

**AUGUST 4, 2019
8:00 AM WORSHIP**



*"life does not consist in an abundance
of possessions" -Luke 12:16*

**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
Amy Janssen, Intern Pastor
Linda Perry, Director of Faith Formation
Larry Rewis, SELC Council President
Cindy Allen, Administrative Assistant
Ministers: The People of SELC

**You Are Invited again to Sunday Worship Services
Next Week at 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.**

Nursery for children Birth - 4 yrs is available at both worship services. Parents are also welcome to use the Comfort Room as a private area to take your infant or young children if you would like. Located just off the Lobby.

WELCOME TO SELC - Please sign your name in the red fellowship pad from the pew rack in front of you. All are welcome at the communion table, regardless of denominational background or life circumstance. To learn more about what it means to be a devoted Christ-follower, and how Baptism is an essential entrance rite into that life of discipleship and service, please talk to the pastor or intern pastor. White grape juice is available as well as gluten-free wafers. Please indicate your preferences to the server.

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

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY for Anne Peterson, Gary Graham, Jack Hewitt, Paul Gregory, the family of Dotti Stotts, Bruce Morris, Johnnie Rae Latham, Juergen and his family, for Phil's family, for the residents of Southern California, Helen Perdiue, Lynn's family, Jenna (Perry) Knauss, Tony Toto, Jan and Don Huthoefer, Bob Reiner, Grady Taylor, Phil, Sue Mount, Rob, Elaine Pinnt, George Abraham, Jane Behsman, Dolly Bessler, Jan Beverlin, Dee Brenner, Clayton, Kriss Larsen, Helen Lecomte, Mahkyla, Carol Moses, the Nowaks, Shawn Nowrey, Pete and Dee Pederson, Caroline Pentecost, Jerry Regan, Roger and Dee Rowley, Virginia Studer, Pam Williams and military personnel everywhere.

Sermon

Pastor Mark Perry

Moment of Silent Reflection

Hymn of the Day

“You Servants of God”

ELW #825

*Apostles’ Creed

*Prayers of the People

*(to the conclusion, “Lord, in your mercy,”
please respond, “hear our prayer.”)*

*Sharing of the Peace

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

(Please share a sign of peace with one another)

MEAL

Offering

Offering Music

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

(arr. B. Hayes)

*Offering Prayer

ELW pg. 144

*Great Thanksgiving

*Dialogue

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*Preface

*Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW pg. 144

*Words of Institution

*Lord’s Prayer

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Invitation to Communion

Communion Song “Lamb of God” ELW pg. 146

Hymns during Communion
 “Bread of Life from Heaven” ELW #474
 “Healer of Our Ev’ry Ill” ELW #612

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Announcements

*Blessing

*Sending Hymn “Praise the Lord! O Heavens” ELW #823

*Dismissal

(Pause for Chimes)

Postlude “Voluntary on the Sending Hymn” (B. Hayes)

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Genesis 15:1-6

Psalm 33:12-22

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Luke 12:32-40

Faith 5 Verse for this week Luke 12:22-23:

²² [Jesus] said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing.

SERVING TODAY

Altar Guild - Ruth Britton,
Sylvia Diamond, Jan Bowie

Acolyte

8:00 a.m. - Rich Radwick

10:45 a.m. - Josh Clark

Deacons/Communion Assistants

8:00 a.m. - Deacon Carl McCourt

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Greeters

8:00 a.m. - Hal and Ro Decker

10:45 a.m. - Richard and Marion
Zimmer

Lectors

8:00 a.m. - Ann Loud

10:45 a.m. - Ted Fichtl

Music Director - Jess Barrera

Organist & Pianist

Billie Hayes, Deb Koltveit

Partners in Praise - Betty Burford,
Victoria Kiser, Linda Perry,
Amy Janssen, Cindy Wiste

AV Technicians - Bill Silvis, Larry
Rewis, CJ Abraham, Fred March,
Dave Dechant

Ushers for Today

8:00 a.m. - *Jim Clevon, Virginia
Clevon, Glen Sanner, Wilma Bell,
Lynn Light, Diana Galecke

