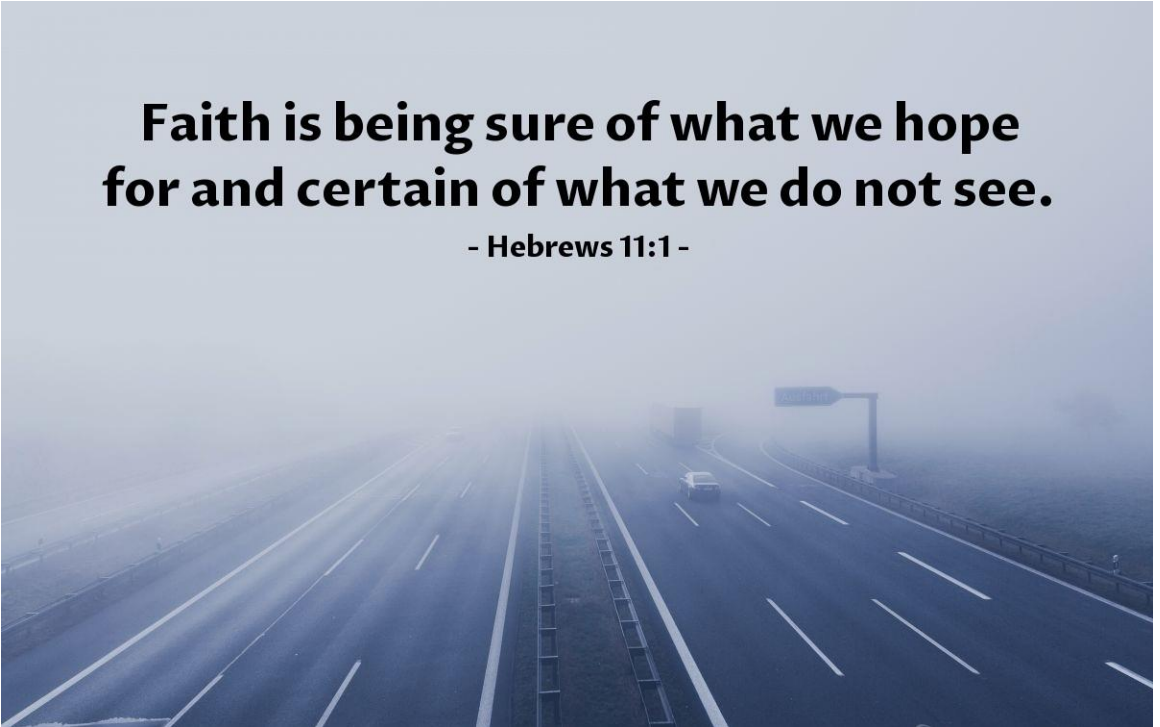


**AUGUST 11, 2019
10:45 AM WORSHIP**

**Faith is being sure of what we hope
for and certain of what we do not see.**

- Hebrews 11:1 -



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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 AUGUST can be submitted online at www.selcaz.org or to Sunny Fichtl at sunnyf@cox.net.

PLEASE PRAY for Jake, Ashley Ricks, and for the friends of Doris Hayutin. Please continue to pray for Anne Peterson, Gary Graham, Paul Gregory, Sully Mix, 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, 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.

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(* = Please stand as you are able)

GATHERING

Pre-Service Song “Who You Say I Am” (Fielding/Morgan)

Welcome

Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness

*Gathering Song “How Great Thou Art” ELW #856

*Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6 Pew Bible pg. 10; SPARK Bible pg. 30

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Pew Bible pg. 977

*Gospel Acclamation “Thy Word” (*refain 2x*)

*Gospel: Luke 12:32-40 Pew Bible pg. 847

Children’s Time

Special Music “Come as You Are” (Crowder)
Presented by Betty Burford

Sermon Intern Pastor Amy Janssen

Moment of Silent Reflection

Song of the Day

“We Walk by Faith”

ELW #635

***Apostles’ Creed**

***Prayers of the People**

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

***Sharing of the Peace**

MEAL

Offering

Offering Music

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

(A. J. Gordon)

***Offering Prayer**

***Holy Communion / Words of Institution**

Lord’s Prayer *(sung version)

Invitation to Communion

Songs during Communion

“Walk by Faith”

(Jeremy Camp)

Presented by Jess Barrera

“Baptized and Set Free”

ELW #453

***Communion Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

SENDING

Blessing and Sending of Intern Pastor Amy Janssen

***Prayer of Good Courage**

L: O God,

C: You have called us to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Sending Song** **“Blessed Be Your Name”** (Matt & Beth Redman)

***Dismissal**

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

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Psalm 82

Hebrews 11:29--12:2

Luke 12:49-56

Faith 5 Verse for this week Hebrews 11:1:

*¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen.*

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 Jane Strain

10:45 a.m. - Deacon Carl McCourt

Greeters

8:00 a.m. - Phil and Susan Wralstad

10:45 a.m. - Jan Bowie, Carol

Jordahl

Lectors

8:00 a.m. - Barb Williams

10:45 a.m. - Katie Russel

Music Director - Jess Barrera

Organist & Pianist

Billie Hayes, Deb Koltveit

Partners in Praise - Betty Burford,
Victoria Kiser, Linda Perry,

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

Ushers for Today

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

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

TODAY: GOODBYE AND GOD BLESS FOR INTERN PASTOR AMY JANSSEN - 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 is sponsoring a cookie & lemonade reception on the patio, following each service.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES FOR ALL AGES RESUMES - 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 are in 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.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES 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 find out!

