

AUGUST 29, 2021

9:00 AM



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.”

Mark Perry, Pastor
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, 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; for **SEPTEMBER** submit online or to Leslie McCourt, mccourtleslie@gmail.com
Prayers Can Be Found in The Back of The Bulletin

Oil for The Eternal Light provided by Billie Hayes

Flowers Provided by the family of Lois Andersen: Deryk, Kris and Jennifer.

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Psalm 146

James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

Mark 7:24-37

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

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

GATHERING

Prelude "People Need the Lord" (arr. Bill Wolaver)
Billie Hayes, Piano (Dedicated to Victoria Kiser)

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

***Gathering Song** "I Love to Tell the Story" ELW #661

***Greeting** ELW p. 165

***Kyrie** ELW p. 165

***Canticle of Praise** ELW p. 167

***Prayer of the Day**

WORD

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 Pew Bible pp. 140-141

Second Reading: James 1:17-27 Pew Bible pp.980-981

***Gospel Acclamation** ELW p. 171

***Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23** Pew Bible pp. 818-819

Sermon Pastor Mark Perry

Moment of Silent Reflection

Special Music "Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho" (Spiritual, arr. Richard McKee)
Presented by the SELC Handbell Choir, Billie Hayes, Director

***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** *(traditional)*

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

Farewell & Blessing for Victoria & James Kiser

*Sending Song “God Be with You Till We Meet Again” ELW #536

*Dismissal

Postlude Partita on Sending Song (*arr. Billie Hayes*)

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.

ZOOM COFFEE CHAT TODAY!

Join us TODAY after worship, on Zoom, at 10:45 am. We'll be seeing if there's continued interest in this fellowship or not. If you can't make it this Sunday but want to see it continue, at least a few times a month or something, please let email the office to let us know. Zoom invitation:

Topic: August Coffee Chat

Time: Aug 29, 2021 10:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87999486907?pwd=N0E0S2NhM1ltRnRQV2V0ZGhWWU9TZz09>

Meeting ID: 879 9948 6907

Passcode: 858479

One tap mobile: 17207072699,,87999486907#,,, *858479# US (Denver)

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 Cleven 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.

VIA DE CRISTO 2021 RETREAT POSTPONED

Due to the continuing issues and risks concerning of the COVID-19 virus, the Via de Cristo retreat previously scheduled for October 2021 has been postponed until a future date in 2022. For more information, please contact Jim Cleven, SELC parish representative at 520-678-0414.

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=form1&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!

Serving Today

Altar Guild

Lorna and Dennis Cook

Acolyte

Ian Burford

Lector

Helen Perdiue

Organist & Pianist

Billie Hayes

AV Technicians

CJ Abraham, Larry Rewis

Ushers for Today

Anna Bratlien, Carrisa Bratlien

FAITH Every Night In Every Home!

Our FAITH5 verse of the week is Mark 7:14-15

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

(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: Jim Hexberg (fell down flight of stairs) and wife Sandy (friends of Barb and Paul Wirsching); Joyce Maloney, Zack Bradshaw, and Peter, Brynn and their 2 sons, testing positive for CoVid-19.

Please Continue Praying for Donya Brenner, Sierra Vista Public School Children exposed to CoVid-19, Dena Anderson, 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, James Brunk, Sam Smock (Carolyn Gravatt's brother); Cindy Allen, Jan Huthoefer; and the family and friends of Jack Hewitt.

AUGUST 8/29 - 9/5

SUN 8/29	9:00 AM	Worship Service In-Person / On-line
	10:45 AM	Zoom Coffee Fellowship
MON 8/30	6:00 PM	Square Dancing - Fellowship Hall
TUE 8/31	9:00 AM	Shepherd's Fold Chapel - Sanctuary
	7:00 PM	Fellowship Hall Reserved
WED 9/1	9:00 AM	Bible Study In-person - Music Rm and Zoom
	11:00 AM	Bells - Sanctuary
	12:30 PM	Learning in Faith Together - High School
	2:30 PM	Confirmation
THUR 9/2	12:30 PM	Grace Group - Fellowship Hall
	6:00 PM	Square (Plus) Dancing - Fellowship Hall
FRI 9/3		
SAT 9/4		
SUN 9/5	9:00 AM	Worship Service In-Person / On-line
		Coffee Fellowship on Patio
MON 9/6		Office Closed in Observance of Labor Day