10:45 a.m. - *Rich Mount, Gary
Graham, Anna Bratlien

TODAY! RALLY DAY & G.I.F.T. (Generations In Faith Together) at 9:30 a.m.
Jesus Is The Rock! All are invited to join us for our fall kick-off of Faith Formation in this special time together. We will be painting Faith Rocks, sharing in scripture, songs, snacks and fellowship. All children and youth who selected a special rock to paint from our field trip in July, will get a chance to paint their rock! More rocks will be provided for those who did not get to go with us that day. Meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES FOR ALL AGES RESUMES AUGUST 11- at 9:30 am -
Children's classes continue learning from the SPARK curriculum, while the Jr./Sr. High class focus on gospel life application **lessons**.

Adults begin with a 3-session series on "Living in Covenant," with topics including: "Jesus Institutes the New Covenant" (Mark 14, Hebrews 8), "Jesus Seals the New Covenant (Mark 15)" and "The New Covenant's Sacrifice (Hebrews 9)," on following Sundays.

FAITH FORMATION TEAM MEETING - August 6 at 6:30 p.m. - Room 3 - All are invited to attend this monthly meeting as we pray & plan for faith formation ministries here at SELC!

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES RESUME AUGUST 7th at 9-10 am in the Music Room with a new series studying "Old Testament Prophets". Did you know that the books of the prophets take up about the same amount of space in our bibles as the New Testament? What do they have to say to the injustices of their time that still speak to us today? What hope did they instill in the Hebrew people that is still our hope today? How are we called to action ourselves by their words? Come and find out!

GOODBYE AND GOD BLESS FOR INTERN PASTOR AMY JANSSEN - Sunday, August 11th - We will have special Farewell and Godspeed at both worship services for Intern Pastor Amy as she completes her Internship with us. The Internship Committee will be sponsoring a cookie and lemonade reception following each service. Please make sure to join us and send her off in a strong prayerful way! It's not too late to get together and visit with Amy. To schedule a lunch, coffee, dinner or just a time to chat, please contact her at (720) 355-4038 or intern@selcaz.org.

GIFT CARD COLLECTIONS FOR OUR 2019-20 INTERN PASTOR - Our new Intern Pastor, Paul Benz, along with his wife Monica and daughter Joy, are here and settling into our community. As in past years, we are looking to collect a variety of gift cards from local stores as a housewarming and welcome gift to help make the transition a bit easier. **A container is located in the narthex to deposit these gifts.** Let's give them a big Sierra Vista welcome!

SR. HIGH L.I.F.T. (LEAPING IN FAITH TOGETHER) & JR. HIGH CONFIRMATION BEGIN AGAIN! AUGUST 15 - LIFT and Confirmation will resume again each Thursday starting on this date. LIFT is 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Confirmation is 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sr. High are encouraged to stay until 2:45 p.m. to share in our song and praise time together! Please contact Linda Perry regarding transportation arrangements from Buena High and JCMS if you will need a ride!

SELC WOMEN'S SUMMER GATHERING - AUGUST 17th at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies are invited to join together for our summer gathering featuring a study and discussion on the book of Esther. Esther had a voice and so do we!!! Bring your Bible and your July/August issue of your Gather magazine if you have one, copies will be available for those who don't. Coffee will be hot and ready. **It's Coming!!!! Sunrise/Santa Cruz Spring Gathering on March 7th, 2020.** It is our privilege to host the Gathering in 2020! This takes people and planning as it includes preparing and serving lunch to about 75 women. We will begin discussing these plans at the gathering. Please pray and think of how you can be involved with this wonderful time and bless those who will be coming. If you are willing to help, or have questions, please call Linda Radwick at 439-5019.

VIA de CRISTO 2019 - 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 10th thru Sunday Oct 13th.** This weekend is open to married couples and single men and women. For more information or to obtain registration forms 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 and application packages are available in the Narthex and the church office. All application packages should be submitted by August 31, to the church office or to Jim Clevon.

