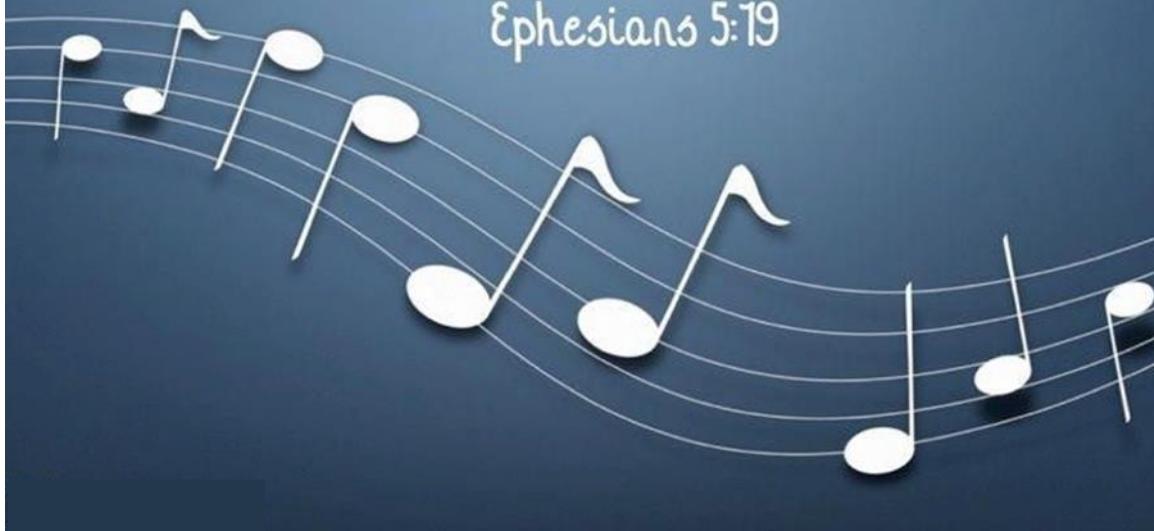


**AUGUST 15, 2021**  
**9:00 AM**

Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual  
songs among yourselves, and make  
music to the Lord in your hearts.

Ephesians 5:19



**Sierra Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
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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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Diana Washington, 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.

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**PRAYER REQUESTS** for the month of **AUGUST** can be submitted online at [www.selcaz.org](http://www.selcaz.org) or to Barb Wirsching, [bcswasey@gmail.com](mailto:bcswasey@gmail.com)  
**Prayers Can Be Found in The Back of The Bulletin**

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**Oil for The Eternal Light provided by  
Billie Hayes**

**Flowers Provided by  
Diana Galecke in memory of Clarence and daughter, Mary.**

**Scripture Readings for Next Sunday**  
Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18  
Psalm 34:15-22  
Ephesians 6:10-20  
John 6:56-69

**Just a reminder: the pews in the side sections of the sanctuary are reserved for those who wish to be both distanced and masked.**

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  
ELW Holy Communion Setting Six  
(\* = Please stand as you are able)

**GATHERING**

Prelude	"Prelude and Fugue in G Major"	(J.S. Bach)
Welcome		
Confession and Forgiveness		
*Gathering Song	<i>"I Come with Joy"</i>	<u>ELW</u> #482
*Greeting		<u>ELW</u> p.165
Kyrie		<u>ELW</u> p. 165
Canticle of Praise		<u>ELW</u> p. 169
*Prayer of the Day		

**WORD**

First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6		Pew Bible p. 516
Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20		Pew Bible p.952
*Gospel Acclamation		<u>ELW</u> p.171
*Gospel: John 6:51-58		Pew Bible p.868
Sermon		Pastor Mark Perry
	<i>Moment of Silent Reflection</i>	
Special Music	"Yes, I Know" Presented by Gloryland	(Waterman/Fettke)
*Apostles' Creed		
*Prayers of the People		

## **\*Sharing of the Peace**

### **MEAL**

#### **Offering**

*Offering Moment - We 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. An offering plate is available in the back for your gifts as well.*

#### **\*Offering Prayer**

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

**\*Dialogue**

ELW p.172

**\*Preface**

**\*Holy, Holy, Holy**

ELW p.173

**\*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.)*

#### **Communion**

#### **Prayer after Communion**

### **SENDING**

#### **Announcements**

**\*Blessing**

ELW p.174

**\*Sending Song**

*"My Life Flows On in Endless Song"*

ELW #763

**\*Dismissal**

Postlude

Partita on Sending Song

(arr. Billie Hayes)

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## Serving Today

### Altar Guild

Lorna and Dennis Cook

### Acolyte

Becky Randall

### Lector

Leslie McCourt

### Organist & Pianist

Billie Hayes

### AV Technicians

CJ Abraham, Larry Rewis

### Ushers for Today

Anna Bratlien, Carrisa Bratlien

## Nursery Available

Nursery Services are available, for those who wish, for children birth to Pre-Kindergarten in the Nursery Room on the North side of the patio.

## Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Join us for a wonderful time of study and discussion focusing on Ephesians. **In Person and on Zoom at 9 a.m. in the Music Room.**

## Stitch-in-Time Quilters

"Stitch-in-time" quilters will meet this Thursday, August 19th from 9 a.m. to noon, in the Fellowship hall. Come join the fun, experience not necessary.

