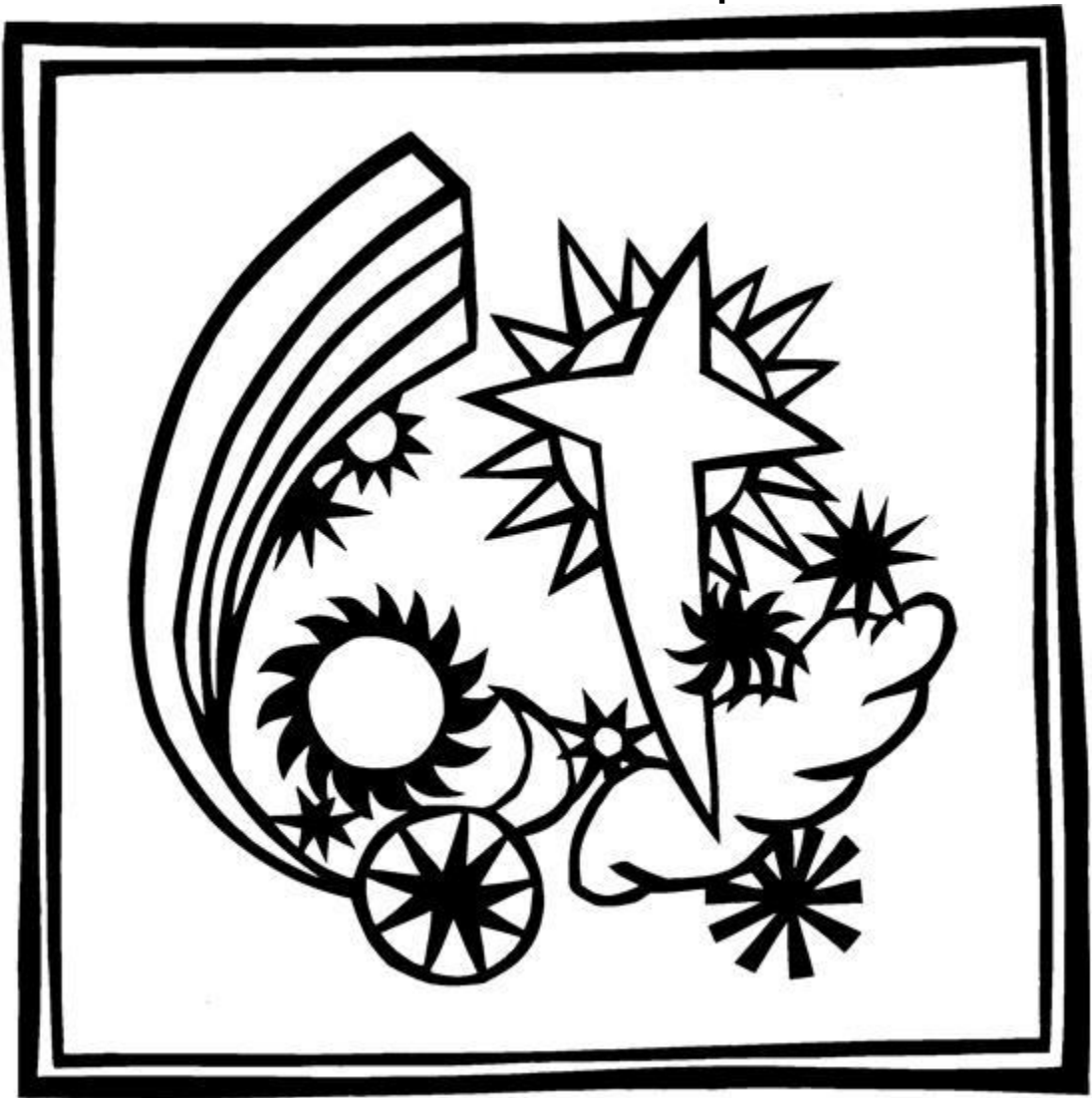


NOVEMBER 17, 2019  
10:45 a.m. Worship



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 10:45 worship service. 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 NOVEMBER can be submitted online at [www.selcaz.org](http://www.selcaz.org) or to Leslie McCourt at [mccourtleslie@gmail.com](mailto:mccourtleslie@gmail.com).

**PLEASE PRAY** Sylvia Diamond and family; Jerry Waller, Jan Bowie, Hal Decker, Maggie Vaughn; John Alexander and his wife; Janet Bobar and family. Please continue to pray for Ty Grube, Jack Hewitt, Doug Hamp. Faye Toto, Kurt P., Loren Porter and family; Joanne March; Texas tornado victims/survivors; Chris Brenner; Mike and Debi Brown; Rich Mount; 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, Makayla Margulies, Sully Mix, Anne Nowak, Shawn Nowery; Pete and Dee Pederson; Helen Perdiue, Jerry Regan; Roger and Dee Rowley; Virginia Studer, Grady Taylor, Bridget Watson, and Virginia Wickizer.

**TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
COMMITMENT SUNDAY**  
(\* = *Please stand as you are able*)

**GATHERING**

Prelude "I Surrender All" (B. Hayes)

Welcome

\*Confession and Forgiveness

\*Gathering Song "Here I Am to Worship" (*Tim Hughes*)

Prayer of the Day

**WORD**

First Reading: Malachi 4:1-2a Pew Bible pg. 779

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Pew Bible pg. 962

\*Gospel Acclamation "Lord Let My Heart be Good Soil"

\*Gospel: Luke 21:5-19 Pew Bible pg. 856

Children's Time

Special Music "Immortal, Invisible" (James Koerts)  
Presented by Gloryland with guest violinist, Sancho Manzano

Sermon Pastor Mark Perry

*Moment of Silent Reflection*

\*Hymn of the Day "O God of Every Nation (LLANGLOFFAN)" ELW #713

\*Apostles' Creed

- \*Prayers of the People *(to the conclusion, "Hear us O God,"  
please respond, "Your mercy is great.")*
- \*Sharing of the Peace

**MEAL**

*Offering Please bring your weekly offerings and 2020 commitments to the altar at this time.*

Offering Music	"We Are an Offering" "We Give Thee but Thine Own"	ELW #692 ELW #686
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\*Offering Prayer

\*Holy Communion

\*Words of Institution

\*Lord's Prayer *(sung)*

Invitation to Communion

Songs during Communion	"Bread of Life from Heaven" "Glorious Day (Living he loved me)"	ELW #474 <i>by Chapman, Hall, and Bleecker</i>
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Prayer after Communion

**SENDING**

Announcements

\*Blessing

*Sending Song	"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"	ELW #674
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\*Dismissal

Postlude	"Voluntary on Sending Song"	(arr. B. Hayes)
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**Taking ☩ faith home insert is available in the Narthex today.**

**Scripture Readings for Next Sunday:**

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 46

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

**The Faith 5 Bible Verse for this week: Malachi 4:2a “But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.”**

**SERVING TODAY**

**Altar Guild**

Wilma Bell, Donna Bryan, Rhea Scott

**Acolyte**

8:00 a.m. - Ann Loud

10:45 a.m. - Reilly Howard

**Deacons/Communion Assistants**

8:00 a.m. - Deacon Debra Brown

10:45 a.m. - Deacon Carl McCourt

**Greeters**

8:00 a.m. - Frankie Appelin, Myrna Meyer

10:45 a.m. - Sandy Shannon, Carol Jordahl

**Lectors**

8:00 a.m. - Leslie McCourt

10:45 a.m. - Helen Perdiue

**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 Clevon, Virginia Clevon, Diana Galecke

10:45 a.m. - \*Anna Bratlien, Gary Peterson, Richard Zimmer

## TODAY!

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**COMMITMENT SUNDAY** - Early this month members and friends should have received a letter with a 2020 Commitment Card and Time and Talent Sheets. 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 today. 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). Extra Commitment Cards and Time and Talent Sheets are located in the Narthex.

**G.I.F.T. (*Generations In Faith Together*)** - at **9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** We will share together about Stewardship and Gratitude to God on this Commitment Sunday!

**G.O.D. Squad (Guides on Duty).** If you would like to be a worship buddy for a child, please sign up on the patio, or for more information contact Linda Perry.

**GOOD NEIGHBOR CALENDAR SALE** - Doris Randolph and her sister, Nancy Montgomery, will again sell the GNA calendars on the patio after each service. The photographs for each month is taken somewhere in Cochise County. The cost is still \$10. GNA is one of the SELC missions, so do help us support a worthwhile organization.

## UPCOMING NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

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**STOCKING STUFFERS FINANCIAL HELP NEEDED** - Our Youth will once again be shopping for clothing, shoes, underwear/socks and jackets for Stocking Stuffers to help children in need this Christmas. **We thank Thrivent for their financial support of this special service project!** Donations for this service project can be made out to SELC with “Stocking Stuffers” in the memo line.

**SHEPHERD’S FOLD THANKSGIVING PROGRAM AND LUNCH, You are invited!** **November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

**ADULT CLASSES** - Wed, Nov. 20 and Sun, Nov. 24, Intern Pr. Paul will share about his 3-year Peace Corp experience and how it fits into his pastoral call! Join Us!

**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

**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!

**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](mailto:ginnya73@gmail.com) or 919 698 2044; or Steve Pearce at [vlaswp@gmail.com](mailto:vlaswp@gmail.com) or 919 724 7936.

**Flowers Provided by** Sandy Stephenson in celebration for Erin's birthday, and by Pat Bogan in memory of Mom and Michael.

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

## CALENDAR 11/17/19 - 11/24/19

SUN 11/17	8:00 & 10:45 AM	Worship Services Thankoffering Sunday
	9:30 AM	G.I.F.T. for ALL Ages - Fellowship Hall
	2:00 PM	Body Of Christ Hot Meal at SELC
MON 11/18		Messenger Deadline
TUE 11/19	7:45 AM	Exercise Group
	9:30 AM	Martha Circle
	4:00 PM	Good Neighborhood Alliance Meal Prep
	7:00 PM	Fellowship Hall Reserved
WED 11/20	9:00 AM	Bible Study - Music Room
	1:00 PM	Priscilla Circle
	2:30 PM	Helping Hearts Tutoring - Fellowship Hall
THUR 11/21	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	Partner's in Praise Rehearsal - Sanctuary
	6:30 PM	SELC Council Meeting in Choir Room
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
	7:00 PM	Plus Square Dancers - Fellowship Hall
FRI 11/22	10:30 AM	Shepherd's Fold Thanksgiving Program - F. Hall
	1:00 PM	Trust Fund Meeting - Music Room
	6:00 PM	Square Dancing - Fellowship Hall
SAT 11/23	10:30 AM	Acolyte Training - Music Room/Sanctuary
SUN 11/24	8:00 & 10:45 AM	Worship Services / Giving First Bibles in Worship
	9:30 AM	Faith Formation for ALL Ages
	4:30 PM	SELC Via de Cristo Potluck with childcare

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