

APRIL 18, 2021 - 9:00 AM

**When Jesus comes,**

**will your  
door be open?**

**SIERRA EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
101 North Lenzner Ave., Sierra Vista, AZ 85635  
(520) 459-0444 - [www.selcaz.org](http://www.selcaz.org)

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.”

Mark Perry, Pastor  
Annela Rova, Intern Pastor  
Linda Perry, Director of Faith Formation  
Jim Cleven, SELC Council President  
Cindy Allen, Administrative Assistant  
Ministers: The People of SELC

**SELC SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE - 9:00 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](http://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. All our worship services are also available for viewing on YouTube. Search for, “SELC of Sierra Vista AZ” (and be sure to capitalize AZ.)

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**PRAYER REQUESTS** for the month of **APRIL** can be submitted online at [www.selcaz.org](http://www.selcaz.org) or to Leslie McCourt at [mccourtleslie@gmail.com](mailto:mccourtleslie@gmail.com)  
**Prayers Can Be Found in The Back Of The Bulletin**

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**Oil for The Eternal Light provided by  
Becky Randall in honor of her mother and family.**

**Scripture Readings for Next Sunday**

Acts 4:5-12  
Psalm 23  
1 John 3:16-24  
John 10:11-18

**THE WHITE ROSE ON THE ALTAR IS IN MEMORY OF NORM GRAHN.**

**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**ELW Holy Communion Setting Three**  
*(\* = Please stand as you are able)*

**GATHERING**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**\*Confession and Forgiveness**

**\*Gathering Song** *(Sung by soloist)*  
**“Shout to the Lord”**

**ELW #821**

**\*Greeting**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

**WORD**

**First Reading: Acts 3:12-19**

**Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-7**

**\*Gospel Acclamation**           **“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”**

**\*Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48**

**Sermon**

**Intern Pastor Annela Rova**

***Moment of Silent Reflection***

**Offering Moment** - *As this gift of special music is offered, we also invite you to prayerfully consider how you may be called today or this week to respond to God's grace through the sharing of your service, your caring and your monetary*

*resources. Perhaps say a prayer or write a note of commitment about how this might be done. We thank all those who have faithfully given to God's work through SELC. See [www.selcaz.org](http://www.selcaz.org) and click on the 'Giving' tab for info how to give online.*

**Special Music** "What A Beautiful Name" (Ben Fielding, Brooke Ligertwood)  
Presented by Victoria Kiser

**\*Apostles' Creed**

**\*Prayers of the People**

**\*Sharing of the Peace**

## **MEAL**

**\*Great Thanksgiving (*spoken*)**

**\*Dialogue**

**ELW p.144**

**\*Preface**

**\*Holy, Holy, Holy (*spoken*)**

**ELW p.144**

**\*Words of Institution**

**\*Lord's Prayer (*sung*)**

**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.)*

**Communion**

**Prayer after Communion**

## SENDING

### Announcements

#### \*Blessing

\*Sending Hymn (*Sung by soloist*)  
“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

ELW #836

### Postlude

(Please remain seated until Ushers dismiss  
Worshippers after Dismissal, starting from the back row.)

#### \*Dismissal

**Please Pray for** Please pray for the family and friends of Norm Grahn; Penny (the Dechant's former daughter-in-law); Cherie Fleming (Dave Dechant's cousin); Lilas Mae Grabow and Michael.

**Please Continue to Pray for** Alfreda Blakeway, Cindy Bartlein, Marc Eichelmann, Amy Pike, Amber Brenner, Chris Brenner, Rich Mount, Buke Burford; Corrie Rohr (uncle of Shepherd's Fold child); CJ Abraham co-worker's son who committed suicide; Bob and Jane Strain; Hanna Hooper; the family of Helen Daum; Sandy Urlie; Nancy (friend of Lisa Mitchell); the family of Sharon Keene (Community Choir Director); Beth Dechant, Dolly Bessler; the Robert Robles Family (family has 3 children in Shepherd's Fold); Holly and Brandon Montgomery (Perry's niece and husband); Mich and Abraham families; Rachel and family Jamie, Owen and Marcia (Rachel is Barb Wirsching's niece).