Flowers Provided by Intern Amy Janssen
in thanksgiving for this congregations love and support!

Oil for The Eternal Light Provided by
Don and Barb Williams in loving memory of Ciaran.

TAKING FAITH HOME

Through baptism you have been raised with Christ.

HYMN OF THE WEEK

We Know that Christ Is Raised

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday

Sunday	Luke 12:13-21	Parable of the rich fool
Monday	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23	Wisdom makes sense
Tuesday	Colossians 3:1-11	New life in Christ
Wednesday	1 Peter 1:3-12	A reason for hope
Thursday	Job 42:1-9	Job is humbled
Friday	Colossians 3:12-17	Christ gives meaning to your life
Saturday	Psalms 29:1-12	Don't depend on wealth
Sunday	Luke 12:32-40	Seek treasures in heaven

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. Colossians 3:2-3 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week: Dear Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for the gift of baptism that frees me to live my life for others and for the glory of God. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer: Thank you for this food and for mouths to eat, help us to serve you with our hands and our feet. Amen.

A Blessing to Give: May God clothe you with a new life in Christ. (Colossians 3:4, 10)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What accomplishments of yours would you like others to know about?
- Why is it that for some people successes in life never seem to be enough?
- Is there comfort in knowing that your real identity is hidden from the world until Christ is revealed in glory? Explain.

DEVOTIONS - Read: Colossians 3:1-11.

This passage begins with baptismal imagery (“you have been raised with Christ”) that had already been established in verse 2:12: “When you were buried with him in baptism, you were already raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.” It is important to see the baptismal life in chapter three not as a rejection of bodily, earthly things, but affirming the higher calling in this daily life. In baptism we put to death—repent of—the sin that dwells within and among us (vv. 5-9). We are freed from looking for personal glory (v. 3) to care for others in a way that sees all as united in Christ whether “Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free” (v. 11). What a gift of life: in baptism we are freed from focusing on ourselves—from looking for personal recognition in life—so that the whole body can be served with love. Our lives are hidden in Christ yet also visible as a people united in Christ. Therefore, your life is freed from sin so that you are able to serve others. In what ways do you feel freed in Christ to serve others?

Pray: Gracious Lord Jesus, thank you for freeing me from the need for personal recognition so that I can recognize the need of others. Amen.

SERVICE

In Luke 12:12-21 we find the parable of the rich fool. “Rich toward God” (v. 21) means we are to be generous with the treasures we have and not keep everything for ourselves. The theme of this reading is, “Don’t be greedy, give to the needy!” Begin a tradition of giving up some of the money you might spend going out to eat or to a movie and save it to give to a charity at the end of the year.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Psalm 49:1-12 discusses the folly of trusting in riches as eventually we leave our wealth to others whether we want to or not. Sharing with others our time, talents, treasures, and caring is a Christian tradition. Learning to give to others begins in the home. Place grapes or cookies in a bowl. How many would you need to be satisfied? The foolish rich man would want them all! How about you? Think this week about how you nurture an atmosphere of sharing and giving in your home.

CALENDAR 8/4/19 - 8/11/19

SUN 8/4	8:00 & 10:45 AM	Worship Services
	9:30 AM	Rally Day & G.I.F.T. - Fellowship Hall
MON 8/5		
TUE 8/6	7:45 AM	Exercise Group
	6:30 PM	Faith Formation Team Meeting - Rm#
	7:00 PM	Fellowship Hall Reserved
WED 8/6	9:00 AM	Bible Study - Music Room
THUR 8/8	7:45 AM	Exercise Group
	4:30 PM	Partner's in Praise Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Plus Square Dancers
FRI 8/9	6:00 PM	Square Dancing - Fellowship Hall
SAT 8/10		
SUN 8/11	8:00 & 10:45 AM	Worship Services / Intern Goodbye and God Bless
	9:30 AM	Faith Formation for ALL Ages

Beginning Again!

**Food Donations for Next Sunday Will Go To
PEACHES PANTRY.**
