

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

9:00 AM



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.”

Mark Perry, Pastor
Diana Washington, Intern Pastor
Linda Perry, Director of Faith Formation
Jim Cleven, SELC Council President
Cindy Allen, Administrative Assistant
Ministers: The People of SELC

SELC SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE - 9:00 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.

NURSERY AVAILABLE

Nursery Services are available, for those who wish, for children birth to Pre-Kindergarten in the Nursery Room on the North side of the patio.

PRAYER REQUESTS for the month of **SEPTEMBER** can be submitted online at www.selcaz.org or to Leslie McCourt, mccourtleslie@gmail.com

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY for Jim and Sandy Hexberg; Peter, Brynn and their 2 sons; Zach Bradshaw, Joyce Maloney, Dave Dechant, Dena Anderson, Felicia Sawyer, Donya Brenner, Cindy Bartlein; and David Fett.

Oil for The Eternal Light provided by

Linda and Rich Radwick in celebration of their 54th wedding anniversary.

Flowers Provided by

Ro and Hal Decker in celebration of their 63rd wedding anniversary.

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

GATHERING

Prelude “Amazing Grace” (*arr. Dino Kartsonakis*)

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

*Gathering Song “He Will Come and Save You” (Fitts, Sadler)

*Greeting

*Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a Pew Bible p. 578

Second Reading: James 2:1-17 Pew Bible p. 981

*Gospel Acclamation “Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil” ELW p. 512

*Gospel: Mark 7:24-37 Pew Bible p. 819

Sermon Pastor Mark Perry

Moment of Silent Reflection

Special Music “It Is Well With My Soul” (*Philip Bliss, Horatio Spafford*)
Cecelia Kjolsrud, soloist

***Apostles' Creed**

***Prayers of the People**

***Sharing of the Peace**

MEAL

Offering

Offering Moment - *We 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. An offering plate is available in the back for your gifts as well.*

***Offering Prayer**

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

***Dialogue**

ELW p.172

***Preface**

***Holy, Holy, Holy**

ELW p.173

***Lord's Prayer** (*Sung*)

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.)

Communion

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Sending of Communion

Announcements

Blessing

*Sending Song “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve” ELW #551

*Dismissal

Postlude Partita on Sending Song (*arr. Billie Hayes*)

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 116:1-9
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38

Serving Today

Acolyte - Sandy Stephenson

AV Technicians

CJ Abraham, Larry Rewis

Lector - Gary Peterson

Ushers for Today

Organist & Pianist - Billie Hayes

Gary Peterson, Carl McCourt

TODAY!

Join Us For Coffee Fellowship on the patio following worship. Enjoy informal conversation and fellowship! Thanks to our Fellowship Ministry Team.

SERVICE OF LAMENTATION - SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

As we all mourn the losses and pain we as a nation and as individuals have been going through this past year we invite you to mark your calendars and join your SELC faith family in a formal worship service of Lamentation and remembrance on Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2021, 7:00 pm, in person in the sanctuary and livestreamed. Watch for more information to come.

WIDOWS OF SELC

A luncheon is being planned for “Widows of SELC,” on Thursday, Sept 16 at the Manda Le Restaurant. Payment for lunch will be “Dutch.” This is just a “Get Together,” no requirements. **If you are interested and would like to attend (or for more information), contact Sylvia Diamond 520-803-6677 or 520-226-5667. Reservation deadline is Sept. 12.**

G.I.F.T - MARK YOU CALENDAR!

SEPTEMBER 19TH - 10:15 AM. WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION TO COME.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Good Neighbor Alliance shelter on 7th Street needs volunteers to provide dinner on the third Tuesday each month at 6 PM for 11 to 17 people. I would like to thank our generous volunteers who helped provide meals this year during the pandemic: Janet Pressler, Deanna Sanner, Virginia and Jim Cleven and Lorna and Dennis Cook. You are Good Samaritans! (Penny Crane pitched in when a scheduled cook or couple had an unavoidable conflict). For more information, or to volunteer, call Penny Crane at 459-0546.

VIA DE CRISTO 2021 RETREAT POSTPONED

Due to the continuing issues and risks concerning of the COVID-19 virus, the Via de Cristo retreat previously scheduled for October 2021 has been postponed until a future date in 2022. For more information, please contact Jim Cleven, SELC parish representative at 520-678-0414.

LUTHERANS HELP IN TIMES OF CRISIS

With the human tragedies continuing to unfold in Haiti and Afghanistan, the Lutheran Church is there to help through our world-wide agencies of Lutheran World Relief (LWR) and Lutheran Immigration and Relief Services (LIRS). To donate towards help with earthquake relief in Haiti, go to: <https://community.elca.org/haiti-crisis?erid=fb9672f7-c643-4942-988d-2620a9447ffa&trid=fb9672f7-c643-4942-988d-2620a9447ffa> To donate to support the refugee evacuation support and resettlement from Afghanistan for all those who assisted the USA the last 20 years, go to https://secure2.convio.net/lirs/site/Donation2?df_id=4081&4081.donation=form1&mfc_pref=T/ If you want to learn more about these agencies and other ways to help, go to www.ldr.org or www.LIRS.org. If you don't have access to the internet, you're welcome to make checks out to "SELC" and note "Haiti Earthquake" or "Afghan Refugees" and we'll make sure they get to where they need to go. There is much that can be done and is being done beyond what our government can and is doing and Lutherans have been part of that kind of "on the ground" support for over 80 years!

SEPTEMBER 9/5 - 9/12

SUN 9/5	9:00 AM	Worship Service In-Person / On-line
		Coffee Fellowship on Patio
MON 9/6		Office Closed in Observance of Labor Day
	6:00 PM	Sanctuary Reserved
	6:00 PM	Square Dancing - Fellowship Hall
TUE 9/7	9:00 AM	Shepherd's Fold Chapel - Sanctuary
	4:30 PM	Sanctuary Reserved
	7:00 PM	Fellowship Hall Reserved
WED 9/8	9:00 AM	Bible Study In-person - Music Rm and Zoom
	11:00 AM	Bells - Sanctuary
	12:30 PM	Learning in Faith Together - High School
	2:30 PM	Confirmation
THUR 9/9	12:30 PM	Grace Group - Fellowship Hall
	6:30 PM	Square (Plus) Dancing - Fellowship Hall
FRI 9/10		
SAT 9/11		
SUN 9/12	9:00 AM	Worship Service In-Person / On-line
	10:45 AM	Zoom Coffee Fellowship

FAITH Every Night In Every Home!

Our FAITH5 verse of the week is James 2:14-17:

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

(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.