

NOVEMBER 24, 2019
8:00 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 or to Leslie McCourt at mccourtleslie@gmail.com.

PLEASE PRAY Barb and Paul Wirsching, Kathy Krompacs, Duane Wiste and Jerry Waller. Please continue to pray for Sylvia Diamond and family; Jan Bowie, Hal Decker, Maggie Vaughn; John Alexander and his wife Mary; Janet Bobar and family; 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, Virginia Wickizer and military personnel everywhere.

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
ELW Holy Communion Setting Three
(* = Please stand as you are able)

GATHERING

Chimes *(Please observe silence as soon as the chimes are played to assist with preparation for worship.)*

Prelude "Fantasia in A Minor" (J. S. Bach)

Welcome

***Confession and Forgiveness**

***Gathering Hymn** "Rejoice, for Christ Is King" ELW #430

***Greeting**

***Kyrie** ELW pg. 138

***Canticle of Praise** ELW pg. 140
(vs. 1 - Women; vs. 2 - Men, vs. 3 - Choir; 4 - All)

***Prayer of the Day**

WORD

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6 Pew Bible pg. 633

Psalm 46 *(read responsively, starting on lectern side)*

Second Reading: Colossians 1:11-20 Pew Bible pg. 956

***Gospel Acclamation** ELW pg. 142

***Gospel: Luke 23:33-43** Pew Bible pgs. 859-860; SPARK Bible pg. 476

Choir Anthem “Christ, Our Savior, Is Lord” (Dave and Jean Perry)

Sermon Pastor Mark Perry

Moment of Silent Reflection

*Hymn of the Day “Beautiful Savior” ELW #838

*Apostles’ Creed

*Prayers of the People (to the conclusion, “Hear us O God,”
please respond, “Your mercy is great.”)

*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

Offering Music “Comfort Ye” (from G.F. Handel’s Messiah)
Jess Barrera, Soloist

*Offering Prayer ELW pg. 144

*Great Thanksgiving

*Dialogue ELW pg. 144

*Preface

*Holy, Holy, Holy ELW pg. 144

*Words of Institution

*Lord’s Prayer ELW pg. 145

Invitation to Communion

Communion Song “Lamb of God” ELW pg. 146

Hymns during Communion

“What Feast of Love”

ELW #487

“Jesus, Remember Me”

ELW #616; *repeat as the Spirit leads*

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Announcements

*Blessing

*Sending Hymn

“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!”

ELW #634; vss. 1, 4, 5 & 6

*Dismissal

(Pause for Chimes)

Postlude

“Voluntary on Sending Hymn”

(arr. B. Hayes)

Prayers for Healing

Immediately following the service.

Please come to the altar rail for laying on of hands and prayers.

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday:

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

The Faith 5 Bible Verse for this week: Colossians 1:19-20

“So spacious is he, so roomy, that everything of God finds its proper place in him without crowding. Not only that, but all the broken and dislocated pieces of the universe—people and things, animals and atoms—get properly fixed and fit together in vibrant harmonies, all because of his death, his blood that poured down from the cross.” - (*The Message* translation)

SERVING TODAY

Altar Guild

Wilma Bell, Donna Bryan,
Rhea Scott

8:00 a.m. - Sandy Stephenson

10:45 a.m. - Gary Peterson

Crucifer

8:00 a.m. - Erin Stephenson

10:45 a.m. - Jade Anthony

Music Director - Jess Barrera

Organist & Pianist

Billie Hayes, Deb Koltveit

Acolyte

8:00 a.m. - Dave Dechant

10:45 a.m. - Joy Rurangwa

Partners in Praise

Betty Burford, Victoria Kiser,
Linda Perry,

Deacons/Communion Assistants

8:00 a.m. - Deacon Debra Brown

10:45 a.m. - Deacon Carrisa Bratlien

AV Technicians

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

Greeters

8:00 a.m. - Glen and Deanna Sanner

10:45 a.m. - Becky Randall, Connie
Schlosser

Ushers for Today

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

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

Lectors

**TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE FAITH STEPPINGSTONE OF
THE RECEIVING OF FIRST BIBLES FOR: MILES DENNIS, RAYMOND DICKS AND
DALLAS RAYSOR AT THE 10:45 A.M. SERVICE!**

CHRISTMAS QUILT RAFFLE - The Stitch-In-Time Quilters are selling raffle tickets today and next Sunday, Dec. 1 for the lovely Christmas quilt. All the proceeds will go to the SELC Youth Group. **The drawing will be held on December 1 after the 10:45 am service.** For information or to purchase a ticket mid-week contact Terry Markstrom at 520-559-5113

THANKSGIVING 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 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!

TEACHERS SUPPLY DRIVE - "We love our teachers" supply drive for Town and Country, Joyce Clark and Bella Vista Schools. We are collecting: copy paper, tissues, electric pencil sharpeners and regular hand staplers along with monetary donations to help serve lunch to the staff of these schools. A bin is in the Narthex to place your donations. Thank You Thrivent for supporting this project.

STOCKING STUFFERS WRAPPING & CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR JR./SR. HIGH - December 5 - 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Youth Room. All youth will gather (with Sr. High starting at 12:30 p.m.) to wrap gifts for the children we are helping. We will also enjoy pizza, hot cocoa and Christmas cookies to celebrate this special service project together.

