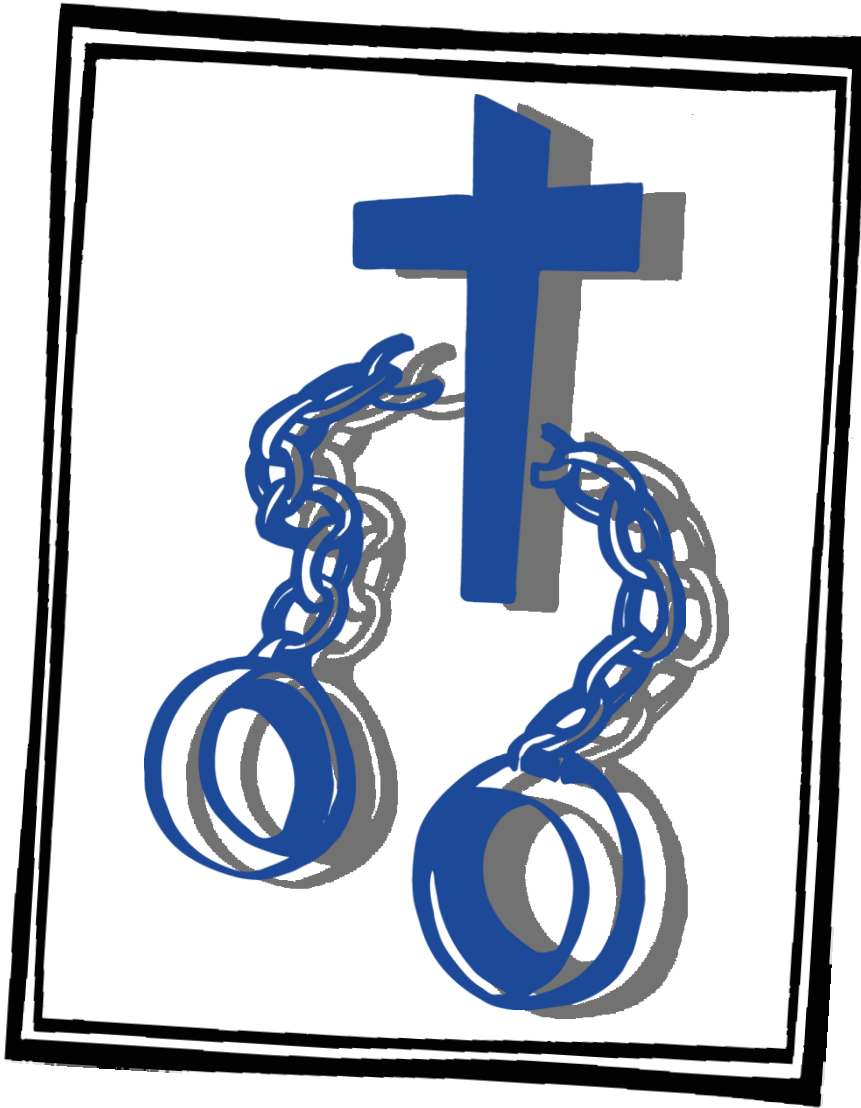


**October 25, 2020  
10:00 AM**



**Sierra Evangelical Lutheran Church  
101 North Lenzner Ave., Sierra Vista, AZ 85635  
(520) 459-0444 - [www.selcaz.org](http://www.selcaz.org)**

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

**SELC SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:00 AM**  
**WATCH AND WORSHIP WITH US LIVE-STREAMED ONLINE**

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](http://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 can’t watch it online, call the office to request a DVD, if desired.

**PRAYER REQUESTS** for the month of **October** can be submitted online at [www.selcaz.org](http://www.selcaz.org) or to Cindy Wiste at [cindywiste@gmail.com](mailto:cindywiste@gmail.com)

**Please pray for** Evie Sine, Doris Randolph’s son Kevin, Sandy Stephenson’s brother Kim, the birth of Neva Rae Black. **Please continue to pray for** Erin Stephenson’s friend Steve, SELC Council positions to be filled in January, Barb Wirsching’s daughter Greta, George Abraham (C.J.’s brother), the Pedersen family from Shepherd’s Fold, Faye Toto, Sue Stohlmayer, Sandy Urlie-Hall, the family of Bob Hollis; Paul Wirsching Jr.; Wyman (Julie March’s cousin); the family of Charles Brandes; Elaine Thomtson, Dena Anderson; Mary Alexander; John and Mary Alexander (Mary Alexander’s son and wife); Jim and Pam Andrew; Clayton, Karen Cottrell, Norm Grahn, Samantha Howard, Don Huthoefer, Sharon Keene, Jake, Makayla Margulies, Michael (Lisa Mitchell’s nephew); Anne Nowak, Caroline Pentecost; Linda Perry, Jerry Regan, Bob Reiner; the Rewis family, Dee Rowley; Dee Stickley, Bob Strain, Verona Webb, John Williams; The Navajo Evangelical Mission at Rock Point; all people who are in lockdown in facilities and affected by the virus; military personnel everywhere.



