



“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” -Matthew 11:28-30

July 5, 2020

10:00 AM

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

WATCH AND WORSHIP WITH US ONLINE

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. 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 PLEASE PRAY for the family of Marty Joyce; the family of Michael Johnson; Karen, daughter of Lorna Cook, positive with COVID-19. Please pray for healing and that it skips her baby daughter Wilhelmina. **Please continue to pray** for Vickie Kiser and the family of Wedge Stewart; Jolie Waller; Alyssa Hop; Pastor Shawn Buchanan; Gary Graham; Tom Hays; Sandy Stephenson; for the family of Franco Romualdo; Jan Huthoefer; Becky Randall’s mom, Alfreda; 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; Amy Janssen; Joanne Sherman, the family of Donna Paton; Virginia Napolitano, Sam Gamutambuli; Becky Randall’s Aunt Char and family; 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.

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

GATHERING

Chime

Prelude "The Prayer" (Sager/Foster)

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

Welcome

*Confession and Forgiveness

*Gathering Hymn "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" ELW #888

*Greeting

*Kyrie ELW p. 138

*Canticle of Praise "This Is the Feast" ELW p. 140

*Prayer of the Day

WORD

Psalm 145:8-14 *(Read responsively)*

Second Reading: Romans 7:15-25a Pew Bible pg. 918

*Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia" ELW pg. 142

*Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 Pew Bible pg 792

Sermon Pastor Mark Perry

Moment of Silent Reflection

*Hymn of the Day

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

ELW #611

*Apostles’ 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)

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

“My Hope / with Solid Rock”

(Anne Barbour)

Presented by Victoria Kiser, Cindy Wiste, Linda Perry

MEAL

*Great Thanksgiving

*Dialogue

ELW pg.144

*Preface

*Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW pg.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).

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Announcements

*Blessing

*Sending Hymn “Lift Every Voice and Sing” ELW #841

*Dismissal

(Pause for Chimes)

Postlude “Patriotic Fanfare” (Billie Hayes, Organ)

**Oil for The Eternal Light Provided by
the Carol Jordahl in memory of Greg.**

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

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 55:10-13

Psalms 65:[1-8] 9-13

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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 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.

SELC 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).

CHURCH OFFICE INFORMATION

FACEMASK REQUIRED ON CHURCH PREMISES

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.

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**

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

POST-WORSHIP “ZOOM COFFEE FELLOWSHIP”

We’re considering holding a half-hour or so Zoom meeting “Coffee Fellowship” immediately following our 10 am Sunday worship, starting July 11th, for anyone interested in joining us. If you are, please email the church office or Pastor Mark (who has a church Zoom subscription) to let us know and we’ll send out the invite when it’s arranged.

SELC COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM UPDATE

Your task force to consider how SELC might continue to best respond to the pandemic crisis met this past Wednesday to assess where we are, what's happening, and what this means for our shared ministry and life together. The most important take-away from the meeting is that we are continuing as we are, with livestreamed worship services and no in-person worship in the sanctuary for the foreseeable future. We're sure you understand this decision, given the alarming increases in cases and deaths throughout Arizona and Cochise County.

We ask that everyone who comes to the church building please wear a face mask, even for a short visit in the office, and that you call first if possible. You can always drop off envelopes in the mailbox outside the office door. Of course, please also continue to observe other CDC guidelines, such as frequent hand washing for at least 20 seconds, refraining from touching your face, staying home if not feeling well, and maintaining at least 6' physical distancing around others outside your home.

Along with our Worship and Music Committee, which also met this past week, we are planning on a "parking lot worship service" on July 26th at 8 am for Intern Pastor Paul's Sunday. We have yet to work out all the details, but cars would be parked distanced from each other (so windows can be rolled down), use an FM transmitter for the worship, and we will present and preach from the patio area next to the sanctuary entrance. We'll have individual communion cups and wafers to pick up as you enter the parking lot and are guided into a spot. Afterwards, cars are invited to drive by to say goodbye to the Benz family. If you don't feel comfortable coming to the worship service, you can arrive at 9 am for the drive by. We'd like to know if you would come to such a service so please email or call the church office so we can get an idea of how many might come. We will still also hold a livestreamed worship service in the sanctuary at 10 am. Watch for more information to come soon!

INTERN PAUL BENZ - INTERNSHIP PROJECT NAVAJO MINISTRY UPDATE NELM SERVICE JOURNEY UPDATE

This past Sunday was our fourth Education Module on Zoom and Livestream. We were especially blessed to have Patterson Yazzie, NELM Mission Director, with us for the Zoom Session. As carefully as I tried to take notes, nothing can adequately replicate Patterson's words of insight and inspiration as we closed our time together that afternoon. I encourage any and all to view the session as it remains archived on our SELC website. Patterson shared with us both numbers and story. He shared and extended the community's gratitude for masks and contributions from SELC that have made possible part of the service NELM provides to the Rock Point Community. Our current tally on masks is 1071 mailed! We were given the green light to continue making masks for children sizes up to age 18 so that there would be an ample supply of masks for young people in the community throughout the duration of the

pandemic. The approximately \$8,000+ you've donated so far will be sent to the NELM office this week and will go towards renovation of the building that will now house the Food Bank which St. Mary's has contracted the mission to provide food for the surrounding community. We invite more donations to this cause as you would feel called to support it. We look forward to the thorough and complete list of materials and budget from Project Coordinator Parker Adleman (Rev. Kate's Husband) which will provide specific connections to where our fundraising will be directed. Current estimates indicate that our donations will go towards the renovation of the building, and an additional estimated \$16,000 will be needed for walk in freezer and walk in refrigerator. While any trip up by a few individuals to NELM the week of July 5th at this point is highly questionable, we hope to make that kind of trip with a larger group sometime after the pandemic ends. Thank you for your continued support in prayers, cards, and donations as we walk this journey with our Navajo siblings!

FAITH 5

Every Night In Every Home!

Our FAITH5 verse of the week is Matthew 11:28 - "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

(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.