

NOVEMBER 3, 2019
10:45 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.”

Mark Perry, Pastor
Paul Benz, Intern Pastor
Linda Perry, Director of Faith Formation
Larry Rewis, SELC Council President
Cindy Allen, Administrative Assistant
Ministers: The People of SELC

**You Are Invited again to Sunday Worship Services
Next Week at 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.**

Nursery for children Birth - 4 yrs is available at both worship services. Parents are also welcome to use the Comfort Room as a private area to take your infant or young children if you would like. Located just off the Lobby.

WELCOME TO SELC - Please sign your name in the red fellowship pad from the pew rack in front of you. All are welcome at the communion table, regardless of denominational background or life circumstance. To learn more about what it means to be a devoted Christ-follower, and how Baptism is an essential entrance rite into that life of discipleship and service, please talk to the pastor or intern pastor. White grape juice is available as well as gluten-free wafers. Please indicate your preferences to the server.

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

PLEASE PRAY for Faye Toto, Kurt P., the family of Lois Wohlhart and for Joanne March. Please continue to pray for Texas tornado victims/survivors; Chris Brenner; Mike and Debi Brown; Bob Dooley; Don and Sylvia Diamond; Jody, Marcia Mohr, Rich Mount, the family of Mike Harvison; Makayla Margulies, Jessica S.; Samantha, Bob Reiner; George Abraham; Jim and Pam Andrew; Jane Behsman, Jan Bevelin, Dee Brenner; the Bills family; Carol Coss, Clayton; Don and Jan Huthoefer; Johnnie Rae Latham, Helen Lecomte, Jake, Mahkyla, Sully Mix, Rich Mount, Anne Nowak, Shawn Nowery; Pete and Dee Pederson; Helen Perdiue, Jerry Regan; Roger and Dee Rowley; Virginia Studer, Grady Taylor, Bridget Watson, Virginia Wickizer and military personnel everywhere.

2019 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
(* = *Please stand as you are able*)

GATHERING

Prelude "Hymns for the Saints" (arr. B. Hayes)

Welcome

***Remembering the Saints** (*We gather in the Columbarium*)

Pastor: When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death.

**All: We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death,
so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,
we too might live a new life.
For if we have been united with him in a death like his,
we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.**

Leader: *A reading from First Thessalonians: We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.*

(1 Thessalonians 4:13-14)

P: In joyful expectation of the resurrection to eternal life, we remember this day those who have gone before us in faith and who now rest from their labors, especially those members and friends who are dear to us and who have died since last All Saints Day...

Here individual names are spoken. A bell is tolled after names are read.

P: Dear God,

**All: As we remember these beloved brothers and sisters,
strengthen us to follow Christ through this world
until we are carried into the harvest of eternal life,
where suffering and death will be no more. Amen.**

L: Let us go forth in the joy and strength of the Lord.

- 1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 5 The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

Pew Bible pg. 724

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:11-23

Pew Bible pg.949

*Gospel Acclamation “Sing Alleluia to the Lord” (*one verse*)

*Gospel: Luke 6:20-31

Pew Bible pg. 838

Children’s Time

Choir Anthem

“Faith to Carry On”

(Don Besig, Nancy Price)

Sermon

Pastor Mark Perry

Moment of Silent Reflection

*Hymn of the Day

“Shall We Gather at the River”

ELW #423

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Carson Leif Bratlien and Aubrey Elizabeth Bratlien

Son and Daughter of Leif and Lauren Bratlien

*Prayers of the People

(*to the conclusion, “Lord, in your mercy,”
please respond, “hear our prayer.”*)

*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

Offering

Music during Offering

“Amazing Grace”

(Newton/Walker)

***Offering Prayer**

***Holy Communion**

***Words of Institution**

***Lord's Prayer (sung)**

Invitation to Communion

Songs during Communion

"I Am the Bread of Life"

"Lord, Be Glorified"

ELW #485

ELW #744

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Announcements

***Blessing**

***Sending Song**

"Rise Up, O Saints of God!"

ELW #669

***Dismissal**

Postlude

"Voluntary on Sending Song"

(arr. B. Hayes)

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday:

Job 19:23-27a

Psalm 17:1-9

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Luke 20:27-38

The Faith 5 Bible Verse for this week Ephesians 1:17-19:

