

DECEMBER 27, 2020  
10:00 AM WORSHIP



*Lessons and Carols for Christmas*

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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](http://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. All our worship services are also available for viewing on YouTube. Search for, “SELC of Sierra Vista AZ” (and be sure to capitalize AZ.)

**Please pray for** Diana Galecke’s sister Jean; CJ's friend Marilyn and her family at the passing of her husband Hugh; the family of Elmer Lease; the family of Lisa Adeli, Journey Juhl (Amber Brenner's fiance) and Debbie Greer. **Please continue to pray for** Daniel Urlie, Peg Reidenbaugh, Dolly Bessler, Deb Brown, the Pohlman Family; Gary Graham, Charlie DeMeo, Karen Cottrell (Jessica Waller's mother); Jackie and the family of Connie Olmsted; John Shaver and Prestige residents; Aunt Marsha (Aunt of Erin Stephenson's friend); the Gorman family (Anne Nowak's caregiver's family); Dee Brenner, Chris Brenner; Diane Conrad (Sue and Rich Mount's Daughter); Doris Rasmussen (Helen Perdiue's mother); Kendall (the Radwicks grandson); for Doug (Ginny Anton's brother); Marilyn Hoerr; John and Roz Pintek; the Selzares family (Jeannette Johansson's cousin); the Glass family (Candy Hale's sister and family); George Renbeck and Anya (Kim Renbeck's father); Rich Mount, Ingemarie Fulford, Kevin Randolph (Doris Randolph's son); Mary Alexander; John and Mary Alexander (Mary's son and daughter-in-law); Sue Crawley (Cindy Wiste's sister); Norm Grahn, Samantha Howard (Carol Jordahl's great niece); Don Huthoefer, Sharon Keen, Jake, Makayla Margulies (Virginia Napolitano's grandniece), Michael (Lisa Mitchell's nephew), 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; peace for our nation; the filling of Council positions; people who are in lockdown in facilities and affected by the virus, and military personnel everywhere.

LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR CHRISTMAS  
FIRST SUNDAY IN CHRISTMAS  
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 Paul Gregory, Organ  
"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" (Don Wyrzten)

*(You may wish to light a candle or two during this time in your home)*

Welcome

\*Gathering Song "Joy to the World" ELW #267

\*Opening Dialog

\*Opening Day

LESSONS AND CAROLS

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-5, 14-18 Bruce Morris

Carol "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" ELW #275; vss. 1 & 4

Second Reading: Micah 5:2-5a Leslie McCourt

Carol "O Little Town of Bethlehem" ELW #279; vss. 1 & 4

Third Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

Carol "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" ELW #282; vss. 1, 3-4

Fourth Reading: Luke 2:8-20

Carol "Away in a Manger" ELW #277; vss. 1 & 3

Fifth Reading: Luke 2:21

Carol "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" ELW #270; vss. 1-2

Sixth Reading: John 1:1-14

Carol "Love Has Come" ELW #292; vss. 1 & 3

Pastoral Reflection Pastor Mark Perry

Responsive 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

**\*Holy Communion** (*Words of Institution*)

**\*Lord's Prayer** ELW p.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).*

**Post-Communion Prayer**

## SENDING

**Announcements**

**\*Blessing**

**\*Sending Hymn**

**“Go Tell It On the Mountain”**  
Kalyn Kelly, American Sign Language

**ELW #290**

**\*Sending**

**(Pause for Chimes)**

**Postlude**

**“Joy to the World”**

**(Albin C. Whitworth)**

**PRAYER REQUESTS** for the month of **January** can be submitted online at **[www.selcaz.org](http://www.selcaz.org)** or to Cindy Wiste at **[cindywiste@gmail.com](mailto:cindywiste@gmail.com)**

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

**Next Sunday**

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Psalm 147:12-20

Ephesians 1:3-14

John 1:[1-9] 10-18

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## **SERVICE OF CHRISTMAS LESSONS & CAROLS - 10:00 am**

Join us online again as we continue our Christmas worship, livestreaming at 10 am (also available for viewing after that). We'll hear various Christmas Bible readings and join in singing many of our favorite Christmas carols. You're invited to share in Holy Communion at home as well.

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## **WORSHIP SERVICE TIME CHANGE IN THE NEW YEAR**

Please note that our Worship and Music Committee decided that SELC livestreamed-only worship will take place at **9:00 am, starting January 3, 2021**. This will better serve our Fellowship and Faith Formation ministries going forward. (It is intended that we offer two worship services again after the pandemic is over.) Services available for viewing on our website: [www.selcaz.org](http://www.selcaz.org) as well as on Facebook: Sierra Evangelical Lutheran Church and YouTube: search for, "SELC of Sierra Vista AZ" (and be sure to capitalize AZ.)

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## **2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES AND END OF YEAR GIVING**

We are praising God for the continued faithful generosity of our members and friends as we conclude 2020 in the black financially! Thank you also to all who already picked up offering envelopes and the increased number who signed up for Vanco online giving. If you have yet to pick up your offering envelopes, they're available in the church office. If unable to pick up or for more information, contact Financial Secretary, Sandy Stephenson, 520-378-4678.

Reminder: Offerings need to be turned in by Dec. 29, 2020, in order to be counted for End-of-Year 2020.

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## **HOLIDAY CHANGES:**

- \* Church Office closed Monday, Dec. 28, 2020
- \* No Coffee Fellowship this coming Sunday, 12/27/2020
  - \* No "Monday Messenger" next week, 12/28/2020
- \* Church Office closed Friday, Jan. 1, 2021 - New Year's Day
  - \* No Confirmation or Youth Group until Jan. 6, 2021

# FAITH Every Night In Every Home!

**Our FAITH5 verse of the week is John 1:14:  
And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have  
seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace  
and truth.**

*(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

**Share** your highs and lows of the day with one another.



READ

**Read** the verse of the week and if time permits, the Bible story that pertains to the Scripture of the week.



TALK

**Talk** about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows of the day or how it's speaking to you.



PRAY

**Pray** for one another's highs and lows and other prayer requests.



BLESS

**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!**