

May 17, 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

Prayer Requests for the month of **MAY** can be submitted online at www.selcaz.org or to Leslie McCourt at mccourtleslie@gmail.com

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 for Gail Edwards. Please continue to pray for Jan Reiner, Samantha Howard, Hugh, Cindy; Norm Pearson; family of John Appelin; Dee and the family of Roger Rowley; Marilyn and Hugh; Tyler Allen, Lana Anderson, Chris Gradski, Ursula Hollis, Lois Anderson, Gene Perry, Michael; Bob and Ann Jost, Loren, Glen Davis, Parul Wirsching Jr.; Connie Brandes; Jean and her son-in-law; Norm Grahn, Joanne March, John Williams, George Abraham; John and Mary Alexander; Jim and Pam Andrew; Dee Brenner; the Bills Family; John Cannon, Clayton, Ty Grube; Jan and Don Huthoefer; Toni Joyce, Jake, Karen Cottrell, Makayla Margulies, Sully Mix, Anne Nowak, Caroline Pentecost; Pete and Dee Pederson; Jerry Regan, Bob Reiner, Larry Rewis, Dee Stickley, Faye Toto, Bridget Watson, Virginia Wickizer and military personnel everywhere.

Sixth Sunday of Easter
ELW Holy Communion Setting Three
(= Please stand as you are able)*

GATHERING

Chime

Prelude (arr. by Lani Smith, Billie Hayes, Organ)
"Songs of Hope" Traditional Irish Melody with "Blott En Dag" by Oscar Ahnfelt
(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: Acts 17:22-31 Pew Bible pg. 902

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22 Pew Bible pg. 985

*Gospel Acclamation "Celtic Alleluia"

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

***Gospel: John 14:15-24**

Pew Bible pg. 877; SPARK Bible pg. 450

Children's Time

Special Music

"Come As You Are"
Presented by Betty and Kylie Burford

(by Crowder)

Sermon

Pastor Mark Perry

Moment of Silent Reflection

***Hymn of the Day**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

ELW #631

***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)

MEAL

***Great Thanksgiving**

***Dialogue**

ELW pg.144

***Preface**

***Holy, Holy, Holy**

ELW pg.144

***Words of Institution**

***Lord's Prayer**

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 Song

“Lamb of God”

ELW pg. 146

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Announcements

***Blessing**

***Sending Hymn**

“I Will Follow”

(Tomlin, Ingram, Morgan)

***Dismissal**

(Pause for Chimes)

Postlude

“Voluntary on Sending Hymn”

(arr. B. Hayes)

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Acts 1:6-14

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

John 17:1-11

**Oil for The Eternal Light Provided by
Sandy Stephenson in memory of Parents.**

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 will be 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).

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. 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

OPPORTUNITY FOR NAVAJO EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN MISSION

Thank you all so much for your generous contributions to our brothers and sisters at the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission. As the amount for the matching grant has been met, all funds that continue to come in will be directed towards a greenhouse for the mission to be purchased and built. If you desire for your contribution to be immediately available, please donate directly to the mission through the link provided on their website which has also been featured in our Monday Messenger. Mission Director Patterson Yazzie (who was also a student at the mission when he was a child) specifically identified a greenhouse as something that would greatly benefit the mission.

CLIMATE CHURCH, CLIMATE WORLD BOOK DISCUSSION

We will hold a Zoom book discussion on Tuesdays, 7:00 pm, starting May 19. Contact Pastor Perry with more information, pastor@selcaz.org.

INTERN PAUL BENZ - INTERNSHIP PROJECT

Intern Paul will lead the first two adult education modules for his internship project the last two Sundays in May 24th and 31st - time TBA. These sessions on Neighbor Love in a Trauma Informed Approach to Ministry aim to prepare us for deeper awareness as we take a modified service journey with our Navajo Siblings at House of Prayer Lutheran Church and the Rock Point community served by Navajo Evangelical Lutheran mission. Key objectives will be for us to articulate how and why we serve from love and compassion and not out of guilt or pity as well as come away with strategies and talking points to engage unaware neighbors on the historical roots of trauma for First Nation people, how cultural appropriation reaffirms inferiority and a painful past, and why there are no easy answers to what some might consider very basic questions about current problems faced by the Navajo and other tribes.”

The session on May 31 will be facilitated by one of Paul’s colleagues from seminary. Shaneequa (Isaiah Brokenleg) is a Lakota Episcopalian Vicar who is currently the staff officer for Racial Reconciliation at Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

FAITH5

Every Night In Every Home!

Our FAITH5 verse of the week is John 14:23:

²³Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

(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.

Be creative! Stay open to the Holy Spirit! Have fun!