Eaton

**Seminary Students:** Elizabeth Gallen; **Church:** Gloria de Cristo, Yuma

**Our Service men/women:** John Buss (Yost), Aaron Kramer+, Adriana Van Wyk, Josh Matzdorf (Capelli), Katie Brunstein+ *servicing overseas* "+"

*Family and Friends Prayer Request*

*In order to stay up-to-date with ongoing prayer requests,  
names will remain on the list for only one month.*

*If your request remains active, please contact the office each month.*

## *Worship Assistants for October 29*

Pastor: **Jeff Gallen**

Worship/Music: **Miloy Canete**

Fellowship: **Outreach**

Communion Bread: **Diane Shereck**

### **9:00 AM Worship Service:**

Assisting Minister: **Elaine Carlson**

Altar: **Judy Fildes/Shirley Papp**

Lector:

Communion Assistants:

Greeters: **The Berg Family**

Ushers: **Glenn Hultberg, Arlo Mayer, Ed Kroening**

Additional musicians:

**Steve Raymond:** vocal   **Rudy Will:** percussion   **Conner Kelley:** electric guitar

## *Thoughts Based on This Week's Readings*

Jeremiah 21:31-34

Psalm 46

Romans 3:19-28

John 8:31-36

### **Know God, Know Ourselves**

This is a Sunday packed with beautiful images, deep-seeded ideas, and a rich history. For life-long Lutherans, these things can provoke a sense of pride in our

denomination, but Reformation Sunday is not "Lutheran Pride Day." Instead it is a day focused on knowing God truthfully and in the process understanding who we are as people of faith and children of God in light of God's unbelievable grace. Luther spent a great deal of time trying to know who God was and to find ways of expressing what he came to know and believe so that others would know God too. He used coarse language, drank beer, and wrote hymns using tunes people knew and recognized. When he wrote his catechism he used language his small son could understand. He even translated the Bible into the language people spoke. Truth about God and our faith, as complex as it is, should be something we can grasp and wrestle with.

Reformation Sunday is certainly a festival day where we celebrate and remember our history, but it should also be a day to reexamine our faith. Part of that is recognizing the truth about our inadequacies, our failings, and our sinfulness. The law is like a mirror in a room with intense fluorescent lights; it shows us who we are with every flaw and wrinkle. But God doesn't look at us in that mirror. The truth about God brings us new knowledge about ourselves. God shines a new light on us, where iniquities are forgiven and sins forgotten. The message of Reformation Sunday is God's love for us. It is a love that frees us and redefines us as people of God and as members of the whole body of Christ. In God's eyes, we are beautiful.

Scripture Readings next for Sunday, Nov. 5

[Revelation 7:9-17](#)    [Psalm 34:1-10,22](#)    [1 John 3:1-3](#)    [Matthew 5:1-12](#)

## *CELC Committees*

Contact these members for more information

**Sabbatical:** Stevie Henderson, Jim Capelli, Shirley Papp, Jennifer Cole, Ann Bruce and Olga Blanchard

**Nominating Committee** - Council Reps.: Connie Sornsin & Elizabeth Banta

**Kitchen Team:** Peggy Bjornson, Nadine Kriegel, Bob Just, Skip Hood, Ann Bruce, Ken Olson, Marian See

**Funeral Food:** Karen Olson

**Legacy Circle:** Elizabeth Banta, Dana House

## *Handy Links*

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[July Council Minutes](#)

[Fry's Community Rewards: CELC #30231](#)

[Oct. 29 Worship Bulletin](#)

[Katie Brunstein's Blog](#)



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