

**December 8, 2019  
10:45 a.m. 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 10:45 worship service. 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 NOVEMBER can be submitted online at [www.selcaz.org](http://www.selcaz.org) or to Leslie McCourt at [mccourtleslie@gmail.com](mailto:mccourtleslie@gmail.com).

**PLEASE PRAY** Michael and Debi Brown; Toni Joyce; Stephanie and Michael. Please continue to pray for the family of Carol Coss; Will Maynard and family; Caroline Davidson, Dave Hinkelman; Barb and Paul Wirsching, Kathy Krompacs, Duane Wiste, Jerry Waller, Sylvia Diamond and family; Jan Bowie, Maggie Vaughn; John Alexander and his wife Mary; Janet Bobar and family; Ty Grube, Doug Hamp, Faye Toto, Kurt P., Joanne March, Chris Brenner, Rich Mount; Bob Reiner; George Abraham; Jim and Pam Andrew; Jane Behsman, Jan Bevelin, Dee Brenner; the Bills family; Clayton; Don and Jan Huthoefer; Johnnie Rae Latham, Helen Lecomte, Jake, Makayla Margulies, Sully Mix, Anne Nowak, Shawn Nowery; Pete and Dee Pederson; Helen Perdiue, Jerry Regan; Roger and Dee Rowley; Virginia Studer, Grady Taylor, Bridget Watson, Virginia Wickizer and military personnel everywhere.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
(\* = Please stand as you are able)

**GATHERING**

Pre-service Song            “I Am The Light Of The World”            (Kelly Joe Phelps)

Welcome

\*Confession and Forgiveness / Lighting of the Advent Candle

\*Gathering Song            “Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)”            (Casting Crowns)

Prayer of the Day

**WORD**

\*First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10            Pew Bible p. 558; SPARK Bible p. 172

\*Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13            Pew Bible pg. 924

\*Gospel Acclamation            “Thy Word” (refrain)

\*Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12            Pew Bible pgs. 784

Children’s Time

Choir Anthem            “Prepare the Way of The Lord”            (William Rowan)

Sermon            Pastor Mark Perry

*Moment of Silent Reflection*

\*Hymn of the Day            “On Jordan’s Banks”            ELW #249

\*Apostles’ Creed

**\*Prayers of the People** *(to the conclusion, “Hear us O God,”  
please respond, “Your mercy is great.”)*

**\*Sharing of the Peace**

## MEAL

**Offering**

**Offering Music**                    “Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”                    (German Carol)

**\*Offering Prayer**

**\*Holy Communion / Words of Institution**

**\*Lord’s Prayer**

**Invitation to Communion**

**Communion Song**                    “Lamb of God”                    ELW pg. 146

*(During Advent, reflective instrumental music is played during communion.)*

**Prayer after Communion**

## SENDING

**Announcements**

**\*Blessing**

**\*Sending Hymn**                    “He Came Down”                    ELW #253

**\*Dismissal**

**Postlude**                    “Voluntary on Sending Song”                    (arr. B. Hayes)

## Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalm 146:5-10

Luke 1:46b-55 (alternate)

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

## SERVING TODAY

### Altar Guild

Connie Kelher, Linda Radwick,  
Ruth Britton

### Acolyte

8:00 a.m. - Rich Radwick

10:45 a.m. - Mariana Martinez

### Deacons/Communion Assistants

8:00 a.m. - Deacon Carl McCourt

10:45 a.m. - Deacon Carrisa  
Bratlien

### Lector

8:00 a.m. - Linda Radwick

10:45 a.m. - Bruce Morris

### Greeters

8:00 a.m. - Myrna Meyer, Frankie  
Appelin

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

### Interim Music and Choir Director

Sunny Fichtl, Deb Koltveit

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. - \*Monty and Carol  
Brandes, Sylvia Diamond, Greg Paul  
10:45 a.m. - \*Anna Bratlien, Gary  
Peterson, Richard Zimmer

**CHRISTMAS CONGREGATIONAL POTLUCK AND CAROL SING TONIGHT! 5:00 pm SELC Fellowship Hall** - Bring your own Christmas place setting and utensils and, of course, a dish to share. Beverages will be supplied. Billie Hayes will be at the piano! This is always a wonderful evening of preparation for the celebration of our Savior's birth. Hosted by the SELC Women.

