

September 13, 2020
10:00 AM

SEASON OF CREATION



“Godliness in Creation”

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.”

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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, 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 **September** can be submitted online at www.selcaz.org or to Cindy Wiste at cindywiste@gmail.com

Please pray for the family Marion Zimmer; the family of Barb Wirsching at the death of Barb’s cousin Wade, Peggy Graham, Ray Howard’s (Margaret Reilly’s husband) Aunt Wanda, Diana Fields. **Please continue to pray** for Rich Mount, Charles and the family of Connie Brandes, Karen Cottrell, Faye Toto, Dee Brenner, Jan Huthoefer, Linda Perry, the family and friends of Sam Gamutambuli, Ed Strauss Sr., Bob Hollis, Doris Rasmussen, Mark & family, Karen Ruth Peer, Sharon Keene, Charles Wickizer and his family, Karen Bickers, The family and friends of John, Verona Webb, Camelo, and Lee Grabow, Mary Alexander; John and Mary Alexander (Mary Alexander’s son and wife); Jim and Pam Andrew; John Cannon, Clayton, Norm Grahn, Ty Grube, Samantha Howard, Don Huthoefer, Jake, Makayla Margulies, Michael (Lisa Mitchell’s nephew); Anne Nowak, Caroline Pentecost; Jerry Regan, Bob Reiner; Larry Rewis, Dee Rowley; Dee Stickley, Bob Strain, 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.

Sermon

“Godliness in Creation”

Pastor Mark Perry

Moment of Silent Reflection

*Hymn of the Day

“Have You Seen Jesus My Lord?”

(John Fisher)

*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)

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

Trio: Betty Burford, Cindy Wiste, Victoria Kiser

“So Will I (100 Billion X)”

(Benjamin Hastings, Joel Houston, Michael Fatkin)

MEAL

*Great Thanksgiving

*Dialogue

ELW pg. 144

*Preface

*Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW pg. 144

*Words of Institution

***Lord's Prayer**

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** **"This Is My Father's World"** **ELW #824**

***Dismissal**

(Pause for Chimes)

Postlude **"Voluntary on Sending Hymn"** **(arr. Billie Hayes)**

Oil for The Eternal Light Provided by Faye Toto in memory of Tony.

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Hosea 4:1-3

Romans 8:18-23

Matthew 27:45-51

SEASON OF CREATION SERIES CONTINUES

From September 1st through October 4th, which is the Commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi, the ecumenical community around the world celebrates a special “Season of Creation.” This is a unique time of focusing on the wonder and goodness of God’s grace revealed and experienced in and through our natural world as well as God’s call to cherish and protect that great gift. The 2020 theme is ‘Jubilee for the Earth,’ prompted by the Old Testament teachings about providing a “Sabbath” and a 50-year “Jubilee Sabbath” for the land and people, found in Leviticus 25:1-12. Our Sundays during September this year will have an emphasis on those themes.

“CLIMATE CHANGE: WHY ACCEPTING AND RESPONDING TO IT MATTERS TO ALL OF US” (note updates)

As part of our ecumenical “Season of Creation” emphasis this month, all who care about God’s Creation are invited to take part in a 3-part Zoom conference, or watch Livestreamed, as climatologists from the University of Arizona and other experts help us to better understand and appreciate the urgent facts about global climate change and why and how we can and need to respond to it, not only for our sake but for the sake of future generations. Hosted by Sierra Evangelical Lutheran Church, Sierra Vista, this series is offered in the context of the biblical call to be better stewards of God’s good creation. (see the flyer as well).

Session 1, “The Global Perspective of Climate Change,” will take place on Tuesday, September 15, 2020, 7-8:30 pm. It will feature an excellent recorded overview of the crisis by Dr. Katharine Hayhoe, an atmospheric scientist and professor of political science at Texas Tech University. She and her husband, Andrew Farley, who is an evangelical pastor, have been leaders in faith-based education about climate change. In 2019 Hayhoe was named one of the United Nations Champions of the Earth in the science and innovation category. Her presentation will be followed by a question and answer time led by climatologist Gregg Garfin, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Associate Extension Specialist at the University of Arizona.

