

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Worship Bulletin

Access on our YouTube
channel

Three weeks ago we heard Peter's confession of faith as told in John's gospel. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of messiah) in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

Readings and Psalm

- **Isaiah 50:4-9a**
- The servant is vindicated by God
- **Psalm 116:1-9**
- I will walk in the presence of the Lord. (Ps. 116:9)
- **James 3:1-12**
- Dangers of the unbridled tongue
- **Mark 8:27-38**
- Peter's confession of faith

Sunday, September 15, 2024
17th Sunday after Pentecost

An Unexpected Kind of Messiah

Today we hear from three teachers. The prophet Isaiah calls himself a teacher, one whose words sustain weary people. James warns about foolish and hurtful use of our tongues, which should be used to "bless the Lord and Father," but often are used to "curse those who are made in the likeness of God." The final voice in the trio is Jesus, the teacher, who keeps the disciples quiet about any Messiah identity but speaks openly about his own suffering, death, and resurrection. Peter tries to counsel Jesus that no one willingly chooses to go along with that kind of plan.

Nobody likes a loser. But Jesus responds that Peter has lost sight of what is most important in life. Jesus teaches the disciples that they will lose their life for the sake of the gospel.

How does the Holy Spirit move in, through, before, and after worship to sustain weary people with the word and sacraments? How can we make spaces for silence, art, and song so that people living through suffering and facing death can breathe, see, and hear God's presence with them? In what ways do we make the same mistake as the disciples did, expecting a Messiah but then setting our visions on human rather than on divine things?

Jesus invites people of faith and those who doubt Jesus' way to engage rather than avoid, conquer, or escape. What practices will help worshipers today to imagine the ways they are being called to "lose" their life in order to save it? From what does Jesus want to free people so that they will be able to pick up a different kind of burden and follow him? Then and now, Jesus invites followers on the way of the cross—a path of daily learning, dying, and new life.

What's Happening at CELC

Sunday - 9:00 a.m. Worship*

* Live Stream on our YouTube channel
Confirmation and Council meeting after service

Monday - Outreach prep 8-10 a.m.; Quilting for Others 9-Noon

Tuesday - Outreach 7-11:30 a.m.; I-HELP 4 p.m.

Wednesday - Women's Bible Study 12 p.m.

Thursday - Men's Bible Study 8 a.m.; I-Help 4 p.m.

Saturday - Bible Study 1:30 p.m.

Plan ahead and mark your calendars

Sunday Sept 15 - CELC Council meeting

Sunday Sept 29 - Congregation transition session 1 - CELC history

Wednesday - Oct 2 - Adoration Choir rehearsal begins

Sunday Oct 27 - Reformation, Confirmation & Pr. Jeff's last worship service at CELC before his retirement. Reception to follow

Friday Dec 6 - Advent Dinner

*Click to view the full CELC **Calendar***

Submit events and dates to office@Christgoodyear.org

Ministers: All baptized members

Pastor: Dr. Jeff Gallen

Readers

Sept 15 – Les Stubbs
Sept 22 – Les Stubbs
Sept 29 – Gayle Denny

Sound/Tech

Jim Erickson/Stacy Anderson/Ruben Salgado

Altar/Communion

Rosemary Vanesco
Tom Reynolds
Emily & Patsy Blankenship (Wine)

Ushers

Faith Hanley & Emma
Gayle Denny & Jim Hill

Flowers: Carole Helland

Banners: Judy Wandler

OUTREACH THROUGH SERVICE

I-HELP Meals

We are grateful for our volunteers who provide food for 14 people each week. *Please deliver the food to Bldg B at 4:45 p.m.*

- **Sept 17 - Barbara Urena**
- **Sept 24 - Cindy Dickinson**
- **Oct 1 - Hope Alive**
- **Oct 8 -**
- **Oct 15 - Barbara Urena**
- **Oct 22 -**
- **Oct 29 -**

To sign up for a date, check the sign up sheet on the God's Work, Our Hands board, email office@christgoodyear.org, or call the church office. Thank you for your generosity.

Brown paper bags, cereal, dry pinto beans, peanut butter, rice, water



Donations are accepted on Sunday,
Monday, & Tuesday mornings 8-10 a.m. or
by appointment.

Congregation Transition Session 1 - CELC History

The Transition Team would like to invite the congregation to spend some time before and after the Sunday service on Sept. 29th helping us to define the history of our congregation. We will have pictures and a timeline that we need help completing. We would love to have input from old and new members alike.

Prayers of strength and healing...

(see email version - not included here for privacy reasons)

*Submit or update prayer requests by emailing:
office@Christgoodyear.org, calling the church office:
623-932-2394, or complete an [online prayer request form](#).*

All Cactus Conference Pastors & Churches & Bill Miller

Bishops: Deborah K. Hutterer and Elizabeth Eaton

Area Churches: Faily - Yuma; Lord of Life - Sun City

Our Service Men/Women: (see email version)

HELPFUL LINKS

Church **Directory**

Join Our Mailing **List**

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

Pastor: Jeffery Gallen

Music: Miloy Cañete

Council President: Su Erickson

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