

**June 28, 2020  
10:00 AM**



**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

### **WATCH AND WORSHIP WITH US ONLINE**

Go to our website, [www.selcaz.org](http://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. You can do this on your desktop computer, laptop, tablet, or smart phone, if you have internet services. These will remain available to watch for 90 days. We’re working on a Youtube link as well; watch for info to come on that. We are also working to offer DVD recordings of these services to those without internet.

We also invite you to respond and communicate even during worship times through texts to Pastor Perry’s cell phone, 520-226-6383, or to Intern Pastor Paul’s cell phone, (425) 740-4866. You can also go to our church Facebook page, at “Sierra Evangelical Lutheran Church” to type a message. We may very well share these texts and messages online as they may enhance and inspire our time together. We continue to invite you to send in your photos to display in the pews as we worship “together”.

**PLEASE PRAY** for the family of Wedge Stewart; Pastor Shawn Buckhannan; Gary Graham; Tom Hays; Sandy Stephenson and for Alyssa Hop. **Please continue to pray** for the family of Franco Romualdo; Carolyn Cook; Dee Pederson; Linda Tossey’s granddaughter, Lily; Trenton Harris; family and friends of Brian Robinson; Cierra Brenner; Joy Bradley; Wes Hewitt and family; Kayln Escobar and family; Arnold Lane, Joanne Sherman, the family of Donna Paton; Virginia Napolitano, Sam Gamutambuli; Karen Bickers; the Navajo Evangelical Mission at Rock Point; Samantha Howard; Michael; Loren; Paul Wirsching Jr.; Norm Grahn, Karen Cottrell; John and Mary Alexander; Lois Anderson; Jim and Pam Andrew; Dee Brenner; John Cannon, Clayton, Ty Grube; Jan and Don Huthoefer; Toni Joyce, Jake, Makayla Margulies, Sully Mix, Anne Nowak, Caroline Pentecost; Pete and Dee Pederson; Jerry Regan, Bob Reiner, Larry Rewis, Dee Stickley, Faye Toto, John Williams and military personnel everywhere.

**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
ELW Holy Communion Setting Three  
*(\* = Please stand as you are able)*

**GATHERING**

Chime

Prelude "Aria" from "Baroque Suite for Organ" (Gordon Young)

*(You may wish to light a candle or two during this time in your home)*

Welcome

\*Confession and Forgiveness

\*Gathering Hymn "Baptized and Set Free" ELW #453

\*Greeting

\*Canticle of Praise ELW p. 139

\*Prayer of the Day

**WORD**

First Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9 Pew Bible pg. 638

Second Reading: Romans 6:12-23 Pew Bible pgs. 917-918

\*Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia" ELW p. 142

\*Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42 Pew Bible pgs. 791-792

Sermon Intern Pastor Paul Benz

*Moment of Silent Reflection*





## TITHES/OFFERINGS

In these challenging and uncertain times, we so appreciate those who have continued their giving to the Lord!

**Tithes/Offerings can be submitted by the following ways:**

- Online option for giving by going to the church website: [www.selcaz.org](http://www.selcaz.org) and click on “giving” on the purple stripe at top of page. On the Giving page will be information and a place to click to give online. If you have questions call Sandy Stephenson, Financial Secretary at 378-4678.
  - Mailed in - Sierra Lutheran Church-101 N. Lenzner Ave., Sierra Vista, AZ 85635
  - Drop off in the locked black mailbox by the office door, which is checked daily.
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## SELCA SERVICE - LIVE-STREAMED ONLINE

### Sunday Worship - 10:00 am - Live Stream 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.

*(Just to be clear: Due to COVID-19 restrictions, no one other than a few worship leaders will be permitted to join us in the sanctuary at these times).*

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## CHURCH OFFICE INFORMATION

The church office is closed to all non-essential visits. If it is imperative you come to the office, please call and make an appointment. Also, for any other assistance or information, please contact us at 459-0444 or [admin@selcaz.org](mailto:admin@selcaz.org). Pastor Perry and Intern Paul Benz are always available to talk or visit.