**"TIDINGS OF COMFORT AND JOY: A MIDWEEK ADVENT SERIES"** Continuing on **Wednesdays, 12/11, 12/18 - 10:15 am & 6:30 pm** - Weekly Themes: Week 2. The Angel Speaks to Joseph's Confusion (Matthew 1:18-25); Week 3. The Angel Speaks to Mary's Doubt (Luke 1:26-38) The evening service features Holden Evening Prayer.

**LADIES MOVIE AND COOKIE EXCHANGE - Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm** All Women are Invited! Dorcas circle will be hosting a cookie exchange and the showing of the movie "Babette's Feast" in the Fellowship Hall. This is a free event. Cookie Exchange: If you would like to take part in the cookie exchange, bring a dozen cookies to add to the exchange and you will go home with a dozen. Questions Call Linda Radwick 439-5019.

**SELC CHANCEL CHOIR CHRISTMAS CANTATA WORSHIP SERVICE - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am only-** the choir will present **"CHRISTMAS DREAMS"** by Joseph Martin and Heather Sorenson, directed by Deb Koltveit and accompanied by Billie Hayes along with other musicians from the community.

**G.I.F.T. (Generations In Faith Together) DECEMBER 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.** Following the Cantata. We welcome all to this special time together to share in fellowship with one another and Advent Joy! We'll have some hot breakfast items, like burritos, to enjoy with other snacks and drinks! There will be a simple ceramic Advent ornament to decorate and take home for those who wish to do so!

**SHEPHERD'S FOLD CHRISTMAS PAGEANT- DECEMBER 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm-** All are invited to join us for this wonderful time as our children will present the true story of Christmas. "No Room at the Inn." Held in the SELC Fellowship Hall.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING OUTREACH WITH PIZZA PARTY AFTER!! DECEMBER 22 AT 2:00 PM** - Meet at the church parking lot at 2:00 for an afternoon of singing, fun, and fellowship. We will be caroling to our shut ins and at care centers to share the Christmas Spirit in song. About 4:00 we will return to the Fellowship Hall for PIZZA, mulled cider and hot chocolate! Please sign up after services on the patio, December 8 & 15, so we know how many to plan for pizza, beverages and transportation. Bring a dozen of your favorite holiday cookies to enjoy after we eat if you'd like. Come, Sing, Meet New Friends, Enjoy the Christmas Season with Us.



**THE FAITH 5 DEVOTIONAL IS LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX!**

**CALENDAR 12/8/19 - 12/15/19**

SUN 12/8	8:00 & 10:45 AM	Worship Services
	9:30 AM	Faith Formation for ALL Ages
	5:00 PM	Church Christmas Potluck - Fellowship Hall
MON 12/9	10:00 AM	Optional Choir Rehearsal - Music Room
TUE 12/10	7:45 AM	Exercise Group
	12:30 PM	Ladies Movie Time and Cookie Exchange - Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	Fellowship Hall Reserved
WED 12/11	9:00 AM	Bible Study - Music Room
	10:15 AM	Mid-Week Advent Service - Sanctuary
	11:00 AM	Shepherd's Fold Board Meeting - Fellowship Hall
	2:30 PM	Helping Hearts Tutoring - Fellowship Hall
	6:30 PM	Mid-Week Advent Service - Sanctuary
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
THUR 12/12	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 - Sanctuary
	7:00 PM	Plus Square Dancers
FRI 12/13	6:00 PM	Square Dancing - Fellowship Hall
SAT 12/14	2:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
SUN 12/15	9:00 AM	Worship Services / Chancel Choir Cantata
	10:30 AM	G.I.F.T. for ALL Ages
	2:00 PM	Body of Christ Hot Meal at SELC - Fellowship Hall

**Food Donations for Next Sunday Will Go to Peaches Pantry.**