Session 2, **Wednesday, September 23rd, 6:30- 8 pm**, will focus on the impact and issues brought by climate change on our local region in the San Pedro Valley. Dr. Griffin will be joined by Mike Crimmins, UA Associate Specialist & Associate Professor in Climate Science, U of A fire ecologist, Laura Marshall, **and Holly Richter, from the Nature Conservancy.**

Session 3, Wednesday, September 30th, 7-8:30 pm, will focus on renewable energy efforts and other hopeful steps to mitigating effects of climate change. It will feature Dr. Garfin, on Climate change impacts and adaptation and **Nicole Hill, from the Nature Conservancy, on State and Local Energy Policy prospects for Arizona**. Discussion time will follow each of these presentations as well. To register for these online Zoom sessions, and for more information, please go to www.selcaz.org or register at Zoom directly at <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0ocuyhpjsrGNQIBD83dkRunQ3I5bY4YCVE> After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

TODAY ZOOM COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Topic: Sunday Coffee Fellowship
Time: Sep 13, 2020 11:20 AM Arizona

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96264119469?pwd=RmVKSVRBRCt0TlRjdXhIS29UNXJuZz09>

Meeting ID: 962 6411 9469

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PATH TO RESUMING IN-PERSON WORSHIP

Please be sure to look for the letter and survey on restarting in-person worship in your mail or email, fill out and return **by Friday, September 18th**. We need your input to help move forward in this process! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Church Congregation President, Larry Rewis, at 520-249-2973, or lrewis@gmail.com, or Pastor Perry, 520-226-6383, or pastor@selcaz.org, or anyone else on the COVID-19 Response Team. Thank you for your patience through all this and for your prayers of discernment, wisdom, and health for all.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO A BEAUTIFICATION OF THE CAMPUS MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 AT 11:00 AM.**

Please join our Zoom meeting, joining concurrently with a small in person happening. In 2019 the congregation voted to “**Improve our church campus** in order to attract potential new members and provide for greater safety and accessibility for handicapped persons”. Although some work has been done, lots more is possible but I’m hoping we can develop more specific goals related to campus landscaping. So with this in mind and in conjunction with the 2020 Season of Creation you are invited to attend either the socially distancing meeting in the fellowship hall or join us concurrently by Zoom to discuss goals and ministry possibilities we can agree on to further our campus development and our commitment to care for creation through the use of landscaping. If you are interested, please let me know and I’ll send you a list of potential ideas and questions to consider for discussion at the meeting. If unable to attend email your suggestions to me, Sandy Hall at jscorridor@msn.com.

Topic: SELC Landscaping Meeting
Time: Sep 14, 2020 11:00 AM Arizona

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/99142914562?pwd=YUlweC9wU3k5NmtoYmVPTnpyZUsvdz09>

Meeting ID: 991 4291 4562

Passcode: 128905

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**VIRTUAL “GIFT” (Generations in Faith Together)
SEPTEMBER 20TH**

Our next G.I.F.T. via Zoom will be September 20th at 11:20 a.m. immediately following the 10:00 a.m. live stream service. This will be the first session in a 4-part Bible study on the book of Jonah. **September’s theme is “Jesus is there for us even when we run from him.” We will focus on Chapter 1 verses 1-17.** It will be about 45 mins at the most. We will be sharing some wonderful

resources coming from Families Together and Faith Sparkers, written by Dave Lynn, of HomeandChurch.com and Home Grown Faith. They can also be used for some fun and inspiring times in which households who are interested can gather together over Zoom. More details to come about that soon! Both of these resources blend beautifully with our FAITH5 at home model that we hope you are able to engage in whenever possible. They are a wonderful way to help facilitate faith sharing and conversations not only for families with children but for singles, couples and friends wanting to connect more with God and one another! We hope all who have been a part of our G.I.F.T. mornings before, will join in along with any newcomers! Come and share the gift of YOU in G.I.F.T.!

“GOD’S WORK - OUR HANDS” PROJECT FOR UNHOUSED PERSONS

Not too long ago, our Youth Group led in an outreach project to help out those who live unhoused in our city that involved putting together “Care Bags” which could be handed out to people we might encounter who are in need. As one simple project for our “God’s Work - Our Hands” emphasis, (usually the second Sunday in September), SELC households are invited to put some together at home which could be kept in your vehicles and handed out as needed. Below is the recommended list of items we included in the bags. You’re also invited to let our office know if you’ve taken up this project and how many you put together so we can celebrate this ministry that was also well-received when we did it before.

Suggested items for 1-gallon Ziplock Care Bags:

- ♥ Toothbrush
- ♥ Toothpaste (small)
- ♥ Small bar of soap - travel size
- ♥ Wash cloth
- ♥ Small Kleenex Packet
- ♥ Pen & Small note pad
- ♥ Small package of Peanut Butter & Crackers or the Cheese filled crackers
- ♥ Pair of socks
- ♥ Roll of Lifesavers
- ♥ 2 - Granola Bars or Protein Meal Bars
- ♥ 1 or 2 Nut packets
- ♥ Small box of raisin

FAITH5

Every Night In Every Home!

Our FAITH5 verse of the week is
Matthew 6:26-37

Jesus said, “²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?”

(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

Share your highs and lows of the day with one another.



READ

Read the verse of the week and if time permits, the Bible story that pertains to the Scripture of the week.



TALK

Talk about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows of the day or how it's speaking to you.



PRAY

Pray for one another's highs and lows and other prayer requests.



BLESS

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! Have fun!