

**JANUARY 31, 2021  
9:00 AM WORSHIP**



**SIERRA EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
101 North Lenzner Ave., Sierra Vista, AZ 85635  
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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  
Annela Rova, 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 - 9:00 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](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. 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. All our worship services are also available for viewing on YouTube. Search for, “SELC of Sierra Vista AZ” (and be sure to capitalize AZ.)

**PRAYER REQUESTS** for the month of **FEBRUARY** can be submitted online at [www.selcaz.org](http://www.selcaz.org) or to Leslie McCourt at [mccourtleslie@gmail.com](mailto:mccourtleslie@gmail.com)

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**PRAYERS CAN BE FOUND IN THE BACK OF THE BULLETIN**

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**2021 Offering Envelopes** - 2021 Offering envelopes can be picked up from the church office. If unable to pick up, or for more information, contact Sandy Stephenson 520-378-4678.



**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](http://www.selcaz.org) and click on the 'Giving' tab for info how to give online.*

**Special Music** "Close to Thee" (Fanny J. Crosby/Silas Vail)  
Presented by Doris Randolph

**\*Nicene 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)

### MEAL

**\*Great Thanksgiving** (*spoken*)

**\*Dialogue** ELW p.144

**\*Preface**

**\*Holy, Holy, Holy** (*spoken*) ELW p.144

**\*Words of Institution**

**\*Lord's Prayer** ELW p.145

**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).*

**Communion**

**Prayer after Communion**

**SENDING**

**Announcements**

**\*Blessing**

**\*Sending Hymn**

**“Rise, Shine, You People!”**

**ELW #665**

**\*Dismissal**

**(Pause for Chimes)**

**Postlude**

**“Prelude in C Minor”**

**(J. S. Bach)**

**Oil for The Eternal Light provided by  
The Janet Bobar family in memory of Bob**

**Scripture Readings for Next Sunday**

**Isaiah 40:21-31**

**Psalm 147:1-11, 20c**

**1 Corinthians 9:16-23**

**Mark 1:29-39**

## TODAY! ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

All voting members of Sierra Lutheran Church are asked to join us for our 2021 Annual Congregational Meeting being held today Sunday, January 31, 2021, at 11:00 am. We will be voting on our Council and other Congregational Leaders, our 2021 Mission Plan budget, and motions related to updating our Constitution regarding electronic meetings as well as affirming extended service options for At-Large Council members, Financial Secretary and Sunday Morning Faith Formation Coordinator roles. (Please also note that three elected positions which didn't get onto the previous agenda are also needing votes: Becky Randall, Monty Brandes need affirmation to continue serving on the Trust Fund Committee and Carissa Bratlien as Lay Eucharist Minister).

### **Zoom invitation for both computers and cell phone access:**

Topic: 2021 SELC Annual Congregational Meeting

Time: Jan 31, 2021 11:00 AM Arizona

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/98079745753?pwd=eHNON1dlbzFOZlNFRm0zdEWEhGhQQT09>

Meeting ID: 980 7974 5753

Passcode: 660606

One tap mobile: +16699009128,,98079745753#,,,, 660606# US (San Jose)

Following Sunday's meeting, paper ballots with stamped return envelopes will be mailed to all voting members with all the motions written exactly as they were finalized at the Annual Meeting. We ask that these ballots be filled out by each individual voting member of each household turn-in to the church office by the deadline of **Noon on February 17, 2021**. This will give us the final vote count on each motion, which then will be publicized after the ballot turn-in deadline. Ballots received after the deadline will not be counted.

If you have any questions, please contact Council President, Larry Rewis, at [ljrewis@gmail.com](mailto:ljrewis@gmail.com), or (520) 249-2973, or contact the church office. Please keep this meeting in your prayers that we follow God's will and intent for the mission of Christ here at SELC!

