

**September 27, 2020
10:00 AM**

SEASON OF CREATION



“The Guarding of Creation”

**Sierra Evangelical Lutheran Church
101 North Lenzner Ave., Sierra Vista, AZ 85635
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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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Larry Rewis, SELC Council President
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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 of Ty Grube, Paul Wirsching Jr., Monty Brandes and family at the death of his father Charles, Marilyn Hoerr, and Julie March’s cousin Wyman. **Please continue to pray** for the family of Marion Zimmer, Gary Graham, thanks for a safe homecoming for Monica and Joy Benz, Dena Anderson, Elaine Thomtson (friend of Jane Strain), 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, Karen Cottrell, Faye Toto, Dee Brenner, Jan Huthoefer, Linda Perry, the family and friends of Sam Gamutambuli, Ed Strauss Sr., Bob Hollis, Doris Rasmussen, Sharon Keene, Verona Webb, Lee Grabow, Mary Alexander; John and Mary Alexander (Mary Alexander’s son and wife); Jim and Pam Andrew; Clayton, Norm Grahn, Samantha Howard, Don Huthoefer, Jake, Makayla Margulies, Michael (Lisa Mitchell’s nephew); Anne Nowak, Caroline Pentecost; Jerry Regan, Bob Reiner; Rewis Family, 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.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
ELW Holy Communion Setting Three
(= Please stand as you are able)*

GATHERING

Chime

Prelude “Medley to Honor God's Creation” (arr. Billie Hayes)

(You may wish to light a candle or two during this time in your home)

Welcome

*Confession and Forgiveness

*Gathering Hymn “10,000 Reasons” (Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman)

Creation Litany

*Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading: Genesis 1:26-27, 2:15

Pew Bible pgs. 1-2; SPARK Bible pg. 2 & 8

Second Reading: Leviticus 25:1-12

Pew Bible pgs. 98-99

*Gospel Acclamation *(Spoken only)*

ELW p.142

*Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Pew Bible pg. 804

Sermon

“The Guarding of Creation”

Pastor Mark Perry

Moment of Silent Reflection

Hymn of the Day “God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens” ELW #771

*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 “What A Beautiful Name It Is” (Ligertwood, Fielding)
Soloist: Betty Burford

MEAL

*Great Thanksgiving (*Spoken only*)

*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

“How Great Thou Art”

ELW #856

*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

Proverbs 8:22-31

Colossians 1:15-20

John 1:1-5, 14

RESUMING IN PERSON WORSHIP

Your SELC COVID-19 Response Team met this past Thursday evening to evaluate our experience at last Sunday's "trial run" service and have decided to restart in person sanctuary worship on Sunday, October 11, 2020, at 10 am. Thank you to the 92 members and friends who responded to our worship survey via mail or online! You affirmed that it is worth moving forward in this way, including observing a number of protocols and procedures.

Some of those protocols include: wearing a face mask at all times in the buildings, physical distancing at least 6' apart, washing/sanitizing hands, taking temperatures, communion with individual cups and wafers in the pews, cleaning the sanctuary after each service, windows open, no group singing, and limiting the number in the sanctuary to 40. To that end, we ask that reservations be made in advance on a "first come, first served" basis, by calling Cindy Allen at the church office, 459-0444, or emailing, admin@selcaz.org. If we find we have a significant number over 40, we will consider adding a worship service.

All of this, of course, also depends upon continued downward trends in infection cases and continued availability of hospital and other medical care. Please also note, as hard as we are working to keep our church campus virus free, that to come here is not without risk, as we are not a medically sterile facility. Each of us can do our best to protect ourselves and others, including continuing to follow health guidelines such as frequent hand washing, staying home when ill, getting tested when exposed, and always wearing masks in public meeting places. We strongly discourage any health fragile folks from attending in-person worship, as well as those who have been traveling to at-risk areas or who care for those who are at-risk. This is all offered out of Christly neighbor love and care for everyone's health and well-being.

For more information or for questions, please contact the church office or our Council President, Larry Rewis, or Pastor Perry.

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

**ZOOM COFFEE FELLOWSHIP
TODAY AT 11:20 AM!**

All are invited to join us for our post-worship “Coffee Fellowship” on Zoom! Here’s the invitation:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/92431244272?pwd=d2MzZjVoSE5GbE0zc2w2bUNsZnVMQT09>

Meeting ID: 924 3124 4272

Passcode: 231507

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CLIMATE CHANGE SERIES CONTINUES

Our Zoom and Livestream presentations on the facts about Climate Change concludes this week. The first two sessions can be viewed by going to our website and watch them just like you would any of our worship services.

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 the final online Zoom session, and for more information, please go to www.selcaz.org or register at Zoom directly at:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYrfu6sqz4tHtDlszXkmjEGoX8eJ5rZzCr2>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Join us for these critically important information sessions which are a continuing part of our “Season of Creation.”

FAITH5

Every Night In Every Home!

Our FAITH5 verse of the week is
Matthew 22:37-40

³⁷He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.’

(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.

Be creative! Stay open to the Holy Spirit! Have fun!