**Long Term Prayers:** Joseph and Laruen Acker (Diana Galecke's nephew and wife); Addie (Krazy Goat Sanctuary); Mary Alexander; John & Mary Alexander (Mary Alexander's son and wife); Gail Brady (neighbor of the Hamps); Dee Brenner, Deb Brown, Clayton (Helen Perdiue's son); Gracie (friend of Marilyn Hewitt); Samantha Howard (Carol Jordahl's great niece); Don Huthoefer, Jake (son of a friend of the Perrys); Kyle King (neighbor of the Palomaas); Makayla Margulies (Virginia Napolitano's grandniece); Anne Nowak, Linda Perry, Kevin Randolph (Doris Randolph's son); Dee Rowley, Doris Rasmussen, Jerry Regan, George Renbeck (Kim Renbeck's dad); the Rewis family; Faye Toto, Verona Webb, John Williams, Jill Winkels (Cindy Wiste's friend), Wyman (Julie March's cousin); The Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission at Rock Point; all who are affected by the COVID-19 virus; all youth experiencing mental health issues; peace for our nation; military personnel everywhere.

**In-Person Worship Resumes** - Worship with us 9:00 a.m. each Sunday, either in person or livestreamed online at our website, on YouTube and Facebook. Those wishing to attend services will need to make reservations for every Sunday service, by the previous Thursday at 4:00 pm, on a "first come, first served" basis, by calling the church office, 459-0444, or emailing, [admin@selcaz.org](mailto:admin@selcaz.org).

**All previously established safety protocols will be observed.**

**Norm Grahn Memorial Service** will be held Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 10:00 am by reservation at Sierra Lutheran Church. Rites of Committal with Military Honors will follow at noon at Southern Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery at 1300 Buffalo Soldier Trail, Sierra Vista. In lieu of flowers, Norm requested donations be made to Sierra Evangelical Lutheran Church.

**Earth Day Celebrations** - Earth Day is Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> and in honor of that anniversary of lifting up God's good earth we're having some special activities at church on Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Our worship that day will include some celebration and prayers about Creation. The Creation Care Team is offering a free aloe vera plant to any in worship that day who'd like one. (Arrangements can be made also if you'd like one but aren't going to be in worship that day; just call the church office). And, with Intern Pastor Annela and Reese's blessing, our Landscaping Team along with the Creation Care Team are going to dedicate an acacia tree to plant in honor of their new child-to-be whose due date just happens to be April 22<sup>nd</sup>! After worship, we'll go out and offer a prayer of blessing on the place on our church property where it will eventually be planted. (Note: No "Coffee Chat" that day due to this special activity).

Our Creation Care Team also invites everyone to join them at the Sierra Vista Farmer's Market on Thursday, 10 am - 2 pm, at Veteran's Park, for a variety of Earth Day activities and offerings. For more information about all this, contact Christie Brown, Creation Care Team leader, [brownchristie1@gmail.com](mailto:brownchristie1@gmail.com), or 520-227-8905. And watch for more opportunities to donate towards other plant or trees to be also located onto our church property as we seek to make our little corner of God's green Earth a little greener and prettier!

**Interested In An Evening Bible Study?** - Pastor Perry is offering to start an evening Bible Study (for now on Zoom) for any who may be interested. It would be like our Wednesday Morning Bible Study in terms of studying the upcoming Sunday's lectionary readings, at least for the time being. We're looking at Wednesday evenings unless the group decides another night would be better. Let Pastor Perry know if you're interested by emailing him, [pastor@selcaz.org](mailto:pastor@selcaz.org), or calling the office, 459-0444.

**The Columbarium Team Needs You!** - The Columbarium Committee is currently seeking additional volunteers. We need a few able-bodied people who would be willing to help current team members water the plants in the columbarium (volunteers rotate). The columbarium has been a part of the church for over 20 years, and we hope there are some new faces who might be willing to help out. If interested, please contact Lisa Mitchell at 520-417-0266 / [lisa12340@msn.com](mailto:lisa12340@msn.com) or Rebecca Dennis at 520-335-8697 / [rubyboo@hotmail.com](mailto:rubbyboo@hotmail.com).

# FAITH Every Night In Every Home!

Our FAITH5 verse of the week is 1 John 3:1-2

“<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed.”

*(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!