



**The kingdom of heaven is hidden in plain view
to provide food and shelter for everyone.**

God is Everywhere

July 26, 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

**SELC SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:00 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.

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

Please pray for Sam Gamutambuli and his family (Monica’s father); Tom Hays and family; the family of Dee Pederson; Karen Ruth Peer; Tim Allen (Cindy Allen’s son); Vern Fleming, Lois Anderson, Erin Lelio and Carol Veldhuizen. **Please continue to pray for** Marion and Richard Zimmer; the family of Faith Jackson; Thea Chapman, Rich Radwick, Anika Brock, Linde Martin; Jim and Alli; Pastor Shawn Buckhanan; Cylie, Lisbeth, Michael; Rob, Monica & Kris (entire family diagnosed with COVID); the family of Bob Krogh; Doris Rasmussen, Dolores Pearson, Mary Alexander; Kaitlyn Alcott and Jordan Larsen; the family of Marty Joyce; the family of Michael Johnson (Anna Bratlien’s brother-in-law); Sandy Stephenson, Lily, Joy Bradley, Virginia Napolitano, Karen Bickers, Karen Cottrell; John and Mary Alexander (Mary’s son and daughter-in-law); Jim and Pam Andrew; the Bills family; John Cannon, Clayton, Norm Grahn, Ty Grube, Samantha Howard; Don Huthoefer; Jake, Makayla Margulies, Sully Mix, Anne Nowak, Caroline Pentecost; Jerry Regan, Bob Reiner, Larry Rewis, Dee Rowley, Dee Stickley, Faye Toto, John Williams; The Navajo Evangelical Mission at Rock Point; all people who are in lockdown in facilities and affected by the virus; military personnel everywhere.

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

GATHERING

Chime

Prelude

“Deep River”

Spiritual, Arr. B. Hayes

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

Welcome

*Confession and Forgiveness

*Gathering Hymn

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

ELW #733

Greeting

*Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5-12

Pew Bible pg. 266-267

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-39

Pew Bible pg. 919

*Gospel Acclamation

“Thy Word” (*refrain 2x*)

*Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Pew Bible pgs. 795

Sermon

Intern Pastor Paul Benz

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Blessing and Sending of Intern Pastor

Announcements

*Blessing

*Sending Hymn “God Be with You Till We Meet Again ” ELW #536

*Dismissal

(Pause for Chimes)

Postlude “Voluntary on Sending Hymn” (Billie Hayes, Organ)

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

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 55:1-5

Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

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.
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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**

UPDATE ON INTERN PASTOR PAUL’S LAST SUNDAY, JULY 26TH

Today we will share worship online one more time with Intern Pastor Paul and his family as well as offer a virtual “Blessing and Sending” time.

Following worship, starting at approximately 11:30 am and continuing as long as cars are there, there will be a “drive by goodbye” time. The Benz family will stand in front of the church office along Lenzner Ave. while members and friends wave and say their (masked, please) goodbyes from their car as they pass by them in the drive-through, going north. If there’s a line up, we ask that cars wait along Bella Vista Dr on the south side of the church and in the east parking lot. As you head to Lenzner Ave., please turn right into the drive-through and proceed out the north exit, only turning right on Lenzner Ave. Please do not turn left so the flow of cars goes smoother.

(Coffee-time fellowship will resume next Sunday)

FAITH5

Every Night In Every Home!

Our FAITH5 verse of the week is Romans 8:38-39

³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord..

(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!