



**SELCHANCEL CHOIR CANTATA**

**December 15, 2019 - 9:00 a.m.**

**Sierra Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**101 North Lenzner Ave., Sierra Vista, AZ 85635**

**(520) 459-0444 - [www.selcaz.org](http://www.selcaz.org)**

### **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 **DECEMBER** 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** for Donya Brenner. Please continue to pray for the family of Michael Brown; Toni Joyce; Stephanie and Michael; the family of Carol Coss; Will Maynard and family; Caroline Davidson, Dave Hinkelman; 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, 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.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
(\* = 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**                    “Christmas Dreams Overture”                    (Cantata Orchestra)

**Welcome**

**Confession and Forgiveness / Lighting of the Advent Candle**

**\*Gathering Hymn**                    “Hark, the Glad Sound!”                    ELW #239

**\*Greeting**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

**WORD**

**Christmas Cantata: “Christmas Dreams”**  
*by Joseph M. Martin and Heather Sorenson*

Advent Dreams  
The Promise and the Prayer  
A New Morning of Promise  
Zechariah's Song  
Mary's Dream: Beth Dechant, soloist  
All Through the Night  
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing  
The Magi's Epiphany: Paul Gregory, soloist  
Christmas Dreams  
A Gentle Christmas Blessing

Narrator: Leslie McCourt                    Violin: Hannah Struse  
Cello: Hope Struse                    Percussion: Matt Giliberto  
Pianist: Billie Hayes

## MEAL

Offering

Offering Music "In the Bleak Mid-Winter" (Rossetti, Holst)

\*Offering Prayer

Prayers of the People

\*Holy Communion/Words of Institution

\*Lord's Prayer ELW pg. 145

Invitation to Communion by Intinction

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 "Joy to the World!" ELW #267

\*Dismissal

Postlude "Voluntary on Closing Hymn" (Cantata Orchestra)

## Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 7:10-16

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-25

## SERVING TODAY

**Altar Guild** - Connie Kelher, Linda Radwick, Ruth Britton

**Acolyte** - Ian Burford

**Deacons/Communion Assistants**

Deacon Carl McCourt,

**Greeters**

Sandy Jones, Pat Bogan

**Interim Music and Choir Director**

Sunny Fichtl, Deb Koltveit

**Organist & Pianist** - Billie Hayes, Deb Koltveit

**AV Technicians** - Bill Silvis, Larry Rewis, CJ Abraham, Fred March, Dave Dechant

**Ushers for Today**

\*Anna Bratlien, Gary Peterson, Richard Zimmer

**SELC CHANCEL CHOIR CHRISTMAS CANTATA WORSHIP SERVICE** - The choir presents “CHRISTMAS DREAMS” by Joseph Martin and Heather Sorenson, directed by Deb Koltveit and accompanied by Billie Hayes along with other musicians from the community.

**TODAY! G.I.F.T.** (Generations In Faith Together) 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!

**No Faith Formation classes December 29. All classes resume January 5, 2020.**

**DEADLINE for CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS is TODAY** - The Altar Guild is asking for \$10 donations to purchase approximately twenty poinsettia plants to celebrate our “Treasured” members, members who are unable to attend on a regular basis. The plants will be placed in the sanctuary for Christmas and delivered after Christmas Day. We are asking for assistance with delivering the plants. There will be a signup sheet in the narthex. You will be both a blessing and blessed by this experience. Since the number of poinsettias will be limited, you may also choose to give a “Love Donation” of your choice. Your donation will be used to fund a future remodeling of the narthex bathroom to make it ADA accessible. Your donation can be made in “Honor of” or in “Memory of” those you choose to acknowledge. Please use a “Poinsettia/Love Donation” envelope found in the narthex to make your donation.

**“TIDINGS OF COMFORT AND JOY: A MIDWEEK ADVENT SERIES” - Wednesday, 12/18 - 10:15 am & 6:30 pm** - Weekly Theme: Week 3. The Angel Speaks to Mary’s Doubt (Luke 1:26-38) The evening service features Holden Evening Prayer.

**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.

**TEACHERS SUPPLY DRIVE** - “We love our teachers” supply drive for Jill Osterman, Loren Porter, and Katie Silvis along with Town and Country, Joyce Clark and Bella Vista Schools. We are collecting copy paper, tissues, electric pencil sharpeners and regular hand staplers along with monetary donations to help serve lunch to the staff of these schools. A bin is in the Narthex to place your donations. Thank You Thrivent for supporting this project.



**CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT SELC “THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS”**

Let the light of Christmas joy shine in our life together in the darkness of our world as we worship the coming of the Christ child in these special services:

**12/24 Christmas Eve**

**4:00 p.m.** - Cross+Generational Worship Children are invited to put on costumes and bring up tokens to the Baby Jesus Holy Communion offered

**8:00 p.m.** - Traditional Candlelight Communion and Carols Choir leads us in joyful worship (Childcare provided)

**12/25 Christmas Day**

**10:00 a.m.** - Holy Communion, Carols and Contemplation



**Oil for The Eternal Light Provided by  
Ruth Britton in honor of Britton, Paige and Wyatt’s baptisms.**

## CALENDAR 12/15/19 - 12/22/19

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
MON 12/16		
TUE 12/17	7:45 AM	Exercise Group
	9:00 AM	Martha Circle at Ann Loud's
	4:00 PM	Good Neighbor Alliance Meal Prep
	7:00 PM	Fellowship Hall Reserved
WED 12/18	9:00 AM	Bible Study - Music Room
	10:15 AM	Mid-Week Advent Service - Sanctuary
	1:00 PM	Priscilla Circle - Music Room
	2:30 PM	Helping Hearts Tutoring - Fellowship Hall
	5:00 PM	Partner's in Praise Rehearsal - Music Room
	6:30 PM	Mid-Week Advent Service - Sanctuary
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
		Messenger Deadline
THUR 12/19	7:45 AM	Exercise Group
	11:00 AM	D.F.A. Luncheon/Meeting - Fellowship Hall
	6:30 PM	SELC Council Meeting - Music Room
	7:00 PM	Plus Square Dancers
FRI 12/20	3:00 PM	Shepherd's Fold Christmas Pageant - Fellowship Hall
	6:00 PM	Square Dancing - Fellowship Hall
SAT 12/21		
SUN 12/22	8:00 & 10:45 AM	Worship Services
	9:30 AM	Faith Formation for ALL Ages
	2:00 PM	Christmas Caroling - Meet at SELC

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