



# **Sermon Series: “What Is Truth?”**

## **Part 1: Introduction**

**AUGUST 25, 2019**  
**10:45 AM WORSHIP**

**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  
Paul Benz, 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](http://www.selcaz.org) or to Sunny Fichtl at [sunnyf@cox.net](mailto:sunnyf@cox.net).

**PLEASE PRAY** for Ashley Hankerson, Pastor Tom Dunham, Jen, Chris Spahr, family of Kaylie (daughter of Scott Schultz), Jake, Ashley Ricks, baby Lily and the Bills family, 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.

## ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(\* = Please stand as you are able)

### GATHERING

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

Welcome

Rite of Installation of Intern Pastor Paul Benz

\*Gathering Song                      “How Great is Our God”                      (Tomlin, Cash, Reeves)

\*Prayer of the Day

### WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 58:9b-14                      Pew Bible pg. 601

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-29                      Pew Bible pg. 979

\*Gospel Acclamation                      “Thy Word” (*refrain 2x*)

\*Gospel: Luke 13:10-17                      Pew Bible pg. 848

Children’s Time

Special Music      “So Will I (100 Billion Times)”                      (Houston, Hastings, Fatkin)  
Presented by Partners In Parise

Sermon                      “What Is Truth?”                      Pastor Mark Perry

*Moment of Silent Reflection*

\*Hymn of the Day                      “You Are the Way”                      ELW #758

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



## Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Proverbs 25:6-7

Psalm 112

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14

### Faith 5 Verse for this week Isaiah 58:10:

“...if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.”

## SERVING TODAY

**Altar Guild** - Ruth Britton,  
Sylvia Diamond, Jan Bowie

### Acolyte

8:00 a.m. - Carl McCourt

10:45 a.m. - Cris Clark

### Deacons/Communion Assistants

8:00 a.m. - Deacon Jane Strain

10:45 a.m. - Deacon Carrisa  
Bratlien

### Greeters

8:00 a.m. - Leslie McCourt, Jean  
Hall

10:45 a.m. - Joanne March, Rhea  
Scott

### Lectors

8:00 a.m. - Jill Osterman

10:45 a.m. - Gary Peterson

**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 Clevon, Virginia  
Clevon, Glen Sanner, Wilma Bell,  
Lynn Light, Diana Galecke

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

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING OFFERED TODAY** immediately following each service. Please come to the altar rail for laying on of hands and prayers.

**TODAY! WELCOME ICE CREAM SOCIAL FOR INTERN PASTOR PAUL BENZ - 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 provides 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 THURSDAY, AUGUST 29th at 7pm.** (*Note day change.*) 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. We meet in the Sanctuary. If you have any questions, please email Jess Barrera at [jbarrera2277@pointloma.edu](mailto:jbarrera2277@pointloma.edu).

**HYMN SING SUNDAY - September 8 with ONE Worship Service at 9:00 am** - Mark your calendars and join us for a wonderful worship service of song. Please Note: There will be NO Faith Formation Classes this week. Classes will resume on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>! (Please suggest hymns to sing if you would like.)

**SELC CHURCH POTLUCK PICNIC - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th starting at 12 Noon at Len Roberts Park, 101 E. Theater Dr.** Join us for a great day of fun and fellowship! Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to share. Lemonade, iced tea and water will be provided. There will be ice cream too! We will have use of the whole park for the picnic and the water feature (don't forget to bring towel and dry clothes.) There will be games such as corn hole, kick ball and water balloon toss with prizes for the winners. For more information contact Deanna Sanner 803-0576 or Sandy Urlie-Hall 895-8376. **Don't forget to bring your lawn chair.**

**JOINT YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT! KRAZY KRITTERS/KIDS HELPING KIDS - SEPTEMBER 14** - All Jr. & Sr. High Youth are to meet at in the church parking lot at 8:00 a.m. to carpool over with youth from SVUMC, St. Stephen's Episcopal & United Church of Christ to help out at the Krazy Kritters Goat Sanctuary. We will work until 11:30 a.m. then come back to the Fellowship Hall for pizza, salad and watermelon and to share about our experience, then we will head to Pueblo Del Sol for fun time in the pool together! If you have questions or need more information, contact Linda Perry at [dff@selcaz.org](mailto:dff@selcaz.org) and be sure to sign up with her so we can arrange transportation! This will be a very special and unique service project and a great way to get to know other youth in our community!

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY UPDATE!** A Very Special Thank You to Virginia Wickizer. Virginia has long led the Prayer Shawl Ministry, but after many years of faithful service she has decided that it is time to pass on the torch. Pat Bogan has volunteered head this loving ministry, but she needs your help. If you make prayer shawls, want to make them or if you have ideas or information to make an easier transition, please contact Pat at 458-1363 or email her at pabogan@gmail.com. The group can also use any yarn suitable for the shawls.

**VIA de CRISTO 2019 - October 10<sup>th</sup> thru October 13<sup>th</sup>.** 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 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, 2019 to the church office or to Jim Clevon.**

**CONTINUOUS COMMUNION AT 8 AM** - Just a friendly “heads up,” that, for three Sundays starting 9/1/19, our Worship and Music committee decided we would experiment with a “continuous communion” practice at the 8 am worship service. That means instead of receiving a spoken blessing after each side of the altar rail has received communion before going back to the pews, we will have ONE blessing for everyone at the conclusion of communion. After you have received the bread and wine or a blessing you simply leave the altar rail to return to your seat when you feel ready to do so. We are One Body of Christ and communion is a beautiful way of showing that. This is one way to experience that reality. We’ll evaluate this practice in three weeks. Your comments are welcomed at that time.

**Flowers Provided by**

Jack and Marilyn Hewitt in celebration of their 58<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Oil for The Eternal Light Provided by**

Don and Barb Williams in loving memory of Ciaran.

**THE TAKING FAITH HOME DEVOTIONAL IS LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX.**

**CALENDAR 8/25/19 - 9/1/19**

SUN 8/25	8:00 & 10:45 AM	Worship Services / Installation of Intern Pastor Paul Benz
	9:30 AM	Faith Formation for ALL Ages
	6:30 PM	
MON 8/26		
TUE 8/27	7:45 AM	Exercise Group
	7:00 PM	Fellowship Hall Reserved
WED 8/28	9:00 AM	Bible Study - Music Room
THUR 8/29	7:45 AM	Exercise Group
	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	Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
	7:00 PM	Plus Square Dancers
FRI 8/30	6:00 PM	Square Dancing - Fellowship Hall
SAT 8/31	9:00 AM	Shepherd's Fold Training - Fellowship Hall
SUN 9/1	8:00 & 10:45 AM	Worship Services / In-Home Communion
	9:30 AM	Faith Formation for ALL Ages
MON 9/2		Office Closed in Observance of Labor Day

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