



**DECEMBER 6, 2020
10:00 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.”

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Ministers: The People of SELC

**SELC SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:00 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 December can be submitted online at www.selcaz.org or to Leslie McCourt at mccourtleslie@gmail.com

Please pray for Doug (Ginny Anton's brother); Marilyn Hoerr; John and Roz Pintek; the Family of Bill Henson; Dee Brenner. **Please continue to pray for** the Selzares family (Jeannette Johansson's cousin); the family of John Coldwell (Candy Hale's cousin); the Glass family (Candy Hale's sister and family); George Renbeck and Anya; for Sandy Stephenson and family at the passing of her brother Kim, the family of Carolyn Pentecost; the family of Hank Webster, Eric Grabel, Sue Crawley; peace for our Nation; the family of Paul Wirsching Jr.; Kevin Johnson, Jim Andrew; Karen Cottrell (Jessica Waller's mother), Rich Mount, Greg Mitchell, Bob Jost; Ingemarie Fulford, Greta, Kevin Randolph (Doris Randolph's son); Mary Alexander; John and Mary Alexander (Mary's son and daughter-in-law); Clayton (Helen Perdiue's son), Norm Grahn, Samantha Howard (Carol Jordahl's great niece); Don Huthoefer, Sharon Keen, Jake, Makayla Margulies, Michael, Anne Nowak, Jerry Regan, Bob Reiner, the Rewis family, Dee Rowley, Dee Stickley, Bob Strain, Verona Webb, John Williams; Wyman (Julie March's cousin), The Navajo Evangelical Mission at Rock Point; the filling of Council positions; people who are in lockdown in facilities and affected by the virus; military personnel everywhere.

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Announcements

*Blessing

*Sending Hymn (*Sung by soloist*) ELW #244; vss. 1, 3-4
“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

*Dismissal

(Pause for Chimes)

Postlude

Oil for The Eternal Light provided b
Ruth Britton in honor of grandchildren’s baptisms.

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Psalm 126

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

SELC Worship Services will be virtual and online only. NO In-person worship. It is with heavy hearts the SELC Covid Response Team has decided to go back to **no in-person worshipping** starting immediately. Due to the increase in COVID 19 cases in Cochise County, and directly in Sierra Vista, it would be prudent at this time to limit worship to less than 10 in the sanctuary and live streaming services for the near future. **SELC Worship Services - Sunday's 10:00 am (until 1/3/21) -** Worship with us livestreamed online at our website, on YouTube and Facebook.

ZOOM COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TIME at 11:30 am

Join us for informal conversation and catching up. Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/95456616864?pwd=YnVPQXBuUjZWOWl2TXlqaS9nYWNRUT09>
Meeting ID: 954 5661 6864
Passcode: 551502
One tap mobile
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A "ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME" WAY TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

The joy of the Good News of the Christ Child continues to be celebrated each and every year- no matter what. That's just as true during this pandemic as in any other season. Because of rapidly increasing infection and hospitalization rates, we observe special precautions and protocols while still carrying on true worship and service to Him above all others.

This means that this year we will provide a very creative and unique way to celebrate Christmas here at SELC. Instead of the typical in person worship services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, which now may bring particular increased risks because of out of city and state guests, we will be putting together a virtual Christmas worship experience that will be like no other! It will feature special instrumentalists, singers, children's message, dramatic readings, and Pastor's Christmas message. It will be available on our website and on DVD for those who don't have online capabilities. We recognize this isn't ideal and that we grieve losing some of our traditions but, as difficult as the decision was to make, our COVID-19 Response Team and Worship and Music Committee unanimously agreed that it is in the best interest of all to provide this alternative offering. Watch for more details to come. (If you have further questions, please contact Beth Dechant, Worship & Music Committee Chairperson, 520-458-8088).

THERE WILL NOT BE ANY WEDNESDAY ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES THIS YEAR.
We hope you'll enjoy the 'at home' Advent kits so many picked up!

**“REMINDER OF THESE GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:
See Monday Messenger for more details.”**

Brighten Christmas For Older Adults with LSS-SW - Older adults are experiencing more isolation than ever this year. Brighten this Christmas for over 1,300 older adults with donations of new towels and soap from local small businesses. Donations can be dropped off at any of their offices by December 10th for timely delivery to those in need. Visit lss-sw.org/christmas-2020 to learn more, buy soap, and see locations.

Christmas Needs for Las Fronteras Ministry (fronteras.azdiocese.org) - Donations of love and mercy are needed for the migrant, refugee, and asylum-seeking families on our southern border. Donations and gifts can be delivered to St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church, 2750 E. Cardinal Drive, Sierra Vista, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, or Saturdays at 5:00 pm. A list of ideas is in the Monday 11/30 Messenger.

Stocking Stuffers Financial Donations Still Being Received - We are still inviting help to make a donation to our Stocking Stuffer Fund for needy families with children, please make checks payable to SELC and note “Stocking Stuffers” in the memo line. The children receive clothing, pajamas, underwear, shoes, and a coat if needed.

WORSHIP SERVICE TIME CHANGE: Please note our Worship and Music committee decided that we will go to a 9:00 am in person and livestreamed worship service as of January 3, 2021. This will be more conducive to our Coffee Fellowship and GIFT ministries, as well as hopefully meet the scheduling needs of more people.

FAITH Every Night In Every Home!

Our FAITH5 verse of the week is Mark 1:2-3:

“As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,
“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,’ ”

(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.

Be creative! Stay open to the Holy Spirit!