**Watch for more info and updates in weekly newsletters  
and on our website as they become available. [www.selcaz.org](http://www.selcaz.org)**

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## CHRIST IN OUR HOME DEVOTIONAL

The next quarter (July - August) Christ In Our Home devotional books are available. You can pick them up from the church office. Questions / Information please contact the church office - 459-0444 or [admin@selcaz.org](mailto:admin@selcaz.org)

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## INTERN PAUL BENZ - INTERNSHIP PROJECT NAVAJO MINISTRY UPDATE

Intern Pastor Paul received good news last Saturday that St. Mary's Food Bank decided to make House of Prayer L.C. and the Navajo Ev. Lutheran Mission a central food distribution center, a move that would make the renovation of the shed and purchase of a walk-in fridge and freezer an immediate need. Your most generous donations now will go a long way toward helping to meet that need! Two of the most urgent needs for Indigenous people in North America during the time of COVID are food and running water. We are grateful to help address that urgency! The goal of also putting in a greenhouse is still on the table but is a lesser priority now and will not be something accomplished this summer by our team.

After taking a break for Father's Day this Sunday's Navajo Service Journey Education Module will be held today Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, at 1 pm, via Zoom and Livestream. It will feature a live discussion with NELM leader, Patterson Yazzie. Let us know if you want to be included. Contact Intern Pastor Paul Benz for more information and to submit questions you'd like addressed on that Sunday. Deadline for submission is Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. Send them to [intern@selcaz.org](mailto:intern@selcaz.org). At the meeting we will discuss the way forward and what the SELC would like to envision and live-out for ongoing activities to define our continued relationship with NELM, House of Prayer Lutheran Church and our brothers and sister served by these pillars of the Rock Point Community. We will discuss and determine whether, when and how a final zoom meeting will take place for our Service Journey with our Navajo Siblings this year.

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## INTERN PASTOR PAUL BENZ LAST SUNDAY

It is with tears of sorrow and smiles of pride that we prepare to say goodbye to our Intern Pastor Paul Benz and his wonderful wife Monica and their beautiful daughter Joy Rurangwa. Paul and his family have been such a blessing to our church family and our community. **Their last Sunday with us will be July 26<sup>th</sup>.** You are encouraged to send your well wishes, cards, call, or email, etc. soon as these next few weeks will fly by quickly.

Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 10 am, in a live-streamed service from the sanctuary, we will be praying for their safe travels and God's leading in their lives. We are exploring holding an outdoor worship in Len Roberts Park at 8 am, (also observing CDC protocols, such as wearing masks) and will confirm with you soon as to whether it is going to happen.

Following God in the next step: Paul will be serving a year-long Chaplaincy Residency at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, WA starting the end of July!

## IN-PERSON WORSHIP CONSIDERATIONS

Our Worship and Music Committee met last week and, in consideration of last week's summary from the SELC COVID-19 Response Team, we discussed what we need to do to prepare protocols for the future possibility of in-person worship. There would need to be quite a number of safety measures in place, like everyone wearing masks and no group singing, at least for a time. We also are exploring holding an outdoor worship in Len Roberts Park on July 26<sup>th</sup> at 8 am, Intern Pastor Paul's last Sunday with us (also observing CDC protocols, such as wearing masks). There would still also be a 10 am worship service streamed online from the sanctuary. We'll confirm whether it's going to happen or not and let you know in the next few weeks.

All of this, of course, is dependent upon infection rates in Cochise County going down and stabilizing. With that in mind we have a couple questions we are wondering about: **What would it take for you to feel comfortable enough to join in-person worship in the sanctuary? And would you be willing to serve on a team that would help get things ready and clean up for an in-person worship service?**

If you have input on that, please send an email or call Worship and Music Committee chairperson, Beth Dechant, ([ddechant1@cox.net](mailto:ddechant1@cox.net), 458-8088) or Pastor Mark Perry, ([pastor@selcaz.org](mailto:pastor@selcaz.org), 459-0444).

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**Our FAITH5 verse of the week is Matthew 10:42 b**  
truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

*(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.