



**MAY 2, 2021 - 9:00 AM**

**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  
Jim Cleven, 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.)

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**PRAYER REQUESTS** for the month of **MAY** can be submitted online at [www.selcaz.org](http://www.selcaz.org) or Cindy Wiste at [cindywiste@gmail.com](mailto:cindywiste@gmail.com)  
**Prayers Can Be Found in The Back of The Bulletin**

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**Oil for The Eternal Light provided by  
Becky Randall in honor of her mother and family.**

**Scripture Readings for Next Sunday**

Acts 10:44-48

Psalm 98

1 John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17

**The White Rose is in Memory of Rich Mount.**

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

**GATHERING**

Prelude                      “Great is Thy Faithfulness”                      *(arr. Dan Miller)*

Welcome

\*Confession and Forgiveness

\*Gathering Song *(Sung by soloist)*  
“Now the Green Blade Rises”

**ELW #379; vss. 2-4**

\*Greeting

\*Prayer of the Day

**WORD**

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

\*Gospel Acclamation                      “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

\*Gospel: John 15:1-8

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

**Special Music**           “Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart”  
Paul Gregory, organ; Deb Koltveit, piano; Billie Hayes, keyboard

**\*Apostles' Creed**

**\*Prayers of the People**

**\*Sharing of the Peace**

## **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 (*Sung by soloist*)  
“This Is Amazing Grace”

(*Phil Wickham*)

#### Postlude

“Voluntary on Sending Hymn”  
Billie Hayes, Piano; Deb Koltveit, Keyboard

(*arr. B. Hayes*)

(Please remain seated until Ushers dismiss  
Worshippers after Dismissal, starting from the back row.)

#### Dismissal

**Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.m. - In-Person or Livestreamed** online at our website, on YouTube and Facebook. Those wishing to attend services will need to make reservations for every Sunday service, by the previous Thursday at 4:00 pm, on a “first come, first served” basis, by calling the church office, 459-0444, or emailing, [admin@selcaz.org](mailto:admin@selcaz.org).

**All previously established safety protocols will be observed.**

**Please offer a prayer of praise** for Ilmari Faacks Rova (born to Intern Annela Rova and Reese Hunter); **please pray** for the family and friends of Rich Mount; Alex (daughter of Marilyn Hewitt's friend); Peggy Graham; Wanda Schroeder (Penny Germain's sister); Ingemarie Fulford, Carol (Cindy Allen's mother); George Renbeck (Kim Rewis' father) and for Kim Renbeck.

**Please continue to pray** for the family and friends of Norm Grahn; Penny (the Dechant's former daughter-in-law); Cherie Fleming (Dave Dechant's cousin); Lilas Mae Grabow, Michael, Alfreda Blakeway, Cindy Bartlein, Marc Eichelmann, Amy Pike, Amber Brenner, Chris Brenner, Rich Mount, Duke Burford; Corrie Rohr (uncle of Shepherd's Fold child); CJ Abraham co-worker's son who committed suicide; Bob and Jane Strain; Hanna Hooper; the family of Helen Daum; Sandy Urlic; Nancy (friend of Lisa Mitchell); the family of Sharon Keene (Community Choir Director); Beth Dechant, Dolly Bessler; the Robert Robles Family (family has 3 children in Shepherd's Fold); Holly and Brandon Montgomery (Perry's niece and husband); Mich and Abraham families; Rachel and family Jamie, Owen and Marcia (Rachel is Barb Wirsching's niece).

**Long Term Prayers:** Joseph and Laruen Acker (Diana Galecke's nephew and wife); Addie (Krazy Goat Sanctuary); Mary Alexander; John & Mary Alexander (Mary Alexander's son and wife); Gail Brady (neighbor of the Hamps); Dee Brenner, Deb Brown, Clayton (Helen Perdiue's son); Gracie (friend of Marilyn Hewitt); Samantha Howard (Carol Jordahl's great niece); Don Huthoefer, Jake (son of a friend of the Perrys); Kyle King (neighbor of the Palomaas); Makayla Margulies (Virginia Napolitano's grandniece); Anne Nowak, Linda Perry, Dee Rowley, Doris Rasmussen, Jerry Regan; the Rewis family; Faye Toto, Verona Webb, John Williams, Jill Winkels (Cindy Wiste's friend), Wyman (Julie March's cousin); The Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission at Rock Point; all who are affected by the COVID-19 virus; all youth experiencing mental health issues; peace for our nation; military personnel everywhere.

**Zoom Coffee Chat This Sunday, May 2 at 10:45 a.m.**

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

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91574829029?pwd=K29pMklWck12SUpNcjBPL2VicngvQT09>

Meeting ID: 915 7482 9029

Passcode: 642347

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**CareNet Support Opportunity - Celebrate Life with CareNet's 1st Ever Drive 4 Life** - It will be May 8, 2021, starting at 10:00 a.m. at Calvary Chapel at 1155 E Wilcox Drive. The drive goes down Fry Blvd and ends at Village Meadows Baptist Church at 1407 El Camino Real. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. or the week before at Care Net, 1197 E Fry Blvd. Forms are in the church office or at Care Net.

This event raises funds to provide a safe place for unborn children and provide their mothers and fathers with the tools and resources they need to succeed in life and as parents. Please consider making a donation. 100% of the proceeds raised from our Drive for Life will go toward helping and supporting these vulnerable men, women, and babies in our community.

Care Net provides free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds and education on pregnancy and child raising. The parents earn "Mommy dollars" and "Daddy dollars" by attending the educational classes. These "dollars" can be spent to buy diapers, formula, baby food, baby clothes and some baby furniture.

Join us for a fun parade. Decorate your car. Judging will take place at end of the drive at the Baptist Church. Donations can be made by putting money in an envelope and writing Care Net on it and putting it in the black box next to the church office or giving it to Marilyn Hewitt. If you have questions, give Marilyn a call. 459-4746.

**Rich Mount Memorial Service** will be held Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 11:00 am by reservation at Sierra Lutheran Church. A committal service/inurnment will follow immediately in the SELC Columbarium. If you wish to attend, please make a reservation at the church office by May 13, at 4:00 p.m. Covid safety protocols will be observed.

**The Columbarium Team Needs You!** - The Columbarium Committee is currently seeking additional volunteers. We need a few able-bodied people who would be willing to help current team members water the plants in the columbarium (volunteers rotate). The columbarium has been a part of the church for over 20 years, and we hope there are some new faces who might be willing to help out. If interested, please contact Lisa Mitchell at 520-417-0266 / lisa12340@msn.com or Rebecca Dennis at 520-335-8697 / rubygboo@hotmail.com.

**Thank You** - My family and I would like to express our sincere gratitude for the outpouring of prayers, support, flowers, cards, and food during this difficult time in our lives. We are so grateful for all the extra work and arrangements that were made by the church staff to make Norm's service so special. It is so wonderful to have such a loving church family. Elaine Grahn and family

# FAITH Every Night In Every Home!

Our FAITH5 verse of the week is

**John 15:5**

I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

*(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.

Be creative! Stay open to the Holy Spirit!