



**COMMITMENT SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 22, 2020
10:00 AM WORSHIP**

**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.”

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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 George Renbeck and Anya; for Sandy Stephenson and family at the passing of her brother Kim, the family of Carolyn Pentecost, Henry Webster, Eric Grabel. **Please continue to pray** for Sue Crawley; peace for our Nation; 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, Kevin Randolph, Evie Sine; Aldean Hook; Shaun Wolhart, Linda Perry, George Abraham; the Pedersen Family; Faye Toto, Sue Stohlmayer, Sandie Urlie, 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.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED NOVEMBER 26 & 27
IN OBSERVATION OF THANKSGIVING.**

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 SELC Handbell Choir directed by Billie Hayes
"Etude in G" (Behnke) with "For the Beauty of the Earth" (Kocher)

***Apostles' Creed** ELW p.104

***Prayers of the People / Dedication of 2021 Commitments**

***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 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*)

ELW #686

“We Give Thee but Thine Own”

*Dismissal

(Pause for Chimes)

Postlude

“Toccatà Brevis”
Paul Gregory

(Daniel E. Gawthrop)

Flowers presented by Sandy Stephenson in celebration of Erin’s birthday,
and by George and Dotti Pohlman.

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

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Today during the service, we celebrate and pray over our 2021 “Time and Talent” Survey and Commitment Cards.

If you have not yet turned yours in, volunteers, with sealed boxes will be 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 it off today. You may also mail or drop off or to the church office A.S.A.P. please. God bless you for being partners in our Gospel ministry for 2021!

A PRE-THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION!

**G.I.F.T. - GENERATIONS IN FAITH TOGETHER ON ZOOM
TODAY at 11:30 a.m.**

We hope all will come to join us for our pre-Thanksgiving time of GIFT this morning at 11:30 am, on Zoom (see the invitation below). This time together will give us an opportunity to practice just one sample from the new faith conversations resources from *Make Mealttime Family Time*, which can enrich our faith walk together and draw us closer in our relationship with Jesus.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/92918800173?pwd=dTDvakdlcStWSnNtZVg0Umt0YVdmdz09>

Meeting ID: 929 1880 0173

Passcode: 740289

One tap mobile

+12532158782,,92918800173#,,,,,0#,,740289# US (Tacoma)

(Note: GIFT takes the place of Sunday Coffee Fellowship.)

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.**

**A FESTIVE DRIVE-BY ADVENT PICK UP - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24th
ADVENTURES IN ADVENT KITS!
10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. OR 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
In the Drive-thru area in Front of the Church Office**

We are inviting ALL members and friends of SELC of all ages, and especially those with children of all ages, or grandchildren in their homes, to come to a fun Advent Drive-by, to pick up their Adventures in Advent Kits as a part of our Make Mealttime Family Time fun! Our chefs will be “dishing” out the fun, spreading cheer and playing Christmas Carols - yes, before Advent! **Come take a short drive and get your FAITH 5!**

The kit will include some fun treats and a special Christmas gift for each child, along with creative and inspirational Advent and Christmas conversations and activities. These can all be done with children and teens in the home or over Zoom or Face Time for those whose loved ones are far away! If you are in worship on Sunday, Nov. 22, we can give it to you then as well. (As always, be sure to RSVP by Thursday if you plan to be in worship.) We can also email these activities to you if you prefer, just contact Cindy Wiste at cindywiste@gmail.com. If you do not have email capability and cannot pick up your packet, please let her know as and we will help get them to you.

As the new year approaches, we will be launching more detailed information about these faith enriching resources that we hope will bless families, children, teens, couples, and singles! We plan to make the links available each month on our church website that you can click on for easy access under **FAITH5 For Our Faith Family!**

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!

FAITH Every Night In Every Home!

Our FAITH5 verse of the week is Matthew 25:40:

⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.

(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!