

AUGUST 22, 2021

9:00 AM

Armor of God

Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

Eph. 6:13 NRSV

Belt of Truth

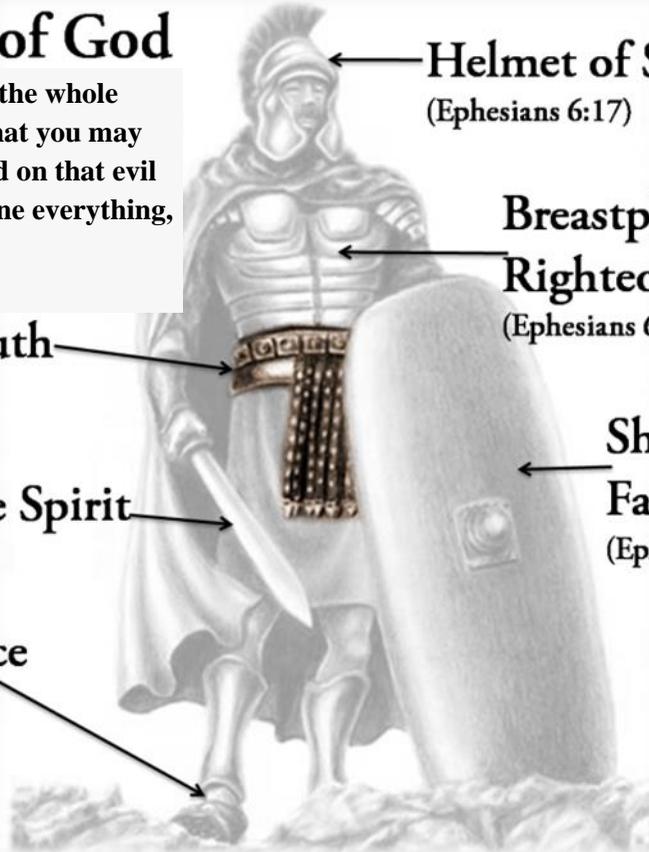
(Ephesians 6:14)

Sword of the Spirit

(Ephesians 6:17)

Shoes of Peace

(Ephesians 6:15)



Helmet of Salvation

(Ephesians 6:17)

**Breastplate of
Righteousness**

(Ephesians 6:14)

**Shield of
Faith**

(Ephesians 6:16)

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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
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, 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 Barb Wirsching, bcswasey@gmail.com
Prayers Can Be Found in The Back of The Bulletin

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

**Flowers Provided by
Barb and Don Williams in memory of Ciaran,
and Marilyn Hewitt in honor of what would have been our 60th Anniversary**

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Psalm 15

James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

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

GATHERING

- Prelude "Praise and Worship Medley" (B. Hayes)
- Welcome
- Confession and Forgiveness
- *Gathering Song "This Is Amazing Grace" Contemporary
- *Greeting ELW p.165
- *Prayer of the Day

WORD

- First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 Pew Bible p. 187-188
- Second Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20 Pew Bible p.952
- *Gospel Acclamation "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"
- *Gospel: John 6:56-69 Pew Bible p.868
- Sermon Pastor Mark Perry

Moment of Silent Reflection

- Special Music "Table of Grace" (Connie Harrington, Anna Hutto)
Duet by Victoria Kiser and Linda Perry, signing by Kalyn Kelly
- *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 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 *(Sung Version)*

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

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

*Dismissal

Postlude

Partita on Sending Song

(arr. Billie Hayes)

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Serving Today

Altar Guild

Lorna and Dennis Cook

Acolyte

Carl McCourt

Lector

Bruce Morris

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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Good Neighbor Alliance shelter on 7th Street needs volunteers to provide dinner on the third Tuesday each month at 6 PM for 11 to 17 people.

I would like to thank our generous volunteers who helped provide meals this year during the pandemic: Janet Pressler, Deanna Sanner, Virginia and Jim Clevon and Lorna and Dennis Cook. You are Good Samaritans! (Penny Crane pitched in when a scheduled cook or couple had an unavoidable conflict).

For more information, or to volunteer, call Penny Crane at 459-0546.

Plan to attend the 25th 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 14th thru Sunday Oct 17th**, 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 applications should be submitted by August 31, 2021.

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.**

THANK YOU FOR WEARING A MASK!

As data shows that Cochise County is in the “High” 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 in the “High” status according to 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.

Because of that we are asking 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. Thank you for your patience and understanding!

LUTHERANS HELP IN TIMES OF CRISIS

With the human tragedies continuing to unfold in Haiti and Afghanistan, the Lutheran Church is there to help through our world-wide agencies of Lutheran World Relief (LWR) and Lutheran Immigration and Relief Services (LIRS). To donate towards help with earthquake relief in Haiti, go to: <https://community.elca.org/haiti-crisis?erid=fb9672f7-c643-4942-988d-2620a9447ffa&trid=fb9672f7-c643-4942-988d-2620a9447ffa> To donate to support the refugee evacuation support and resettlement from Afghanistan for all those who assisted the USA the last 20 years, go to: https://secure2.convio.net/lirs/site/Donation2?df_id=4081&4081.donation=for_m1&mfc_pref=T/ If you want to learn more about these agencies and other ways to help, go to www.ldr.org or www.LIRS.org. If you don't have access to the internet, you're welcome to make checks out to “SELC” and note “Haiti Earthquake” or “Afghan Refugees” and we'll make sure they get to where they need to go. There is much that can be done and is being done beyond what our government can and is doing and Lutherans have been part of that kind of “on the ground” support for over 80 years!

Please Pray for: Donya Brenner, Sierra Vista Public School Children exposed to COVID-19, and Dena Anderson.

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

SUN 8/22	9:00 AM	Worship Service In-Person / On-line
MON 8/23	6:00 PM	Square Dancing - Fellowship Hall
TUE 8/24	9:00 AM	Shepherd's Fold Chapel - Sanctuary
	7:00 PM	Fellowship Hall Reserved
WED 8/25	9:00 AM	Bible Study In-person (Music Rm) and Zoom
	12:30 PM	Learning in Faith Together (High School)
	2:30 PM	Confirmation
THUR 8/26	12:30 PM	Grace Group - Fellowship Hall
	6:00 PM	Square (Plus) Dancing - Fellowship Hall
FRI 8/27	11:00 AM	Bells - Sanctuary
		Salvation Army Meal
SAT 8/28		
SUN 8/29	9:00 AM	Worship Service In-Person / On-line

FAITH

Every Night In Every Home!

Eph. 6:11-12 - Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

(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.