



**March 28, 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

Isaiah 25:6-9

Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY
ELW Holy Communion Setting Three
(= Please stand as you are able)*

Prelude

Ed Deleon, Billie Hayes

GATHERING *(in the narthex)*

Welcome

Introduction

Processional Gospel: John 12:12-19 *(The Gospel is read)*

Blessing of Palms

Procession

***Hymn**

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

ELW #344; vss. 1, 3-4

***Prayer of the Day**

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Sermon

Intern Pastor Annela Rova

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

*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

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**

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

ELW #857

***Dismissal**

(Pause for Chimes)

Postlude

“Variation on Sending Hymn”

(Billie Hayes)

Please Pray for Beth Dechant, Rich Mount, and the family of Sharon Keene.

Please Continue to Pray for Duke Burford; Holly and Brandon Montgomery (niece of the Perry's); Fred March, Corrie Rohr; Nancy (friend of Lisa Mitchell); Minch and Abraham families; Robert Robles Family; Rachel and family (niece of Barb Wirsching); Izzy; Family of Jackie Geister; Gail Brady, Larry Rewis, Cindy Bartlein, Alfreda Blakeway, Dolly Bessler, Gracie (friend of Marilyn Hewitt) and Kyle King.

Long-Term Prayers: Joseph and Lauren Acker; Addie (Krazy Goat Sanctuary); Mary Alexander; John and Mary Alexander (Mary Alexander's son and wife); Chris Brenner; Amber Brenner; Dee Brenner, Deb Brown, Norm Grahn, Samantha Howard (Carol Jordahl's great niece); Don Huthoefer, Jake, Makayla Margulies (Virginia Napolitano's grandniece); Michael (Lisa Mitchell's nephew); 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.

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TODAY! PALM SUNDAY GIFT EVENT

Our SELC Faith Family of all ages are invited to a Zoom G.I.F.T. (Generations in Faith Together) time this coming Palm Sunday, March 28th, at 10:45 am. 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, a powerful emblem in Judea at the time. We will also 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 how Jesus took up the cross for all of us. (Note: This will take the place of “Coffee Chat” this week).

Topic: Palm Sunday 2021 GIFT

Time: Mar 28, 2021 10:45 AM Arizona

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95330227606?pwd=ZlZBSC84dDQ5TENhSjcxOVN3bnZDZz09>

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

Good Friday - Friday, April 2nd, 7:00 pm

(Both livestreamed on our website)

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

*To sign up for a half-hour slot, go to <https://calendly.com/selcaz>
(the link is also on our website) or call the church office at 459-0444.

EASTER IN-PERSON WORSHIP OFFERED - APRIL 4th, 9:00 a.m.

Your SELC COVID-19 Response Team met this past Tuesday, assessed current statistics and pandemic developments and decided, after much prayerful deliberation, to recommend renewing in-person worship starting on Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021 at 9:00 am. The Worship and Music Committee, meeting Wednesday morning, agreed and is making the arrangements. Although the metric of infections per day at this writing is higher than we'd like to see, other metrics and realities, such as visitors again allowed in the hospital, schools back in person, vaccinations ramping up, and other indicators, encouraged us to go in this direction.

We will, of course, still be livestreaming Sunday worship services. **If you want to attend in person, please call the church office to make a reservation by Thursday, 4/1 at 4:00 pm.** This will allow us to make sure we have enough room and to facilitate contact tracing, should something happen (God forbid). Previous protocols will be observed including: wearing a face mask at all times in the buildings (including those who are fully vaccinated), physical distancing at least 6' apart, washing/sanitizing hands, taking temperatures, communion with individual cups and wafers in the pews, cleaning the sanctuary after each service, windows open, no group singing, and limited numbers in the sanctuary. If we find we have significantly more than that calling in, we'll add a duplicate worship service at 11:00 am, cleaning the sanctuary in between.

We will continue to monitor pandemic trends in order to mitigate against undue risk. Please also note that, as hard as we are working to keep our church campus virus free, to come here is not without risk, as we are not a medically sterile facility. Each of us can do our best to protect ourselves and others, including continuing to follow health guidelines such as frequent hand washing, staying home when ill, getting tested when exposed, and always wearing masks in public meeting places. We strongly discourage any health fragile folks from attending in-person worship, as well as those who have been traveling to at-risk areas or who care for those who are at-risk. This is all offered out of Christly neighbor love and care for everyone's health and well-being.

It won't be the Easter celebration that we all would prefer but we rejoice to be able to offer this opportunity to those who want to worship in person. Please also know that no one will be thought of less if they are not yet comfortable worshipping in person. We know that we're still all together in Christ's Resurrection Spirit even if we're physically apart!

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 12:13-15-

¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,






“Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!”

¹⁴ Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:

¹⁵ “Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.

Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

(Post or keep this weekly scripture in a handy place and every morning / evening share the following 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.