

**March 21, 2021
9:00 AM WORSHIP**



SIERRA EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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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.”

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**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, 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 **MARCH** can be submitted online at www.selcaz.org or to Cindy Wiste at cindywiste@gmail.com
PRAYERS CAN BE FOUND IN THE BACK OF THE BULLETIN

Oil for The Eternal Light provided for the Glory of God.

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Procession with Palms

Mark 11:1-11

Readings and Psalm

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

John 12:12-19

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
ELW Holy Communion Setting Three
(= Please stand as you are able)*

GATHERING

Prelude "Prelude on the Gregorian Song, 'Pange lingua'" (A.P.F.Boely)

Welcome

***Confession and Forgiveness**

***Gathering Hymn** "Spirit Song" (Wimber)

***Greeting**

***Prayer of the Day**

WORD

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

***Gospel Acclamation** ELW p.142

***Gospel: John 12:20-33**

Sermon Pastor Mark Perry

Moment of Silent Reflection

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 "Broken Hallelujah" (*Ostebo/Mohilowski/Havens/Fuqua*)
Linda Perry, Soloist

***Apostles' Creed**

***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 (*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.)

Communion

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Announcements

***Blessing**

***Sending Hymn**

“He Is Exalted”

(Twila Paris)

***Dismissal**

(Pause for Chimes)

Postlude

“Variation on Sending Hymn”

(Billie Hayes)

Please Pray For Duke Burford; Nancy (friend of Lisa Mitchell) Fred March; Gail Brady. **Please Continue to Pray for** the Minch family (friends of CJ) and CJ’s family back in NY; Rachel, (niece of Barb Wirsching) and her two small boys; the family of Jackie Geisler; Izzy (friend of CJ Abraham); Larry Rewis; Cindy Bartlein; Gracie; and Kyle King, Alfreda Blakeway, Brianna Pederson; Malachi Stout and baby Jasper; the Family of Genevieve Rodriguez; baby Jaxon and parents Debon and Rebecca; former Intern John Forester and family at the death of his mother Edith; Paul Moffat; Holly and Brandon Montgomery; the family and friends of Julie Beachamp; Lilas Mae Grabow, Rebecca Oliver, Jerry Regan, Taylor Benth; Dolly Bessler; Coco Frederickson; Karen Cowman (friend of Paul Gregory); and Ryan. **Long-Term Prayers:** Joseph and Lauren Acker; Chris Brenner; Amber Brenner; Addie (Krazy Goat Sanctuary); Mary Alexander; John and Mary Alexander (Mary Alexander’s son and wife); Dee Brenner, Deb Brown, Gary Graham, Norm Grahn, Samantha Howard (Carol Jordahl’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; Jill Winkels; Wyman (Julie March’s cousin); the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran 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.

COFFEE CHAT TIME SUNDAY - SUNDAY, MARCH 21 at 10:45 a.m.

Join us for informal conversation, catching up and connecting on Zoom.

Coffee fellowship (see zoom invite below)

Topic: Coffee Chat

Time: Mar 21, 2021 10:45 AM Arizona

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91292303694?pwd=b2c4UjIhd3lNK1JvcStzd3pWNTFkdz09>

Meeting ID: 912 9230 3694

Passcode: 834720

One tap mobile

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“BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS” MIDWEEK LENTEN SERIES CONCLUDES

Wednesday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m.

All are invited to join with our SELC family as we journey through Lent to the cross of salvation and the eternal Glory beyond. Online only via Livestream on our website, www.selcaz.org, or on Facebook and Youtube. We'll start our evenings together with a Zoom soup supper (see link below) at 6:00- 6:45 p.m., then continue with a reflective worship time together at 7:00 p.m. **Our fifth week's theme includes time for silent meditation.**

ZOOM SOUP SUPPER

Wednesday's, March 24- 6:00 p.m.

Join your SELC family together on Zoom with your soup supper and some wonderful fellowship. For those who cannot participate in the Zoom Soup Supper, we trust they still feel a touch of connection in Christ as we break bread and enjoy our soup at one collective time in each of our homes.

Topic: SELC Wednesday Lenten Soup Suppers

Time: This is a recurring meeting. Passcode may be needed.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94861459631?pwd=U1BqNlFlSjBjSFJueW9nMnVnVWhTZz09>

Meeting ID: 948 6145 9631

Passcode: 460120

One tap mobile

+13462487799,,94861459631#,,,,*460120# US (Houston)

PALM SUNDAY GIFT EVENT

We invite our faith family of SELC of all ages to a **Zoom G.I.F.T. (Generations In Faith Together)** time on Palm Sunday, March 28 at 10:45 a.m. Our theme is *God Holds Us in the Palm of His Hands and in the Palm of Victory!* What is Palm Sunday? What is the significance of the palm branches laid before our Savior as he made His triumphal entry into Jerusalem and began His journey to the cross? Come share, discover and celebrate with us as we focus on the Gospel of John 12:12-19, and learn about the surprising history and significance of the palm branch which was a powerful emblem in Judea at the time. We will discuss what can distract us from living more deeply for Christ and what crosses we ourselves might take up for the sake of the Gospel as we are reminded that Jesus took up the cross for us all.

Zoom invitation:

Topic: Palm Sunday 2021 GIFT

Time: Mar 28, 2021 10:45 AM Arizona

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95330227606?pwd=ZlZBSC84dDQ5TENhSjcxdVN3bnZDZz09>

Meeting ID: 953 3022 7606

Passcode: 061943

One tap mobile: +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Maundy Thursday - Thursday, April 1st, 7:00 pm (Online only)

Good Friday - Friday, April 2nd, 7:00 pm (Online only)

Virtual Prayer Vigil - Friday, April 2nd, 8 pm to Sunday, April 4th 8 am.

Watch for more information about sign ups to come.

Easter Sunday - April 4th, 10 am

Note: If downward trends of infection rates continue as they have been, it may very well be that we can more safely hold restricted in person worship on Easter Sunday. Our COVID-19 Response Team and Worship & Music Committee will be assessing and making a decision early next week. Watch for more information after that. See www.covidactnow.org for daily infection rate updates.

THRIVENT MEMBERS

If you haven't allocated your 2020 Thrivent choice dollars yet, you have until March 31. It is important to do this during March or the dollars from 2020 will be removed. You may go to Thrivent's website (Thrivent.com) or call Thrivent (800-847-4836) and listen to the prompts.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME DEVOTIONAL

The next quarter (April - June) 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.






LENTEN DEVOTIONS

Along with our Faith5 verse we invite / encourage you to continue to read the Lenten devotional book handed out in the Lenten bags. Please contact the church office to make arrangements if you are in need of a devotion book.

FAITH Every Night In Every Home!

Our FAITH5 verse of the week is **John 12:23-26** - ²³Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

(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.