

**FEBRUARY 7, 2021
9:00 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.”

Mark Perry, Pastor
Annela Rova, Intern Pastor
Linda Perry, Director of Faith Formation
Larry Rewis, SELC Council President
Cindy Allen, Administrative Assistant
Ministers: The People of SELC

**SELC SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE - 9:00 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. All our worship services are also available for viewing on YouTube. Search for, “SELC of Sierra Vista AZ” (and be sure to capitalize AZ.)

PRAYER REQUESTS for the month of **FEBRUARY** can be submitted online at www.selcaz.org or to Leslie McCourt at mccourtleslie@gmail.com

PRAYERS CAN BE FOUND IN THE BACK OF THE BULLETIN

During February, some of the special music, including preludes and postludes, will feature traditional spirituals. Our musician, Billie Hayes, will be highlighting some of the story behind these pieces as a way to honor this theme and heritage.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
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 "Deep River" (Spiritual, Arr. Billie Hayes)

Welcome

*Confession and Forgiveness

*Gathering Hymn "On Eagle's Wings" ELW #787

*Greeting

*Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

*Gospel Acclamation "Christ, Be Our Light" Refrain only ELW #715

*Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

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 Paul Gregory, Organ; Billie Hayes, Piano
"There Is a Balm" Traditional Spiritual (arr. Mark Hayes, Marvin J. Gaspard)

***Nicene 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 p.144

***Preface**

***Holy, Holy, Holy** (*spoken*) ELW p.144

***Words of Institution**

***Lord's Prayer** (*Sung*)

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).

Communion

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Announcements

***Blessing**

***Sending Hymn**

“Healer of Our Every Ill”

ELW #612

***Dismissal**

(Pause for Chimes)

Postlude

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

**Paul Gregory, Organ; Billie Hayes, Piano
*(Traditional Spiritual, arr. Fred Bock)***

Oil for The Eternal Light provided for the Glory of God.

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

2 Kings 2:1-12

Psalm 50:1-6

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Mark 9:2-9

ANNUAL MEETING FOLLOW UP

THANK YOU to all who led and participated in our Annual Congregational Meeting! Forty-one voting members joined us on Zoom and 4 in person in the Fellowship Hall. We were grateful that all went as smoothly as it did, technologically and otherwise. The informal straw votes taken overwhelmingly approved all the motions. Official SELC voting members should have received a ballot in the mail with all the motions to formally vote on. We ask each individual voting member in each household to return a separate ballot (one envelope per household is fine). Please mail or drop off your envelope or ballot into the black box outside the office door **by Noon, February 17th** to be counted. All straw poll and paper ballots are anonymous. We must do it this way to abide by Arizona statutes. If you have any questions, please contact still-current Council President, Larry Rewis, ljrewis@gmail.com, or (520) 249-2973.

CONTEMPLATIVE STUDY ON WATER, BAPTISM AND CREATION CARE WITH INTERN PASTOR ANNELA

Today, February 7 and next Sunday, February 14 at 10:45 a.m. on Zoom.

Twenty-five participants had a wonderful time in our first session as Intern Pastor Annela led us in a reflection on the biblical meanings of water and our faith. We have two more coming up and you're encouraged to join us even if you missed the first one.

The hope is to facilitate a coming together as we mindfully study and discuss - Does water matter to us as Christians? As members of SELC? As residents of Cochise County? This study is centered around contemplation, spiritual practice, and mindful discernment on how we as baptized members of the body of Christ value, connect and care for bodies of water that currently sustain and affirm our baptism. The February 7th Session will include a guest speaker from the San Pedro Riparian Conservation Area. The next Sunday members from our own landscape committee will share how we can all join in caring for our own water usage on campus. Join us and be refreshed spiritually and physically!

Topic: Contemplative Study on Water, Baptism & Creation Care - Session 2

Time: Feb 7, 2021 10:45 AM Arizona

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94793616875?pwd=N1plT3JXNE5oaGlqZDRoaG9SVUIWQT09>

Meeting ID: 947 9361 6875

Passcode: 363361

One tap mobile +13462487799,,94793616875#,,,,*363361# US (Houston)

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES - LIVE-STREAMED
Ash Wednesday Service, February 17 at 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday's, February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24 at 7:00 p.m.

LENTEN LOVE ON LENZNER DRIVE-BY AT SIERRA LUTHERAN!

Ash Wednesday and Lent are quickly approaching! In this continued challenging time of COVID-19, our Faith Formation and Worship & Music teams discussed how we might help our faith family stay more connected and experience Lent in a different, yet we hope, meaningful way.

We are preparing Lenten Gift Bags for every household to be given out at a **Drive-by Lenten Love event on Saturday, February 13**, or hand delivered to those who cannot make the drive-by. This gift bag will include a can of ready-to-eat soup of your choice (and there will be many to choose from) for each person in the house, oyster crackers, a Lenten votive candle holder with tea lights included, placed on a decorative doily and cross to grace your table at home, ashes blessed by Pastor Mark, to be used in your home on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 17) a faith conversation handout and Lenten devotional authored by our own people and a few other fun surprises!