I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

SERVING TODAY

Altar Guild

Wilma Bell, Donna Bryan, Rhea Scott

Crucifer

8:00 a.m. - Erin Stephenson

10:45 a.m. - Kaylie Clark

Acolyte

8:00 a.m. - Becky Randall

10:45 a.m. - Carl McCourt

Deacons/Communion Assistants

8:00 a.m. - Deacon Jane Strain

10:45 a.m. - Deacon Carl McCourt

Greeters

8:00 a.m. - Hal and Ro Decker

10:45 a.m. - Ingemarie Fulford

Lectors

8:00 a.m. - Cindy Wiste

10:45 a.m. - Leslie McCourt

Music Director

Jess Barrera

Organist & Pianist

Billie Hayes, Deb Koltveit

Partners in Praise

Betty Burford, Victoria Kiser,
Linda Perry,

AV Technicians

Bill Silvis, Larry Rewis, CJ Abraham,
Fred March, Dave Dechant

Ushers for Today

8:00 a.m. - *Jim Cleven, Virginia
Cleven, Diana Galecke

10:45 a.m. - *Rich Mount, Gary
Graham, Anna Bratlien

WSELC THANKOFFERING SUNDAY -Next Sunday, November 10th at the 8:00 am & 10:45 am Worship Services - Thankoffering Sunday is a separate offering that we give in thankfulness for all the wonderful things we do church wide. The women will greet, usher and be lector on that Sunday. Through our circle offerings, \$300.00 will be donated to Women of the ELCA Grand Canyon Synod. The synod is doing a retreat on November 8th and 9th at Love of Christ Lutheran Church in Mesa.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 17, 2019 Our Stewardship Team has scheduled our annual Commitment Sunday for November 17th. Early this month members and friends will receive a letter with a 2020 Commitment Card and Stewardship Survey. We ask that you fill these out and bring them forward to lay on the altar (or ask an usher to do so) at either of the worship services on this Sunday. If you are unable to attend, please bring or send it into the church office. Filling out our intentions and submitting them is the best way we have to determine what our mission for 2020 can be in building up the Kingdom of God through our mission at SELC. (Please note that, as always, all commitment cards are held confidential by our Financial Secretary).

G.I.F.T. (*Generations In Faith Together*) - November 17 - 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

YOUTH CONNECTS! November 9 - For 6th - 12th Gr. from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Vail Ministry Center. The theme is *What Would Jesus Tweet?* Sessions include; 'posting like Jesus', using words for positive expression, being safe on the internet, seeing symptoms of depression and anxiety related to social media pressures. If you have not yet registered see Linda Perry ASAP!

STOCKING STUFFERS FINANCIAL HELP NEEDED - Our Youth will once again be shopping for clothing, shoes, underwear/socks and jackets for Stocking Stuffers on November 21 to help 8 to 10 children in need this Christmas. Donations for this service project can be made out to SELC with "Stocking Stuffers" in the memo line. The last day to make a donation is November 17. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Perry.

SHEPHERD'S FOLD THANKSGIVING PROGRAM AND LUNCH, You are invited! November 22nd, 10:30 am - 12:00 Noon - SELC Fellowship Hall - Our children will re-enact the pilgrims coming to America. Dessert this year will be made from pumpkins grown in the Little Sprouts Interactive Garden! The children were so excited to plant them, grow them and pick them.

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT! Friday, November 15th - 6pm-10pm Need a night out? Want to support Shepherd's Fold Child Care Center? Then drop off your kids for an evening of fun, pizza, and a snack while they watch a movie. Shepherd's Fold Staff Will Be Supervising. Cost: \$30 per child (\$5 for siblings) Ages: birth to 12 years-old. Reservations are Required by November 8th! 520-459-0115

THANKSGIVING EVE ECUMENICAL SERVICE & PIE SOCIAL- Nov. 26, 7 pm, Sierra Vista United Methodist Church - Join voices, hearts and hands together with brothers and sisters from a variety of churches in Sierra Vista to give Thanks to God for all His blessings at our annual Thanksgiving Eve worship service at Sierra Vista United Methodist Church, 3225 Saint Andrew Drive, on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving Day. A PIE SOCIAL will follow in the SVUMC activity center! Bring a pie to share if you can but if you can't, enjoy pie and fellowship anyway because there's always more than enough! Also, if you can help with receiving pies before worship and/or helping serve and clean up at the fellowship time, please let Pastor Perry or our church office know. Give thanks to the Lord for His love will reign forever!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD BANK NEEDS TURKEYS!! St Vincent de Paul food bank is asking you to help us provide a Thanksgiving dinner box for families. Please donate a 12-15 lb. frozen turkey by Friday, November 22. Every year St Vincent's provide 350+ turkey dinner boxes in Sierra Vista. For more information contact: Stan Garner 520-458-9725. Drop off your turkey at 1 of 3 locations:

1. The SVdP Food Bank, 614 Bartow Drive, Mon. - Thur. 12Noon -4 pm
2. St Andrew Catholic Church Office, 800 Taylor Drive, Mon. - Fri. 9 am -4 pm
3. The SVdP Thrift Store, 220 Meyer Drive, Mon. - Sat. 10 am -3 pm

CHRISTMAS AIRLIFT TO THE NAVAJO NATION Please pray for George Pohlman and the other volunteers who will be flying donations to The Navajo Nation on November 9, 2019. What a great day to especially pray for the flyers as well as those who will be receiving these donations of love!

CHURCH PEWS MINISTRY - You are needed! The church pew ministry consists of a team of volunteers who collect attendance sheets and straighten the pews each week. For more information or if you are willing to help, please contact Ginny Anton at ginnya73@gmail.com or 919 698 2044; or Steve Pearce at vlaswp@gmail.com or 919 724 7936.