**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](http://www.selcaz.org) and click on the 'Giving' tab for info how to give online.*

**Special Music** "I Am the Bread of Life" (Suzanne Toolan, arr. Billie Hayes)  
Presented by SELC Handbell Choir

**\*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)

## MEAL

**\*Great Thanksgiving** (*spoken*)

**\*Dialogue** ELW pg.144

**\*Preface**

**\*Holy, Holy, Holy** (*spoken*) ELW pg.144

**\*Words of Institution**

**\*Lord's Prayer** (*contemporary version*) 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*) (Tomlin & Giglio)  
"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

**\*Dismissal**

**(Pause for Chimes)**

**Postlude** "Toccatà in E Minor" (Johann Pachelbel)

**Flowers Provided by Dolly Bessler in memory of son Paul.**

**Oil for The Eternal Light Provided by  
Donna Bryan in memory of Loved Ones.**

### **Scripture Readings for Next Sunday**

Revelation 7:9-17

Psalms 34:1-10, 22

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12

## **G.I.F.T. REFORMATION EVENT - TODAY**

All ages, all generations, all are invited to continue in reflection of our Reformation Worship service in fun and meaningful ways in our G.I.F.T. (Generations in Faith Together) time at 11:30 am - 12:15 pm, on Zoom!

Come and share with one another as we take a special look at the beauty, meaning and inspiration found in Luther's Rose. This rose like no other can truly lift our hearts and spirits in a time like no other! We will share in a brief synopsis of the Reformation through a creative and fun video that our younger attendees will especially enjoy and then focus on the beautiful rose and the words of Martin Luther describing what each part of the rose and colors represent. We will also have time to create our own expressions of faith. **Here's the Zoom link to GIFT:** <https://zoom.us/j/96728159546?pwd=Nk9GV0xDOXZZaVprcnQ5TURZTFJZQT09>  
Meeting ID: 967 2815 9546

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**“HYBRID” WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** - We are welcoming those who aren't able or comfortable using Zoom to join us in person in the Fellowship Hall for Bible Study, along with others who will also be joining us through Zoom. If you could please call the office to let us know if you plan to be there it would help in our preparations. We continue to study the upcoming Sunday's lectionary readings. All are welcome to participate! Watch for the Zoom invitation in Monday's Messenger.

**CONFIRMATION LEARNING EVENTS- WEDNESDAY'S 3:30-4:45 pm**, in the Fellowship Hall (distanced, wearing masks). This is for our youth, 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade. If you're interested, please contact Pastor Mark, [pastor@selcaz.org](mailto:pastor@selcaz.org), or call the church office.

**GOOD NEIGHBOR ALLIANCE UPDATE** - The GNA is still operating but needs some generous volunteers to provide meals. These meals can be bought and dropped off or prepared at the site. We have some needy people who would be might grateful. As of now there is no sign-up sheet. For information- time, place, days etc., please call Penny Crane 459-0546

## IN PERSON WORSHIP INVITATION

It is an exciting blessing to worship together in person in the sanctuary! It is definitely a different experience than pre-pandemic, e.g., we are learning how to worship more with our heart than with our voices in song. We also were aware of and grateful for those who are worshipping with us online. If you attended worship in person or online and have any feedback to offer to help us improve the experience, please let us know your thoughts.

We invite those who feel comfortable doing so to join us for worship in the sanctuary in upcoming Sundays. In person sanctuary worship is being offered at 10:00 am. This and all services will also continue to be offered livestreamed online at our website, on YouTube and Facebook.

**Those wishing to attend services will need to make reservations for each 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](mailto: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. Those who reserve too late for the coming Sunday will be put at the top of the list for the next Sunday. If numbers indicate the need, we’ll look to add another worship service in the future.

- Face masks are required to be worn at all times. (except those age 2 or under or precluded because of respiratory or other health issues)
- Sign in at door for attendance record and for the possibility of tracking potential exposure.
- Temperatures will be taken at the door.
- Hand sanitizer used upon entry.
- All keep distance of 6’ between households or single individuals.
- No congregational singing. Songs offered by a soloist from behind a protective shield and our musician, Billie Hayes.
- Communion shared by use of individual sealed cups and wafers at your seat (picked up upon entering church.) Mask may be removed briefly at this time and then reapplied.
- Offerings placed into stationary receptacle in the narthex.
- Air circulated with windows open when feasible.
- Please limit the number of items brought into the sanctuary to just what is essential. You may wish to bring your own water bottle.
- No nursery provided for childcare; narthex area available if needed for parents with children.

- The sanctuary will be thoroughly cleaned after each service.

We know that these protocols are likely to make for a very different worship experience than pre-pandemic. The SELC COVID-19 Response Team and Council believe it is what is needed to keep us safe as possible, following CDC and other medical authorities, with the caveat that to come is not without risk as we are not a medically sterile facility. Community infection rates will be closely monitored to ensure we continue as safely as we can. **Those with health issues or having recently traveled to higher risk areas are discouraged** from attending and no one is judged for their decision about this. We also believe that it will be a blessing to be back in worship together and trust we will learn new ways to praise God together from our hearts! Thanks again to our worship and COVID-19 Response Teams for helping us to gather as safely as possible and to enable us to have a positive experience yesterday!

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## FAITH Every Night In Every Home!

Our FAITH5 verse of the week is : John 8:31-32 - “Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”

*(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.