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.

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! Paul and family will join with us in worship on August 18, and Paul’s Instillation Service will be August 25.

WELCOME ICE CREAM SOCIAL FOR INTERN PASTOR PAUL BENZ - AUGUST 25TH AT 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please come and give Paul, his wife Monica and daughter Joy a warm SELC welcome. We’ll let you have a chance to ask him questions and he will get the same opportunity. The Internship Committee will organize and provide ice cream and some toppings. You are invited to bring additional toppings or ice cream if you would like. Contact Barbara Williams at 459-2759 for more information.

CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN ON AUGUST 28th at 7pm. Been in choir already? Thinking you'd like to come sing with us? Come and check us out, we are looking forward to a great year ahead. If you have any questions, please email Jess Barrera at jbarrera2277@pointloma.edu.

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 Ann Nowak in celebration of Lenore Dutton's birthday

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

TAKING FAITH HOME

Our God is the God of hope and promise.

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Have No Fear, Little Flock

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday

Sunday	Luke 12:32-40	Seek treasures in heaven
Monday	Genesis 15:1-6	God's covenant with Abram
Tuesday	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	The meaning of faith
Wednesday	James 2:14-26	Faith without works is dead
Thursday	Romans 1:8-17	The power of the gospel
Friday	1 Timothy 6:11-19	The good fight of faith
Saturday	Psalms 33:12-22	Trust only in God
Sunday	Luke 12:49-56	Following Jesus causes division

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, help us to trust the assurances you give us that we may lead lives of conviction shaped by your kingdom of grace. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Thank you for filling our bodies with food and our hearts with trust in you. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of steadfast love be upon you and give you hope. (Psalm 33:22)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- What does it mean when someone promises to do something for you?
- What is something you hope for? How is faith like hope?
- How does hope in God's promises give you strength and courage for each day?

DEVOTIONS: *Read:* Luke 12:32-40.

In Luke you have the heart of God's care expressed directly and simply on the lips of Jesus: "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" (v. 32). It is immediately followed by strong marching orders: sell what you have and give to the poor; be ready for action; don't be in the dark; be alert because you don't know when the Son of Man is coming. Clearly, these words are not cause for fear, but for readiness for life in the kingdom. We are part of God's "little flock" that is cared for with abundant hope and promise from God. What more can we ask for? This life of faith does not lead to complacency but action, including the action of giving what you have to others. Doing that places your heart squarely in the kingdom because where your treasure is—where you invest your wealth—shapes your heart to be loyal to that cause (v. 34). When you want to feel the love of God in your heart, you give to causes consistent with Mary's description of God who "lifted up the lowly; he . . . filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty" (Luke 1:52b-53). In what ways can you give your treasure and have your heart renewed?

Pray: God of hope and promise, we thank you for your words of comfort and assurance and for your words of action that celebrate life in your kingdom, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE: In James 2:14-26 we learn that faith without works is dead and that works without faith is also dead. If you have not as yet seen the movie *Amazing Grace*, make time to do so—it illustrates how a person of faith, William Wilberforce, was used by God to change the world for the better! Who have been examples of faith through their actions to you? Write letters to these people, thanking them for their example.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS: In Luke 12:35, Jesus told his followers to be dressed for action and have their lamps lit to wait for him like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding party. Gather a candle for each member of your family. When you sit down for meals this week, light the candles and say these words:

Leader: Be dressed and ready for service and keep your lamps burning.

Response: For Jesus, our master, is coming.

CALENDAR 8/11/19 - 8/18/19

SUN 8/11	8:00 & 10:45 AM	Worship Services / Intern Amy Goodbye and God Bless
	9:30 AM	Faith Formation for ALL Ages
MON 8/12	11:00 AM	Fellowship Team Meeting - Fellowship Hall
	11:00 AM	Stewardship Team Meeting - Music Room
TUE 8/13	7:45 AM	Exercise Group
	7:00 PM	Fellowship Hall Reserved
WED 8/14	9:00 AM	Bible Study - Music Room
	11:00 AM	Shepherd's Fold Board Meeting - Music Room
THUR 8/15	7:45 AM	Exercise Group
	9:00 AM	Stitch-In-Time Quilters - Fellowship Hall
	12:30 PM	LIFT - Sr. High Youth Room
	2:30 PM	Confirmation - Jr. High Youth Room
	4:30 PM	Partner's in Praise Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Plus Square Dancers
FRI 8/16	6:00 PM	Square Dancing - Fellowship Hall
SAT 8/17	9:00 AM	Women's Gathering - Fellowship Hall
SUN 8/18	8:00 & 10:45 AM	Worship Services
	9:30 AM	Faith Formation for ALL Ages

Food Donations for Next Sunday Will Go to St. Vincent de Paul.