

September 20, 2020
10:00 AM

SEASON OF CREATION



“The Groaning of 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 Paul Wirsching Jr., the family of Ty Grube, Fred March’s Cousin; the family of Marion Zimmer, Gary Graham, thanks for a safe homecoming for Monica and Joy Benz; for Dena Anderson; and Elaine Thomtson (friend of Jane Strain). **Please continue to pray for** Barb Wirsching and family at the death of Barb’s cousin Wade, Peggy Graham, Ray Howard’s (Margaret Reilly’s husband) Aunt Wanda, Diana Fields, 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; Clayton, Norm Grahm, 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.

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

*Sending Hymn “Christ, Be Our Light” ELW #715, vss. 1, 2 & 5

*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

Genesis 1:26-27 & 2:15

Leviticus 25:1-12

Matthew 22:34-40

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.

“CLIMATE CHANGE: WHY ACCEPTING AND RESPONDING TO IT MATTERS TO ALL OF US” - 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.

Session 2, “Climate Change in the San Pedro Valley,” 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.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAKfuurpjMuGd30uQ7SYEVoAZsTtg1fr-d5>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Session 3, “Renewable Resources and Other Signs of Hope,” 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, and Ladd Keith, on land use, energy, and buildings. **Register in advance for this meeting:**

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYrfu6sqz4tHtDIIszXkmjEGoX8eJ5rZzCr2>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. (Time for Questions/Answers are part of each session).

This isn’t a partisan issue. This isn’t a propaganda issue. It is an issue of whether or not we’re willing to do what it will take to pass on an Earth to our descendants that will continue to hold at least some of the beauty and bountiful provision that we enjoy today.

INTERN SERMON FEEDBACK - Thank you to all who offer constructive feedback for our Intern Pastor, especially when she preaches. Following the model of *lectio divina* practices, you are invited to respond to the sermon by following this format:

1) Listen for a phrase, story or illustration that most “catches” your attention, thoughts or feelings.

2) Why did it “catch” you? What does that tell you?

3) Where did it take you in your thinking, feeling and/or actions?

You can write your thoughts down and turn them into Pastor Perry or send them to his email at pastor@selcaz.org. Thanks for helping to improve our Intern’s homiletical skills in this way!

TODAY! VIRTUAL “GIFT” (Generations in Faith Together) - Our G.I.F.T. via Zoom will be held TODAY at 11:30 a.m. (note time shift) 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 Jonah 1:1-17.** It will be about 45 mins. 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.! **HERE’S YOUR ZOOM INVITE!**

Topic: September GIFT at SELC

Time: Sep 20, 2020 11:20 AM Arizona

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/92826571080?pwd=QVU2YUJEZkZxQWRkcGR0NVZseEQxQT09>

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CHRIST IN OUR HOME DEVOTIONAL - The next quarter (October - December) Christ In Our Home devotional books are available. You can pick them up from the church office. Questions / Information please contact the church office - 459-0444 or admin@selcaz.org

FAITH

Every Night In Every Home!

Our FAITH5 verse of the week is Romans 8:22-23: “²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.”

(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!