

**May 31, 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 for Arnold Lane, Carolyn Abbott and daughter, Joanne Sherman, Richard Kennedy; the family of Donna Paton; Pastor Paul and Barbe Schneider and the Holy Scripture Lutheran Church; Oliva Escobar, Virginia Napolitano, Daniel Urlic, Becky Randall's Aunt Char and family. Please continue to pray for Lori Palomma; the family of Virginia Wickizer; Wedge Stewart, Karen Bickers; the Navajo Evangelical Mission at Rock Point; Gail Edwards, Samantha Howard, Hugh, Cindy, Norm Pearson; Marilyn and Hugh; Lana Anderson, Chris Gradski, Ursula Hollis, Gene Perry, Michael; Bob and Ann Jost, Loren, Glen Davis, Parul Wirsching Jr.; Connie Brandes; Norm Grahn, Joanne March, Karen Cottrell, George Abraham; 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.

Day of Pentecost
ELW Holy Communion Setting Three
(* = *Please stand as you are able*)

GATHERING

Chime

Prelude “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” (Frederick C. Atkinson)

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

Welcome

*Baptismal Celebration (*at the font*)

*Gathering Hymn “O Day Full of Grace” ELW #627; vss. 1, 4-5

*Greeting

*Canticle of Praise ELW p. 140

*Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21 Pew Bible pg. 885; SPARK Bible pg. 502

Psalm: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (*Read responsively*)

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 Pew Bible pg. 933

*Gospel Acclamation “Celtic Alleluia”

*Gospel: John 20:19-23 Pew Bible pg. 492

Moment of Silent Reflection

*Hymn of the Day

“Spirit of Gentleness”

ELW #396

*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

“I Lift My Hands”
Signed by Kalyn Escobar

(by Chris Tomlin)

MEAL

*Words of Institution

*Lord’s Prayer (*Sung version*)

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

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.

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

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.

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 at 1:00 pm. 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 1 Corinthians 12:4-6-

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

(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!