HANGING OF THE GREENS Thursday, December 5th at 9:00 am - The Altar Guild will be preparing the Sanctuary for all of our Christmas Services by putting the Christmas Tree up and decorating the Sanctuary and Narthex. We have beautiful new Chrismons to place on the tree this year. **All are invited to join in this wonderful time of fellowship a preparation for Christ birth**

“TIDINGS OF COMFORT AND JOY: A MIDWEEK ADVENT SERIES” Wednesdays, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18/2019 - 10:15 am & 6:30 pm - The holiday season can stir deep emotions within each of us. Many children greet the advent of Christmas with joy and excitement, whereas those who have lost loved ones during the past year may find great sadness in the very same event. Thankfully, our God meets us wherever we are, both physically and emotionally. This Advent series gives voice to the complex situations and emotions with which we greet the coming Messiah and uses the reactions of those who first received the news of Jesus’ birth (Zechariah, Joseph, & Mary) to do so. These services acknowledge responses of fear, confusion, doubt, and curiosity, while the coming of Jesus promises comfort and joy for all of us. Weekly Themes: Week 1. The Angel Speaks to Zechariah’s Fear (Luke 1:5-20); Week 2. The Angel Speaks to Joseph’s Confusion (Matthew 1:18-25); Week 3. The Angel Speaks to Mary’s Doubt (Luke 1:26-38)

“BLUE CHRISTMAS” SERVICE - Saturday, December 7th at 2:00 p.m. You are invited to a special candlelight Service of Remembrance for those whose hearts ache with pain and loss during the Christmas Season. Held at Faith Presbyterian Church - 2053 E Choctaw Dr. Valor Hospice will host a reception following the service. For more information call (520) 378-9400

CHRISTMAS CONGREGATIONAL POTLUCK AND CAROL SING - December 8th at 5:00 p.m. SELC Fellowship Hall - Bring your own Christmas place setting and utensils and of course a dish to share. We will supply the beverages. Billie Hayes will be at the piano! This is always a wonderful evening of preparation for the celebration of our Savior’s birth.

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.

Flowers Provided by

George and Dotti Pohlman in celebration of their 30th anniversary,
and Vern and Joanne Fleming in celebration of their 52nd anniversary.

Oil for The Eternal Light Provided by

John and Hanna Cannon in memory of loved ones.

TAKING FAITH HOME
Give thanks for the reign of Christ.

HYMN OF THE WEEK: *Jesus, Remember Me*

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 23:33-43	Christ the crucified king
Monday	Jeremiah 23:1-6	A message of hope
Tuesday	Colossians 1:11-20	The supremacy of Christ
Wednesday	Jeremiah 30:18-24	The Lord will rescue the nation
Thursday	Philippians 4:4-9	Pray with thanksgiving
Friday	Revelation 21:5-27	The new Jerusalem
Saturday	Psalm 46	God is our mighty fortress
Sunday	Matthew 24:36-44	The sudden coming of salvation

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father. Colossians 1:11-12a (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week: Lord Jesus, help us to give thanks for your reign and to forgive as we have been forgiven. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer: Lord of lords and King of kings, with voice of thanks we surely sing. Give us now our daily bread, gratefully received in heart and head. Amen.

A Blessing to Give: May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from Christ's glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience and joy. (Colossians 1:11)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- In what ways does a shepherd care for the flock?
- Would you rather be a shepherd or a king? Why?
- What is the difference between an earthly king and Christ the King?

DEVOTIONS: *Read:* Colossians 1:11-20.

The kings of the Old Testament were considered shepherds, and as shepherds they failed miserably. They scattered God's sheep, God's people, instead of leading them into the future with peace, justice, and trust in God. Jeremiah points out that God would have to intervene directly to execute justice and put an end to war (Jeremiah 23:1-6). In Colossians 1, we see the results of God's intervention. We have been rescued from the power of darkness and have received redemption, the forgiveness of sins (vv. 13-14). This is no earthly shepherd or king: "For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell," and through whom all things—things in heaven and things on earth—have been reconciled to God (vv. 19-20). What we could not do, what God's own earthly kings in Judah and Israel could not do, God did alone through Christ. For reasons that we cannot even fully grasp, list, or tell, we give thanks to God for the reign of Christ. Take a moment and—though never a complete understanding or list—give thanks for how Christ serves as ruler of the universe for you and all creation. ***Pray:* Dear Creator and Redeemer, in Christ we give thanks for your goodness and mercy that far exceeds all that we can know or understand. Help us to give thanks as we are able. Amen.**

SERVICE

Luke 23:33-43 tells of a dark time in the life of Jesus. He was arrested and punished for something he did not do. Jesus did not get angry but asked God to forgive the people. On the cross, Jesus had a criminal on his left and on his right. One of them said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom" (v. 42). Jesus replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise" (v. 43). Christian ministries reach out to those incarcerated with hope through Jesus Christ. Do you know of a prison ministry? Pray for those who are in prison and for those who work with them.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Both adults and children lead busy lives. Moments of quiet are not easy to find. From cell phones to computers to work and school and sports, we fill our days with noise and screen time. This distracts us from God. This week's reading from Psalm 46:10 reminds us to "Be still and know that I am God!" Take five minutes each day to turn off the television/radio, and be silent. Be still and listen to God. After the silence, write down your thoughts on a piece of paper and place it in your Bible as a marker for Psalm 46. At the end of the week, review your notes. Why do you think God desires stillness? What difference does it make?

CALENDAR 11/24/19 - 12/1/19

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
MON 11/25		
TUE 11/26	7:45 AM	Exercise Group
	7:00 PM	Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service & Pie Social at Sierra Vista United Methodist Church
	7:00 PM	Fellowship Hall Reserved
WED 11/27	9:00 AM	Bible Study - Music Room
THUR 11/28		Happy Thanksgiving - Office Closed
FRI 11/29		Office Closed
	6:00 PM	Square Dancing - Fellowship Hall
SAT 11/30		
SUN 12/1	8:00 & 10:45 AM	Worship Services / In-Home Communion
	9:30 AM	Faith Formation for ALL Ages

Food Donations for Next Sunday Will Go to Peaches Pantry.