## SELC LENTEN DEVOTIONAL WRITERS WANTED

Our Worship and Music and Faith Formation leaders would like to develop a special daily devotional for Lent, which starts with Ash Wednesday on February 17, 2021. We are inviting anyone among our SELC members and friends who may be interested in writing a paragraph or two about their favorite Bible verse(s) to contribute their thoughts. We can also provide the lectionary verse of the day if you'd prefer. We'd like your devotional to be turned in by Sunday, February 10, 2021, if at all possible. You can email them to [admin@selcaz.org](mailto:admin@selcaz.org), or mail them to the church office. We're going to have a "drive by" pick up of Lenten bags on 2/13 Saturday that will include this devotional, ashes for Ash Wednesday, and other items. Any questions, please contact Pastor Mark.

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## CONTEMPLATIVE STUDY ON WATER, BAPTISM AND CREATION CARE WITH INTERN PASTOR ANNELA

Twenty-five participants had a wonderful time this past Sunday as Intern Pastor Annela led us in a reflection on the biblical meanings of water and our faith. We have two more coming up and you're encouraged to join us even if you missed the first one. Sundays February 7 and 14 at 10:45 a.m. on Zoom (Watch for the Zoom invitation to come next week!)

The hope is to facilitate a coming together as we mindfully study and discuss - Does water matter to us as Christians? As members of SELC? As residents of Cochise County? This study is centered around contemplation, spiritual practice, and mindful discernment on how we as baptized members of the body of Christ value, connect and care for bodies of water that currently sustain and affirm our baptism. The February 7<sup>th</sup> Session will include a guest speaker from the San Pedro Riparian Conservation Area. The next Sunday members from our own landscape committee will share how we can all join in caring for our own water usage on campus. Join us and be refreshed spiritually and physically!

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**Please pray for** Margaret Reilly's friend's husband, Ryan; Carol (Anna Bratlien's friend); Peggy (Anne Sheets' mother); the family and friends of Ray McKee; the family of Macy Holtan (16-year-old friend of Cindy Wiste); Coco Fredericks; Barbara & John Craig, granddaughter of Anne Nowak; Lois (friend of Jan Bowie). **Please continue to pray for** the family and friends of Russell House (Jack and Marilyn Hewitt's friend), continue prayers for his wife Marg; the family and friends of Jackie (cousin of Ellen Mobley); The family of Mauricette Jordan (McCourt's son-in-law's mother); Karen Cowman (Paul Gregory's friend); Helen (Jan Bowie's aunt); Thea Chapman; Cindy Bartlein (CJ Abraham's friend); Sally White; Addie (Krazy Kritters

Goat Sanctuary); Barbara Heinrich; the family and friends of Sandi Shannon; Amber Brenner; Dolly and Aaron Hertzell; George (Sandi Shannon's Brother-in-law); Dawn and Terra; baby girl Ottilie James Tobin Bergh (daughter of past Intern Pastor Erika Tobin Bergh) for recovery from surgery; the family of Karen Cottrell (Jessica Waller's mother); Jill Winkels, Betty Van Buskirk; Dolly Bessler; Jean Hall; John and Roz Pintek; Jeremy (Sandy Holm's son-in-law); Jean Williams (Diana Galecke's sister).

**Long term prayer requests:** Mary Alexander; John and Mary Alexander (Mary Alexander's son and wife); Chris Brenner; Dee Brenner; Deb Brown; Clayton (Helen Perdiue's son); Sue Crawley, (Cindy Wiste's sister); Gary Graham; Norm Grahn; Samantha Howard (Carol Jordah's great niece); Don Huthoefer; Sharon Keene; Jake, Makayla Margulies (Virginia Napolitano's grandniece); Michael (Lisa Mitchell's nephew); Rich Mount; Anne Nowak; Linda Perry; Kevin Randolph; Doris Rasmussen; Jerry Regan; George Renbeck; the Rewis family; Dee Rowley; Bob Strain; Faye Toto; Verona Webb; John Williams; Wyman (Julie March's cousin); The Navajo Evangelical Mission at Rock Point; all people who are in lockdown in facilities and affected by the virus; all youth experiencing mental health issues; peace for our nation; military personnel everywhere.

## FAITH Every Night In Every Home!

Our FAITH5 verse of the week is Mark 1:27: “They were all amazed, and kept on asking one another, ‘What is this? A new teaching- with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey 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

**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.