BUTTER BRAID PICK-UP - November 5 from 1:30 pm to 6:00 pm. If you ordered Butter Braid from Shepherd's Fold. Please come pick up in the Fellowship Hall. For questions or for more information contact James at 459-0115.

TAKING FAITH HOME
NOVEMBER 3, 2019 - ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
Give thanks for the saints.

HYMN OF THE WEEK: *For All the Saints*

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 19:1-10	Jesus visits Zacchaeus
Monday	Isaiah 1:10-18	Justice is needed, not sacrifice
Tuesday	2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12	God will relieve their troubles
Wednesday	Psalms 51:10-19	Sacrifice acceptable to God
Thursday	Romans 12:9-21	Marks of a true Christian
Friday	Leviticus 19:32-37	Living a holy life
Saturday	Psalms 32:1-7	The joy of forgiveness
Sunday	Luke 20:27-38	Jesus speaks of the resurrection

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK: I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. Ephesians 1:15-16 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week: Dear God of our Lord Jesus Christ, give us wisdom to come to know you and a thankful heart for all the saints. Amen. (Ephesians 1:17-18)

Mealtime Prayer: As we receive this food today, we seek your blessing for those who are hungry now that they may be filled. Amen. (Luke 6:21)

A Blessing to Give: May the Lord bless you, fill you with good things and give you joy. (Luke 6:20-21)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Who is someone you look up to? Why?
- Think of someone you think is a “saint.” How would you describe what makes them a “saint?”
- Name a person you admire for their faith in Christ. In what ways have they influenced you?

DEVOTIONS: *Read:* Ephesians 1:11-23.

We can easily think of saints as those who live (or lived) super-Christian lives, people who are heroes of the faith, especially from the past. However, saints are simply those people who have “obtained an inheritance . . . according to the purpose of him [Christ]” (v. 11). In 1 Corinthians 1:2, Paul considered the believers at Corinth “saints,” although there were all kinds of conduct that Paul strongly opposed in the church there. We are made saints by the counsel and will of Christ. Ephesians 1:15 commends the church at Ephesus for their faith and love for “all the saints.” And this is why Paul gives thanks for this community of believers. It is easy to judge and condemn those around us, but to give thanks for and to bless (Luke 6:20-22) the saints, the church, which is Christ’s body, is what we do. The more we—for the sake of Christ—give thanks for our fellow saints, past and present, the more we can move ahead to bless the world with the power of the risen Christ. Who are some of the saints—past and present—who have blessed you and who you want to give thanks for today?

Pray: **Holy God, as people who are called “saints,” give us the faith to offer thanks for those around us called by the will of Christ to live for the praise of your glory. Amen.**

SERVICE: In 2 Corinthians 8:1-7 Paul is speaking about the church in Macedonia. They were going through hard times and not wealthy, but their giving was driven by joy and their praise of Christ’s love for them. They were filled with God’s grace and gave generously. A Christian response to God’s gift of grace is giving. In what ways do you embrace this gift through giving of your time, talents, and treasures?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS: All Saints Sunday is a time when we remember those who have gone before us as well as those Christians who surround us in our daily life of faith. It is a day to think about the family of God and our own families who are part of that same faith family. Find a family picture album and tell stories as you look at family and friends. How did they inspire you? What role did they have in your faith journey?

Flowers Provided by Ann Nowak in memory of Michael.

**Oil for The Eternal Light Provided by
John and Hanna Cannon in memory of loved ones.**

CALENDAR 11/3/19 - 11/10/19

SUN 11/3	8:00 & 10:45 AM	Worship Services / Home Communion
	9:30 AM	Faith Formation for ALL Ages
MON 11/4		
TUE 11/5	7:45 AM	Exercise Group
	1:30 PM - 6:00 PM	Butter Braid Pick-up - Fellowship Hall
	6:30 PM	Faith Formation Team Meeting - Room 3
	7:00 PM	Fellowship Hall Reserved
WED 11/6	9:00 AM	Bible Study - Music Room
	2:30 PM	Helping Hearts Tutoring - Fellowship Hall
THUR 11/7	7:45 AM	Exercise Group
	9:00 AM	Stitch-In-Time Quilters - Fellowship Hall
	12:30 PM	LIFT - Sr. High Youth Room
	2:30 PM	Confirmation - Jr. High Youth Room
	4:30 PM	Worship & Music Team Meeting - Music Room
	4:30 PM	Partner's in Praise Rehearsal - Sanctuary
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
	7:00 PM	Plus Square Dancers
FRI 11/8	6:00 PM	Square Dancing - Fellowship Hall
SAT 11/9	9:00 AM	Youth Connects Day Retreat- Tucson
SUN 11/10	8:00 & 10:45 AM	Worship Services / Thankoffering Sunday
	9:30 AM	Faith Formation for ALL Ages

Food Donations for Next Sunday Will Go to St. Vincent de Paul.