

February 16, 2020
8:00 a.m.

**... first be reconciled
to your brother or
sister ...**

Matthew
5:24
NRSV



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Sixth Sunday of 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 "Oh, Rest in the Lord" (Felix Mendelssohn)

Welcome

***Confession and Forgiveness**

As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

Moment of Silent Confession

God who searches us and knows us,
you have shown us what is good,
but we have looked to other lights to find our way.
We have not been just in our dealings with others.
We have chosen revenge over mercy.
We have promoted ourselves
instead of walking humbly with you.
With what shall we come before you?
Forgive us our sin,
and show us your salvation
in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Beloved of God,
you have not received the spirit of the world,
but the Spirit that is from God,
poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ.

Receive the promise of baptism:
You are God's child; ✝ your sins are forgiven.
Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.
Amen.

***Gathering Hymn**

“Give to Our God Immortal Praise”

ELW #848

**1 Give to our God immortal praise!
Mercy and truth are all his ways.
Wonders of grace to God belong;
repeat his mercies in your song.**

**2 God sent his Son with pow'r to save
from guilt and darkness and the grave.
Wonders of grace to God belong;
repeat his mercies in your song.**

**3 Give to the Lord of lords renown;
the King of kings with glory crown.
His mercies ever shall endure
when lords and kings are known no more!**

***Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

***Kyrie**

ELW p.138

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above,
and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world,
for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house,
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen.

***Canticle of Praise**

ELW p.139

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**vs. 1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**vs. 2 Power, riches, wisdom and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**vs. 3 Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**vs. 4 For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

***Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

***First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Pew Bible pgs. 163**

[Moses said to the people:] ¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall

not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

L: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9** Pew Bible pgs.927

¹Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ.

²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. ⁹For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

L: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**

ELW pg. 142

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

***Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37** Pew Bible pg. 786

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ²¹“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

³¹“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³²But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes

her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ ³⁴But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

Children’s Time

Special Music “I Will Sing of My Redeemer”

Presented by Gloryland (Bliss, Rowley and Schmidt)

Sermon

Intern Pastor Paul Benz

Moment of Silent Reflection

***Hymn of the Day**

“Let there be Peace on Earth” (Jackson-Miller, Miller)

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be
With God as our Father
Brothers all are we
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now
With ev'ry step I take

Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me

***Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***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

Offering

Offering Music "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" (Stebbins)
 "Fanfare" from "Suite Baroque" (Joseph Lowe)

***Offering Prayer**

God of wonder,
you formed us in our mother's womb,
and from the earth you bring forth this bread and wine.
We place them on your table,
together with our lives and all that you have made.
Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit.
We wait for your mercy;
we long for your peace;
we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ,
our banquet of life.
Amen.

***Great Thanksgiving**

***Dialogue**

ELW pg. 144

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***Preface**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,...we praise your name
and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**

ELW pg. 144

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

***Words of Institution**

***Lord's Prayer**

ELW pg. 145

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those

who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Communion Song “Lamb of God” ELW pg.146

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.

Communion Hymn

“Come, Let Us Eat”

ELW #491

1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
Our Lord's body let us take together,
our Lord's body let us take together.

2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.

3 In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest,
in Jesus' presence now we meet and rest.
In the presence of our Lord we gather,
in the presence of our Lord we gather.

4 Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word,
rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word.
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom,
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.

“Blessed Assurance”

ELW #638

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain*

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Announcements

*Blessing

***Sending Hymn**

“Spread, Oh, Spread Almighty Word”

ELW #663

- 1 Spread, oh, spread, almighty Word,
spread the reign of God the Lord.
Send forth our Creator's call,
heaven's gifts extend to all.**

- 2 Tell of our Redeemer's grace,
who, to save our human race
and to pay rebellion's price,
gave himself as sacrifice.**

- 3 Tell of God the Spirit giv'n
now to guide us on to heav'n,
strong and holy, just and true,
working both to will and do.**

- 4 Lord of harvest, great and kind,
rouse to action heart and mind;
let the gath'ring nations all
see your light and heed your call.**

***Dismissal**

**Go in peace. Let your light shine.
Thanks be to God.**

(Pause for Chimes)

