

February 23, 2020
10:45 a.m.



Sierra Evangelical Lutheran Church
101 North Lenzner Ave., Sierra Vista, AZ 85635
(520) 459-0444 - 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 **MARCH** can be submitted online at www.selcaz.org or to Sunny Fichtl at sunnyf@cox.net

Please Pray for Jessica Waller’s mother, Karen; Marion Zimmer; Maverick and Tyler Allen; the family of Greg Bova (Lois Anderson’s son-in-law); the family and friends of Jane Behsman. Please continue to pray for Steve Dutton , Sandy Prill, Cathy Simi, Dee Stickley, 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's 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; 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.

Transfiguration of Our Lord
(* = *Please stand as you are able*)

GATHERING

Prelude "Jesus Messiah" (Tomlin, Carson, Cash, Reeves)

Welcome

*Confession and Forgiveness

*Gathering Hymn "He is Exalted"
(Twila Paris)

Prayer of the Day

WORD

*First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18 Pew Bible pg. 62

*Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21 Pew Bible pg.987

*Gospel Acclamation "Thy Word" *Refrain*

*Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9 Pew Bible pg.798; SPARK Bible pg. 358

Children's Time

Choir Anthem "Wings of Your Love" (Martin/Drennan)

Sermon Pastor Mark Perry

Moment of Silent Reflection

*Hymn of the Day "How Good, Lord, to Be Here!" ELW #315

***Nicene Creed**

***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 "The Light of the World is Jesus" (P. P. Bliss)

***Offering Prayer**

***Holy Communion / Words of Institution**

***Lord's Prayer**

Invitation to Communion

Communion Song

Communion Hymns

 "Shine On Us"

(Deborah Smith, Michal W. Smith)

 "Beautiful Savior"

ELW #838

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Announcements

***Blessing**

***Sending Hymn** "Shine, Jesus, Shine" (Graham Kendrick)

***Dismissal**

Postlude “Sweet Hour of Prayer” (Walford/Bradbury, arr. B. Hayes)

Prayers of Healing

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalm 32

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

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. - Carissa Bratlien

Lector

8:00 a.m. - Cindy Wiste
10:45 a.m. - Crystal Jordan

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

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.**

Start March Off With A Potluck - Sunday, March 1 AT 4:30 PM - You are all invited to SELC's next potluck in the Fellowship Hall, modeling a Via de Cristo "Ultreya" event. This is somewhat a continuation of January's Adult Education presentation by Pastor Perry on, "The Marks of a Christian Community and Three-Day Movement." Bring your favorite food and enjoy other food, songs and fellowship and learn about Southern Arizona Lutheran Via de Cristo's, three-day movement. **All are welcome!**

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 next collection of supplies starts **March 1st** and is to support the teachers at **Bella Vista Elementary**. We are asking for donations of Kleenex, fine point dry erase markers, Clorox wipes, and pens. A collection bin for donations is the Narthex. Collections for Bella Vista are till the end March. We will be serving lunch to the staff at the end of the month. 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.** Our weekly themes: Open My Eyes, Lord; Open My Hands, Lord; Open My Ears, Lord; Open My Heart, Lord; Open My Life, Lord
- ✘ **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!

Flowers Provided by Diana Galecke in memory of Clarence
and by Carl McCourt in honor of Leslie's birthday.

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 17:5**: While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!”

(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! Have fun!

CALENDAR 2/23/20 - 3/1/20

SUN 2/23	8:00 & 10:45 AM	Worship Services / Prayers for Healing
	9:30 AM	Faith Formation classes for all ages
MON 2/24	10:00 AM	Optional Choir Rehearsal - Music Room
	6:00 PM	Sanctuary Reserved
TUE 2/25	7:45 AM	Exercise Group
	4:30 PM	Sanctuary Reserved
	7:00 PM	Fellowship Hall Reserved
WED 2/26	9:00 AM	Bible Study - Music Room
	10:30 AM	Ash Wednesday Service - Sanctuary
	2:30 PM	Helping Hearts Tutoring - Fellowship Hall
	4:30 PM	Partner's In Praise Practice - Music Room
	5:30 PM	Youth Pizza Dinner - Youth Room
	6:30 PM	Ash Wednesday Service - Sanctuary
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
THUR 2/27	7:45 AM	Exercise Group
	12:30 PM	L.I.F.T. - Sr. High Youth Room
	2:30 PM	Confirmation - Jr. High Youth Room
	7:00 PM	Plus Square Dancers
FRI 2/28	6:00 PM	Square Dancing - Fellowship Hall
SAT 2/29		
SUN 3/1	8:00 & 10:45 AM	Worship Services
	9:30 AM	Lenten G.I.F.T. for all ages
	4:30 PM	Potluck (Ultreya) Fellowship Hall

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