## Plan to attend the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, VIA de CRISTO 2021 Retreat.

Participating in this Renewing and Discipleship Ministry Retreat is most certainly "An invitation to receive a wonderful gift from God". Any person seeking to be strengthened in their relationship with Christ and their witness to others is urged to consider attending. This year the retreat dates are **Thursday Oct 14<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday Oct 17<sup>th</sup>**, and is open to married couples and single men and women. For more information, please contact Jim Clevon, SELC parish representative at 520-678-0414 or eaglelope@cox.net, Pastor Mark Perry, or Linda Perry, Dir. of Faith Formation. Brochures are available in the Narthex and the church office. All application packages should be submitted by August 31, 2021.

## SELC COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM UPDATE

Your COVID-19 Response Team met last Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, to discuss the ramifications of the recent changes in virus data along with the medical guidance regarding these changes. Data shows that Cochise County is now in the “Substantial” category in the spread of the Delta variant of COVID-19 (see <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view> for latest info) and is also in the “High Risk” status according to [www.covidactnow.org](http://www.covidactnow.org). When an area has reached the “substantial” or “high” rate of spread, the CDC recommends that *everyone*- including vaccinated individuals- wear masks in indoor public spaces. Our Grand Canyon Synod Bishop Hutterer, in her August 5<sup>th</sup> letter, also said, “Consistent with past communications from this office, I encourage you to follow the [CDC guidelines](#).”

Because of that, and how we have said all along that we would follow the most accurate data and medical recommendations we could, we are asking as of Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup> that everyone two years and older, whether vaccinated or not, wear a mask while indoors on church property. This applies to all groups using our campus and also precludes any fellowship events involving food, unless they occur outside, such as coffee fellowship on the patio. We will review and reassess this decision on September 7, 2021. We will also return to partaking of communion in the pews and not at the altar.

We trust that there is understanding and appreciation for just how painful and difficult this decision is. It had appeared that we were just turning the corner on the pandemic and beginning to breath more easily when this new variant hit and has spread so rapidly across the nation. But, since for the last sixteen months we have taken on the solemn responsibility to ensure that everyone is kept as safe as possible- especially the most vulnerable- and that we are called by God to “love our neighbor as ourselves,” we believe it is necessary, however dismaying it feels. We ask for your patience and prayers. We WILL get through this with God’s strength and each other’s caring support. As always, we welcome your questions and comments by emailing or calling the church office or talking directly to one of our Response Team members. And remember, the sooner that everyone gets vaccinated who can get vaccinated, the sooner we’ll get through this pandemic.

**GIFT: “Put Aside Worry, Frustration, Fears & Put God in Charge”**

**Philippians 4:6-7 & 1 Peter 5:7**

**TODAY, August 15, 2021 - 10:30 a.m.**

All are invited to join us THIS MORNING for our cross generational time of the generations growing in faith together. As we continue to move forward to the best

of our abilities in these still challenging times, we can find ourselves experiencing many different emotions, from bothered to concerned to agitated, worried, troubled, angry, frazzled, tormented and more! But as followers of Christ, we are called to live in hope, and trust in our faithful God. When we focus on Christ and let God transform our thinking and ways of being, we find the peace that passes understanding and more clarity and energy in what God is calling us to do.

We hope you will join us in this hybrid time together either in the Fellowship Hall or via Zoom. Just click on the link below. Let's take this time together to share more deeply in God's Word and how we can encourage and support one another as the body of Christ at SELC. We also have some practical ideas and helpful insights from a recent webinar about how we can practice self-care and renewal as we strive to serve others and deal with our own daily struggles and stresses.

Topic: GIFT August 15, 2021                      Time: Aug 15, 2021, 10:30 AM Arizona

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81467364809?pwd=bW9ZOHZtR2loRVpwaHhpT2pFWHLVdz09>

Meeting ID: 814 6736 4809                      Passcode: 646282

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SUN 8/15	9:00 AM	Worship Service In-Person / On-line
	10:30 AM	G.I.F.T. in Fellowship Hall / ZOOM
MON 8/16	6:00 PM	Square Dancing - Fellowship Hall
TUE 8/17	9:00 AM	Shepherd's Fold Chapel - Sanctuary
	7:00 PM	Fellowship Hall Reserved
WED 8/18	9:00 AM	Bible Study In-person and Zoom
	11:00 AM	Bell Rehearsal in Sanctuary
	11:00 AM	Shepherd's Fold Board mtg. Fellowship Hall
	12:30 PM	Learning in Faith Together (High School)
	2:30 PM	Confirmation
THUR 8/19	9:00 AM	Stitch-in-Time Quilters in Fellowship Hall
	12:30 PM	Grace Group - Fellowship Hall
	4:30 PM	Council meeting Music Room
	6:00 PM	Square (Plus) Dancing - Fellowship Hall
FRI 8/20		
SAT 8/21	11:00 AM	Jack Hewitt Funeral
SUN 8/22	9:00 AM	Worship Service In-Person / On-line

# FAITH

Every Night In Every Home!

Our FAITH5 verse of the week is Ephesians 5:18b-20: “be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

*(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.

**Please Pray for:** David Fett (associated with Christ the King Lutheran Church in Durango, CO)

**Please Continue to Pray for** Dave Dechant, Carol (Cindy Allen's mom); the family of Frank Trace; Samuel Swasey-Hadlock, Tim Haggerty (friend of the Perry's); James Brunk, Sam Smock (Carolyn Gravatt's brother); Cindy Allen, Jan Huthoefer; the family and friends of Jack Hewitt.