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

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm 2

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9

SERVING TODAY

Altar Guild

Ann Loud, Lisa Mitchell,
Becky Randall

Acolyte

8:00 a.m. - Kylie Burford
10:45 a.m. - Mariana
Martinez

Lay Eucharist Minister

8:00 a.m. - Carl McCourt
10:45 a.m. - Carl McCourt

Lector

8:00 a.m. - Leslie McCourt
10:45 a.m. - Joy Rurungwa

Greeters

8:00 a.m. - Carolyn Abbott,
Norma Jones
10:45 a.m. - Ingamarie
Fulford

Interim Music and Choir

Director

Sunny Fichtl, Deb Koltveit

Organist & Pianist - Billie

Hayes,
Deb Koltveit

Partners in Praise - Betty
Burford, Kylie Burford, Linda
Perry

AV Technicians - Bill Silvis,

Larry Rewis, CJ Abraham,
Fred March,
Dave Dechant

Ushers for Today

8:00 a.m. - *Glen Sanner,
Wilma Bell, Lynn Light
10:45 a.m. - *Gary
Peterson,
Rich Mount

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 January can be submitted online at www.selcaz.org or to Cindy Wiste at cindywiste@gmail.com

Please Pray Greg Bova, Steve Dutton. Please continue to pray for Sandy Prill, Cathy Simi, Dee Stickle, Becky Randall’s cousin’s family, the family of Dr. James Marsh, Carol Young, Dolly

Bessler, Rachel and James, and Christopher, Gary Waxler and Chari Poteet, Susan Wralstad, Theresa, Tirosh, Shepherd's Fold, Frankie Appelin; John Appelin; Frankie Appelin's niece; Kayden and Dallas; John Cannon, Doug Hamp, Beth Dechant, Sully Mix, Toni Joyce, Jan Bowie, Maggie Vaughn; John Alexander and his wife Mary; Ty Grube, Joanne March, Bob Reiner; George Abraham; Jim and Pam Andrew; Jane Behsman, Jan Bevelin, Dee Brenner; the Bills family; Clayton; Don and Jan Huthoefer; Jake, Makayla Margulies, Anne Nowak, Shawn Nowery; Pete and Dee Pederson; Caroline Pentecost, Jerry Regan; Roger and Dee Rowley; Virginia Studer, Faye Toto, Bridget Watson, Virginia Wickizer; and military personnel everywhere.

Help Out Your Fellow Worshippers! It would be a great help to some of your fellow worshippers if no one wore perfume nor cologne when at worship. Some folks have such a reaction to perfumes that they have to leave the sanctuary if seated next to or near those who wear fragrances. So, for the sake of helping our brothers and sisters who face these challenges to worship comfortably and freely with us, **please be considerate of others' sensitivities and do not wear any colognes, perfumes or other fragrances when you come to church worship or other church gatherings.**

No Sr. High L.I.F.T February 20th due to the Triosh weekend in Tucson.

SELC-Women: Sunrise/Santa Cruz Spring Gathering on March 7th -9:00 am - Registrations must be in by Feb 28th to attend. Registration fee is \$10.00 which includes a light breakfast, guest speaker Father Greg Adolf's presentation on "The Greatest Is Love.", full lunch, communion service, fun and fellowship. Registration Forms now available in the Narthex or

register online and pay by credit card at www.grandcanyonsynod.org/events. It is an honor for SELC to host this event and you don't want to miss it! To volunteer to help for this event or for more information please contact Linda Radwick, 439 5019

5th Annual Lutherans' Got Talent & Dessert Youth Fundraiser - March 22, 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall! Come enjoy the wonderful variety of talent or share your talent! **Sign up at the Welcome Center between services for your special act or display your artwork, photography, pottery, etc. Deadline to sign up is March 15!** A freewill donation will be taken during Intermission. See Linda Perry for more information.

Love and Lunch on Lenzner / Teacher Appreciation - Our current collection of supplies is to support the teachers at Joyce Clark Middle School. We are asking for donations of loose leaf college ruled paper, pencils, pens, highlighters, dry erase markers, glue stick, scissors, staplers and staples. A collection bin for donations is the Narthex. Collections for Joyce Clark are till the end February. Questions? Contact Carol Jordahl 227-2796 or Linda Radwick 439-5019.

