



**DECEMBER 13, 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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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 Dee Brenner, Chris Brenner; Diane Conrad (Sue and Rich Mount's Daughter); Doris Rasmussen (Helen Perdiue's mother); Kendall (the Radwicks grandson); Kirsten (Lisa Sherry's daughter.) **Please continue to pray for** Doug (Ginny Anton's brother); Marilyn Hoerr; John and Roz Pintek; the Family of Bill Henson; Dee Brenner; 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 Gabel, 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); 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, 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.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
ELW Holy Communion Setting Three
(* = Please stand as you are able)

GATHERING

Chimes *(Please observe silence as soon as the chimes are played to assist with preparation for worship.)*

Prelude "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" (B. Hayes)
(You may wish to light a candle or two during this time in your home)

Welcome

***Confession & Forgiveness / Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

***Gathering Hymn** *(Sung by soloist)*
"On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry" ELW #249; vss. 1-4

***Greeting**

***Prayer of the Day**

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

***Gospel Acclamation** ELW p.142; spoken

***Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28**

Sermon Pastor Mark Perry

Moment of Silent Reflection

Offering Moment - *As this gift of special music is offered, we also 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.*

Special Music

Presented by SELC Handbell Choir

"Angels We Have Heard on High" with "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

***Apostles' Creed**

ELW p.104

***Prayers of the People**

***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

***Great Thanksgiving (*spoken*)**

***Dialogue**

ELW pg.144

***Preface**

***Holy, Holy, Holy (*spoken*)**

ELW pg.144

***Words of Institution**

***Lord's Prayer**

ELW pg.145

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).

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Announcements

*Blessing

*Sending Hymn (*Sung by soloist*)

“People, Look East”

ELW #248; vss. 1, 3-4

*Dismissal

(Pause for Chimes)

Postlude

Partita on "People, Look East"

(B. Hayes, Organ)

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

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Luke 1:46b-55

Romans 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TODAY - All are invited to join us for informal conversation and “catching up” during our Sunday “Coffee Fellowship” Zoom time at 11:30 am, Sunday, 12/13/20. Here’s the Zoom invite:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95485969672?pwd=WThtOStPNTc2aEljTko4aTlHVVAzQT09>

Meeting ID: 954 8596 9672 Passcode: 498668

One tap mobile +16699009128,,95485969672#,,,,,0#,,498668# US (San Jose)

ONLINE-ONLY WORSHIP RESUMES - Because of the dramatic increase in infection rates in our County which, according to one report, are now worse per capita than even Maricopa County, your COVID-19 Response Team made the painful decision last week to again suspend in-person worship until further notice. All worship services continue to be accessible on our website, www.selcaz.org, along with DVDs delivered to those without online capabilities. As was shared in last Monday’s Messenger, this also includes Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship, which will feature special instrumentalists, singers, children’s message, dramatic readings, and Pastor’s Christmas message. We recognize this isn’t ideal and that we grieve losing some of our traditions but. Watch for more details to come. (If you have further questions, please contact Beth Dechant, Worship & Music Committee Chairperson, 520-458-8088).

REMINDER OF GIVING OPPORTUNITIES: *See Monday Messenger for 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.

✝ *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 John 1:7-8:
“[John] came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.”

(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!