

August 30, 2020
10:00 AM



Sierra Evangelical Lutheran Church
101 North Lenzner Ave., Sierra Vista, AZ 85635
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Our Mission Statement: “With faith in God’s grace, we share Christ’s love with all, so that lives are transformed by the Holy Spirit.”

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Linda Perry, Director of Faith Formation
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Ministers: The People of SELC

**SELC SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:00 AM
WATCH AND WORSHIP WITH US LIVE-STREAMED ONLINE**

Celebrated each week, including a sermon and communion with those present and at home. Your Pastor, Intern Pastor, musicians, and AV tech will gather to celebrate worship online with you from the sanctuary.

Go to our website, www.selcaz.org, scroll down to the bottom of the page, look for the “Watch Services” ‘button,’ click on it, then click on the worship service to the right that you want to watch. These will remain available to watch for 90 days. If you can’t watch it online, call the office to request a DVD, if desired.

PRAYER REQUESTS for the month of **August** can be submitted online at www.selcaz.org or to Leslie McCourt at mccourtleslie@gmail.com

Please pray for Rich Mount, Jan Huthoefer, Linda Perry, the family of Sam Gamutambuli (Monica Benz’s father); Ed Strauss Sr., Bob Hollis (friend of Damien Williams); Doris Rasmussen, Mark and family; Karen Cottrell. **Please continue to pray for** Charles Wickizer and family; Karen Bickers; the family and friends of John (the son of CJ Abraham’s friend); and the family of Karen Ruth Peer (Michele Webb’s stepmother). Verona Webb, the family of Lois Andersen; Carmelo (Meli Martinez’s father); Lee Grabow, the family of Tegisti; Gord Neevel, Dora Lietz; the family of Don Lawrence; the family of Carole Orndorff; Elmer Lease and his family; Ty Grube, Hugh, Caden, Josh Brown; Bob Strain, Xyla and Pat Carson; Tom Hays and family; the family of Dee Pederson, Vern Fleming, Thea Chapman, Doris Rasmussen, Dolores Pearson, Mary Alexander; John and Mary Alexander (Mary’s son and daughter-in-law); Jim and Pam Andrew; the Bills family; John Cannon, Clayton, Norm Grahn, Samantha Howard, Don Huthoefer, Jake, Makayla Margulies, Sully Mix, Anne Nowak, Caroline Pentecost; Jerry Regan, Bob Reiner, Larry Rewis, Dee Rowley, Dee Stickley, John Williams; The Navajo Evangelical Mission at Rock Point; all people who are in lockdown in facilities and affected by the virus; military personnel everywhere.

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
ELW Holy Communion Setting Three
(= Please stand as you are able)*

GATHERING

Chime

Prelude "Gentle Spirit" *based on John 14:16* (Donald F. Callender)
(You may wish to light a candle or two during this time in your home)

Welcome

*Confession and Forgiveness

*Gathering Hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" ELW #656

Greeting

*Kyrie ELW p.138

*Canticle of Praise ELW p. 140

*Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21 Pew Bible pgs. 626-627

Second Reading: Romans 12:9-21 Pew Bible pgs. 922-923

*Gospel Acclamation ELW p. 142

*Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28 Pew Bible pgs. 798

***Lord's Prayer**

Invitation to Communion

(If you have bread and wine or grape juice at home, you're welcome to lift it up as does the pastor and partake of it together or alone in your home).

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

***Sending Hymn**

"Lift High the Cross"

ELW #660

***Dismissal**

(Pause for Chimes)

Postlude

"Voluntary on Sending Hymn" (Billie Hayes, Organ)

**Oil for The Eternal Light Provided by
Don and Barbara Williams in memory of Ciaran.**

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Ezekiel 33:7-11

Psalm 119:33-40

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

TITHES/OFFERINGS

In these challenging and uncertain times, we so appreciate those who have continued their giving to the Lord!

