



Christ Ev. Lutheran Church
918 S. Litchfield Rd., Goodyear, AZ 85338

September 24, 2017
16th Sunday after Pentecost
Worship 9:00 AM
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Praise Worship 10:45 AM

Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables, in which Jesus says the reign of God is like workers who get paid the same no matter when they start. When God changes his mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.

For the Week of 9-24-17 held at CELC

Sunday	Worship 9:00 AM; SS 10:00 AM; Praise Worship 10:45 AM Movie Night -- 6 PM -- Invite your Friends!
Monday	Quilting for Others, 9 AM Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	Outreach 8 AM; Flu Shots 9-11 AM , I-Help 4 PM
Wednesday	Bible Studies: Men 7 AM - Women Noon; Choir 10 AM
Thursday	Book Club 2 PM
Saturday	Margaret Davies Birthday Open House 2-4 PM
Next Sunday	Worship 9 AM; SS 10:00 AM; Praise Worship 10:45 AM

Up-Coming Events

Blood Drive

Sunday, October 15

Oktoberfest

Sat., October 21, 5- 8 PM

Safeguarding God' Children Class

Sat., Nov. 4, 8:30 AM

New Member Class

Saturday, November 11, 8:30 AM

Get your flu shots here Tuesday 9-11 AM

Movie Night

The Youth group is hosting a movie night for all on Saturday, September 24th at 6:00 PM. We are going to show the movie ***The Case For Christ***. Childcare for 10 and under will be provided. The youth will be selling popcorn and baked goods, like brownies, etc.

Volunteers are needed for the babysitting in the back classroom and volunteers to make the baked goods (individually wrapped) for the youth to sell as a fundraising event for the Houston trip. - Anna Hofmann

Art Work/Paintings

Updating your home?

Ardyce from our Outreach Thrift shop is looking for used paintings and/or art works. Feel free to bring in on a Sunday and donate them to the Outreach program.

I Help Sign-ups

New Sign up sheets

The I Help program's needs have been broken down to make it easier for those wishing to help.

Now you can sign up to prepare an entree or salad or dessert. The possibility of more than one person making an entree will help to feed the group.

In laundry, chose to sign up for laundering sheets, towels and blankets.

Check out the new sign up sheets on the bulletin board in the hall with the bathrooms. Any questions, see Karl Brooks. The program thanks you for your help!

The family of Margaret Davies would like to invite you to a celebration of Margaret's 90th birthday. An open house will be held for her at CELC on Saturday, September 30 between 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM.

Prayer Requests

(New in Bold)

Members: Floyd Behm, Dolores/Lowell Bloom, Mabe Foster, Brett Hofmann, Marchelle Hood, Val Huber, Michael Jack, Deb Kuehnbaum, Fred Marshall, Mary McDonald, Francina Mercado, Flo Riese, Roy Rood, Joy Schroeder, Carol Sears, 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, Jase, "Scooter" Mary Alice (Yost), Debi, Rosa, Peggy, Eleanor, Frank, Dorie, John

(Armstrong), Rachelle, Nancy (Berg), Keith, Christine, Mike, Joni (Fildes), Jack/Barb (Sornsins), Sunny (Henderson), Peggy (Bruce/Sears), Steve (Montgomery), Deb (Townsend), Russ, Jan, Loraine, Lea (Carlson), Gracie, Mike & Sally, Matt, Nicole & Tim (Gallen), Nancy (Williams), Florence (Bolka), Jose/Marta (Capelli), Sylvia and Rich, **Lewis family (C. Johnson)**

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

All Cactus Conference Pastors & Churches & Bill Miller

Bishops: Steve Talmage, Elizabeth Eaton

Seminary Students: Elizabeth Gallen; **Church:** Peace, Peoria

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 September 24

Pastor: **Jeff Gallen**

Worship/Music: **Miloy Canete**

Fellowship: **Quilters and The Fosters**

Communion Bread: **Pat Johnson**

9:00 AM Worship Service:

Assisting Minister: **Cris Capelli**

Lector:

Altar: **Helen Just**

Communion Assistants:

Greeters: **John & Olga Blanchard**

Ushers: **Dale & Kay Krogstad**

10:45 AM Worship Service:

Greeters: **Carole Helland/Emily Blankenship**

Altar: **Paula/Rodney Royal**

Ushers: **Rollin Neumann/Nyle Neumann**

Communion assistant: **Jim Capelli**

Additional musicians: **Rudy: percussion Conner Kelley: electric guitar**

Thoughts Based on This Week's Readings

Jonah 3:10-4:11 Psalm 145:1-8 Philipians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16

Discomfort: Sign of Grace?

Poor Jonah. The guy never could get comfortable. He was uncomfortable with his God-given call to preach to Nineveh; he was uncomfortable in the arms of the sailors as they hoisted him over the boat's edge and tossed him into the sea; he was uncomfortable as the ocean's raging waves flung him about like flotsam; he was-undoubtedly-uncomfortable in the fish's belly; and he was uncomfortable and downright angry with God's mercy on the people of Nineveh. Jonah had a hard time getting comfortable with himself, and, even more so, Jonah was uneasy

embracing the wideness of God's grace.

The same can be said about the laborers in Jesus' parable here in Matthew 20. The laborers who came in the early morning hours grumbled against the landowner because they were paid the same as others who started later and worked fewer hours. These laborers are ill-at-ease with the landowner's choice "to give to this last the same as I give to you." Like Jonah, they are uncomfortable with the unchecked mercy offered by the landowner/God. God doesn't play by our rules, and that can be very discomfoting for us all.

Our discomfort with grace manifests itself in all sorts of ways. It can be discomfoting for us to engage the poor and the outcast of our society. It can be discomfoting for us to welcome immigrants into our communities. It can be discomfoting to address the pervasive racism that still surrounds us. And it can be very discomfoting for us to open our lives to the transforming power of the cross of Christ, whereby "the last will be first, and the first will be last" (Matt. 20:16).

Could it be that the more uncomfortable we become with the reckless love of God, the closer we are to understanding the meaning of grace?

Scripture Readings next for Sunday, Oct. 1,
17th after Sunday of Pentecost

[Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32](#) [Psalm 25:1-9](#) [Philippians 2:1-13](#) [Matthew 21:23-32](#)

CELC Committees

Contact these members for more information

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

Website: Jason Butler, Connie Sornsin, Kristine Worland

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

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