

**THANKOFFERING SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 15, 2020
10:00 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 - 10:00 AM

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 cannot watch it online, call the office to request a DVD, if desired.

PRAYER REQUESTS for the month of **November** can be submitted online at www.selcaz.org or to Leslie McCourt at mccourtleslie@gmail.com

Please pray for Sue Crawley; and for peace for our Nation. Please continue to pray for the family of Paul Wirsching Jr.; Kevin Johnson, Jim Andrew; Eva Gorman’s daughter; Karen Cottrell, Rich Mount, Greg Mitchell, Bob Jost; Ingemarie Fulford, Greta, Kim (Sandy Stephenson’s brother), Kevin Randolph, Evie Sine; Aldean Hook; Shaun Wolhart, Linda Perry, George Abraham; the Pedersen Family; Faye Toto, Sue Stohlmayer, Sandie Urlic, Wyman, Mary Alexander; John and Mary Alexander (Mary’s son and daughter-in-law); Clayton, Norm Grahn, Samantha Howard, Don Huthoefer, Sharon Keen, Jake, Makayla Margulies, Michael, Anne Nowak, Caroline Pentecost, Jerry Regan, Bob Reiner, the Rewis family, Dee Rowley, Dee Stickley, Bob Strain, Verona Webb, John Williams; The Navajo Evangelical Mission at Rock Point; the filling of Council positions; people who are in lockdown in facilities and affected by the virus; military personnel everywhere.

SERVING TODAY

Acolyte - Erin Stephenson

Lector - Leslie McCourt

“Greeters” - Becky Randall and Linda Radwick

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

"Together"

Written & sung by Linda Perry; Mark Perry, guitarist

***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)

Introduction: *As we make our Thankofferings today, we share in a tradition that goes back to the 1800s or even earlier. Then, when it seemed that there was not enough money to carry out the work of the church, the women would act together as "cent" or "mite" societies. Each woman would set aside offerings at home throughout the year in thanksgiving for blessings received. And on occasion, the women would come together as we do today, joining their offerings together to support ministry of many kinds.*

When Women of the ELCA was formed in 1987, we committed to continue this tradition of giving in gratitude for blessings. Each year, in thousands of congregations, Thankofferings are given to support the life-changing ministries of Women of the ELCA. Together, we do more than we could ever do apart. In gratitude for all God has given to us, and with hope for all that is to come, let us now give our Thankoffering.

Offering Basket with ThankOfferings brought forward to the altar.

MEAL

*Great Thanksgiving (*spoken*)

*Dialogue

ELW pg. 144

*Preface

*Holy, Holy, Holy (*spoken*)

ELW pg. 144

*Words of Institution

*Lord's Prayer

ELW pg. 145

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

SENDING

Announcements

*Blessing

*Sending Hymn (*Sung by soloist*)

“Give Thanks”

(Henry Smith)

*Dismissal

(Pause for Chimes)

Postlude

“Voluntary on Sending Hymn”

(Billie Hayes)

ZOOM COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TIME - Join us for informal conversation and catching up on Sunday, 11/15, from 11:30 am - 12 pm, on Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/98885875641?pwd=akJ2aHlrNWU4YktkMHFKSXZJdnVsZz09>

Meeting ID: 988 8587 5641

Passcode: 435914

One tap mobile

+12532158782,,98885875641#,,,,,0#,,435914# US (Tacoma)

COMMITMENT SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 22, 2020 - Please consider now how God is calling you to participate in and support our mission and ministry into 2021 by making a commitment towards sharing your energy and time in ministry and in giving financially. **Please fill out your 2021 “Time and Talent” Survey and Commitment Card and drop off at the church office, mail in or bring to worship on “Commitment Sunday” by/on November 22.** We will also have volunteers out in front of the office on the Lenzner side as well as the Sanctuary patio from 9:30-10 am or 11:10-11:15 am if you want to drive by and drop off your commitments on November 22 into sealed boxes. (As always, your financial giving is kept strictly confidential.) God bless you for being partners in our Gospel ministry for 2021!

Diving Into FAITH Fiving!

G.I.F.T. - Generations In Faith Together On Zoom

Pre-Thanksgiving Fun & Inspiration!

11:30 a.m. Sunday, November 22, 2020

A special invitation from Linda Perry, Dir. of Faith Formation: We are excited to begin sharing the fun, creative and inspiring resources from *Make Mealttime Family Time* (MMFT) with all generations of SELC! These resources can help us ALL to practice the FAITH5 model in our homes and lives - even during, and perhaps more so, in this pandemic time. These resources work very well over Zoom with loved ones far away! And lest you think this is only for families with children or is something you just share with your grandkids or nieces/nephews near or far, think again! These simple to use resources have helped to draw married couples, and friendships closer together and have helped them grow in their relationship with Christ and dive deeper into the Word of God. And it only takes a few minutes a day!

To get a little taste of how it works, we will be sharing on Sunday, November 22, one simple discussion activity. This will give us an opportunity to practice just one small sample from the program so that you can use others on your own in the future with your spouse, friends, and/or other family members.

We hope you will join us for this special time together!

Watch for more info and the Zoom invitation in the Monday Messenger!

STOCKING STUFFERS DONATIONS NEEDED! - Due to the COVID-19 situation, we unfortunately cannot do the annual service project with our youth, but Elaine Norton, the Coordinator, said they have plenty of shoppers stepping up to do the work from all over the community! They are, however, in need of donations more so than ever, so if you would like to help make a donation to our Stocking Stuffer Fund, please make checks payable to SELC and note "Stocking Stuffers" in the Memo Line. You may drop off or mail checks to the Church Office no later than Dec. 11 or bring them to a Sunday Service. The children receive clothing, pajamas, underwear, shoes, and a coat if needed. Last year our youth shopped and wrapped for 13 children thanks to your generosity!

BODY OF CHRIST MINISTRIES THANKSGIVING COLLECTION - We are reaching out to the less fortunate in this community with complete Thanksgiving dinner boxes and would like your help with donations of **nonperishable food**. Donations can be placed in a collection box by the Sanctuary Patio Doors between now and November 19th. The box will be clearly labeled. Monetary gifts can be mailed to: Body of Christ Ministries - P.O. Box 454, Sierra Vista, AZ 85636. Thank you, God Bless & Happy Thanksgiving!

SELC WORSHIP SERVICES - SUNDAY'S 10:00 AM - Worship with us either 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, 4:00 pm, on a "first come, first served" basis, by calling or email the church office (520-459-0444, or admin@selcaz.org) to reserve a seat.** Reservations are limited to 40 people for each service (not including those serving) to allow for physical distancing. **You are asked to observe safety protocols that are in place.** A full list of procedures can be found online at www.selcaz.org or from the church office.

Flowers presented by the Bobar family in loving memory of Bob
and by Billie Hayes in memory of Lynn.

Oil for The Eternal Light provided by Sylvia Diamond in memory of Don.

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalm 95:1-7a

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

FAITH Every Night In Every Home!

Our FAITH5 verse of the week is 1 Thessalonians 5:9-11:

⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

(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!