We are inviting people to this Lenten drive-by (and to bring those in our SELC family who may not be able to drive themselves) to get a lift in their day and to pick up their gift bag and soup so that we may all share in eating that soup together at our first **Zoom Soup Supper at 6:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday in Lent - February 24!** For those who cannot participate in the Zoom Soup Supper, we trust they still feel a touch of connection in Christ as we break bread and enjoy our gift of soup at one collective time in each of our homes. The centerpiece decorations, handout and devotional can be used throughout the 40 days of Lent and at the following 4 - Wednesday Zoom Soup Suppers or in spirit together.

We hope you will come to this drive-by that will be full of surprises and people dressed in purple ready to serve up some fun and faith for all! We hope and pray this special gift will help us all to feel linked in love in our Lord as we wait and yearn for the day we all can be together in worship and fellowship! **And to add to the fun, all who come to the drive-by will be entered in a drawing to win a \$50 gift card to Chili's!**

LENTEN LOVE DRIVE-BY FEBRUARY 13:
10:30a.m. - 12:30 p.m. & 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
(In the Drive-thru area in Front of the Church Office.)

FIRST OF 5 ZOOM SOUP SUPPERS!

February 24 - 6:00 p.m.

Topic: SELC Wednesday Lenten Soup Suppers

Time: This is a recurring meeting - use the same Zoom invite each Wednesday; may need Passcode (below)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94861459631?pwd=U1BqNlFlSjBjSFJueW9nMnVnVWhTZz09>

Meeting ID: 948 6145 9631

Passcode: 460120

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LENTEN DEVOTIONAL WRITERS NEEDED

We still can use about 20 more contributors to our SELC Lenten Devotional. All it takes is a couple of paragraphs written about your favorite bible verse. You can write more than one. We need these by 2/10/21. You can email them to admin@selcaz.org or send them to the office.

INTERN PASTOR ANNELA'S NEW HOURS AT HOSPITAL

While a search is on for a new full-time Canyon Vista Medical Center chaplain, Intern Pastor Annela Rova has temporarily increased her hours working at the hospital during the interim. She is serving twenty hours a week there rather than the usual ten hours. Her schedule at the hospital is Tuesdays, 2:30 -6:30 pm, and Thursday and Friday, 8:30-4:30 pm. That means she is going to be less available for church tasks. Please be aware of this change and be patient with communications. And keep her in her prayers as she courageously and humbly serves God and the community in this much-needed way!

Please pray for family and friends of Julie Beachamp; Lilas Mae Grabow; Taylor Benth and Chris Brenner.

Please continue to Pray for Coco Frederickson, Karen Cowman (friend of Paul Gregory), Ryan; Peggy (Anne Sheets mom); Carol; Family and Friends of Ray McKee (Janice McKee's husband); Dolly Bessler; Barbara and John Craig (granddaughter of Anne Nowak); the family and friends of Macy Holtan; Lois (friend of Jan Bowie); Amber Brenner; the family and friends of Jackie (2d cousin of Ellen Mobley); the family and friends of Russell House (friend of the Hewitts); Thea Chapman; John and Roz Pinteck; Cindy Bartlein; Jeremy (son-in-law of Sandy Holm); Betty Van Buskirk (Barb Wirsching's friend); Helen (Jan Bowie's Aunt); Jean Williams (Diana Galecke's sister); Sally White; Barbara Heinrich (Beth Dechant's friend); family and friends of Sandi Shannon; Addie (Krazy Goat Sanctuary); the Hertzell Family (CJ Abraham's friends); George (Sandi Shannon's brother-in-law); Otillie Tobin-Bergh; Jean Hall, Jill Winkels.

Long-term prayers Mary Alexander; John and Mary Alexander (Mary Alexander's son and wife); Dee Brenner, Deb Brown, Clayton (Helen Perdiue's son); Sue Crawley (Cindy Wiste's sister); Gary Graham, Norm Grahn, Samantha Howard (Carol Jordahl's great niece); Don Huthoefer, Sharon Keene, Jake, Makayla Margulies (Virginia Napolitano's grandniece); Michael (Lisa Mitchell's nephew); Rich Mount, Anne Nowak, Linda Perry, Keven Randolpy, Doris Rasmussen, Jerry Regan, George Renbeck; the Rewis family, Dee Rowley, Bob Strain, Faye Toto, Verona Webb, John Williams; Wyman (Julie March's cousin); the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission at Rock Point; all people who are in lockdown in facilities and affected by the virus; all youth experiencing mental health issues; peace for our nation; military personnel everywhere.

FAITH Every Night In Every Home!

Our FAITH5 verse of the week is

Isaiah 40: 30-31:

**“Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.”**

(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!