Tithes/Offerings can be submitted by the following ways:

- Online option for giving by going to the church website: www.selcaz.org and click on “giving” on the purple stripe at top of page. On the Giving page will be information and a place to click to give online. If you have questions call Sandy Stephenson, Financial Secretary at 378-4678.
 - Mailed in - Sierra Lutheran Church-101 N. Lenzner Ave., Sierra Vista, AZ 85635
 - Drop off in the locked black mailbox by the office door, which is checked daily.
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CHURCH OFFICE INFORMATION *FACEMASK REQUIRED ON CHURCH PREMISES*

The church office is closed to ALL NON-ESSENTIAL VISITS. If it is imperative you come to the office, please call and make an appointment. Also, for any other assistance or information, please contact us at 459-0444 or admin@selcaz.org. Pastor Perry and Intern Paul Benz are always available to talk or visit.

**Watch for more info and updates in weekly newsletters
and on our website as they become available. www.selcaz.org**

TODAY! COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

All who are able are invited to join us TODAY, for our informal Coffee Fellowship time following worship, at 11:20 am. Here is the Zoom invitation:

Topic: SELC Coffee Fellowship

Time: Aug 30, 2020 11:20 AM Arizona

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/99094714223?pwd=dW5HbG1WMHNjSHF0MnNDVE5KOWMydz09>

Meeting ID: 990 9471 4223

Passcode: 926191

“SEASON OF CREATION” - STARTS SEPT 1ST

From September 1st through October 4th, which is the Commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi, the ecumenical community around the world celebrates a special “Season of Creation.” This is a unique time of focusing on the wonder and goodness of God’s grace revealed and experienced in and through our natural world as well as God’s call to cherish and protect that great gift. Our Sundays during September this year will have an emphasis on those themes. We also will be featuring a special Zoom and Livestream presentation series on Climate Change in early September, times and dates to be published later. Climatologists from the University of Arizona will be presenting in these online sessions. This flows out of our recent 10-week discussion about Climate Church, Climate World, by Rev. Jim Antal, which involved about 20 people, many of whom now are committed to continuing to lift up ministries of caring for Creation. Watch for more details to come soon! (for more information about the *Season of Creation*, go to www.seasonofcreation.org).

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE U.S. WILDFIRES

Fueled by a heat wave and ignited by lightning strikes, wildfires have erupted across California. At least four people have died, tens of thousands of people are under evacuation orders and more than 1 million acres have burned. Some evacuees face the difficult decision of whether to stay in a shelter during the COVID-19 pandemic. Lutheran Disaster Response is engaging with Lutheran Social Services of Southern California and Lutheran Social Services of Northern California, along with the three California synods (Sierra Pacific, Southwest California and Pacifica), to assess the situation and determine the best ways to respond. We expect immediate needs to include food and other life necessities, as well as emotional and spiritual care for those who have been traumatized.

Your gifts will support wildfire survivors. Gifts to "U.S. Wildfires" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by wildfires until the response is complete.

Give online at <https://community.elca.org/uswildfires?erid=95c99e57-5342-4723-b9bf-0308b2d02ca2&trid=95c99e57-5342-4723-b9bf-0308b2d02ca2>
or through SELC noting “U.S. wildfires” on memo line.

FAITH5

Every Night In Every Home!

Our FAITH5 verse of the week is
Matthew 16:24

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

(Post or keep this weekly scripture in a handy place and every morning or evening share the following as a couple, or with family members in the home or even with a dear friend over the phone.)



Share your highs and lows of the day with one another.



Read the verse of the week and if time permits, the Bible story that pertains to the Scripture of the week.



Talk about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows of the day or how it's speaking to you.



Pray for one another's highs and lows and other prayer requests.



Bless one another. Make the sign of the cross on each other's forehead or the palm of your hands and say something simple such as: “God bless you and keep you in His love and care!” Or feel free to make up your own blessing that incorporates a part of the FAITH5 verse of the week.

Be creative! Stay open to the Holy Spirit! Have fun!