LENTEN CELEBRATION AT SELC

- ✘ **Ash Wednesday Worship - February 26, 2020 at 10:15 am and 6:30 pm, in the Sanctuary.** We will share in the traditional Imposition of Ashes and our acknowledgment that "we are dust and to dust we shall return" followed by the assurance and comfort provided in Holy Communion.
- ✘ **Mid-Week Lenten Services, Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1, at 10:15 am and 6:30 pm** (Look for more information coming soon.)

✘ **Wednesday Evening Light Soup Suppers - Beginning Wednesdays, March 4 through April 1 @ 5:30pm**, simple suppers will be served in the fellowship hall. However, in order for this to happen we need your help. A clip board will be passed around at the beginning of each service on February 23 and March 1 asking for volunteers to bring soup or bread and/or help with setting up and cleaning up. Please remember to include the recipe for your soup so those with dietary concerns can be safe. In the interest of better stewardship, please bring your own table service; however, if you happen to forget this, there will be dinnerware available so please join us anyway to share fellowship, to give thanks for all the blessings we have, and to consider what we can give up in grateful response to Christ's giving His life for us. Questions, please call Sandy Hall, 378-6719.

✘ **Lenten G.I.F.T. (Generations In Faith Together) for 5 Sundays! Beginning March 1st**, we will have 5 Sundays of G.I.F.T. during Lent at our 9:30 a.m. Faith Formation hour. Come and share in an intergenerational faith journey as we engage in the creative work of Rich Melheim and focus our hearts on Christ this Lenten season.

Shepherd's Fold 40 Days of Prayer - The SELC Shepherd's Fold board is having a concentrated prayer time for Shepherd's Fold for 40 days. We are asking YOU to join us in this endeavor. We will meet for 40 days, at 8:00 AM - Mondays thru Fridays, (until March 4) on the East Steps / S.F. Mural Door for our prayer time. **Please join us there if you can.** If not join us in prayer wherever you are. Pray for: more students (especially infants) and for good health for both teachers and students. Prayer works miracles. Praise God!

The Messenger --Articles for the March Messenger are due into the church office **No Later than Wednesday, February 19.** (No exceptions.) Please send article submissions to admin@selcaz.org. For questions or comments please call 459-0444 or email: admin@selcaz.org.

Flowers Provided - Jack and Marilyn Hewitt in memory of
Jill;
Bob and Jane Strain in celebration of their 21st Wedding
Anniversary.

Oil for The Eternal Light Provided to the Glory of God.

FAITH5

Every Night In Every Home!

Our FAITH5 verse of the week is Matthew 5:24:

²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift

(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! Have fun!

CALENDAR 2/16/20 - 2/23/20

SUN 2/16	8:00 & 10:45 AM	Worship Services - Home Communion
	9:30 AM	Faith Formation classes for all ages
	3:00 PM	Body of Christ Hot Meal - Veteran's Park
MON 2/17		Office Closed in Observance of President's Day
	10:00 AM	Optional Choir Rehearsal - Music Room
	6:00 PM	Sanctuary Reserved
TUE 2/18	7:45 AM	Exercise Group
	9:30 AM	Martha Circle
	4:00 PM	Good Neighbor Alliance Meal Prep
	4:30 PM	Sanctuary Reserved
	7:00 PM	Fellowship Hall Reserved
WED 2/19	9:00 AM	Bible Study - Music Room
	1:00 PM	Priscilla Circle - Music Room
	2:30 PM	Helping Hearts Tutoring - Fellowship Hall
	4:30 PM	Partner's In Praise Practice - Music Room
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
		Messenger Deadline
THUR 2/20	7:45 AM	Exercise Group
	9:00 AM	Stitch-In-Time Quilters - Fellowship Hall
	2:30 PM	Confirmation - Jr. High Youth Room
	7:00 PM	Plus Square Dancers
		Tirosh - Tucson

FRI 2/21	6:00 PM	Square Dancing - Fellowship Hall
		Tirosh - Tucson
SAT 2/22		Tirosh - Tucson
SUN 2/23	8:00 & 10:45 AM	Worship Services / Prayers for Healing
	9:30 AM	Faith Formation classes for all ages

Food Donations for Next Sunday Will Go to Peaches Pantry.