



Sermon Series: “What Is Truth?”

Part III: Tradition

SEPTEMBER 15, 2019
10:45 AM WORSHIP

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.”

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

**You Are Invited again to Sunday Worship Services
Next Week at 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.**

Nursery for children Birth - 4 yrs is available at both worship services. Parents are also welcome to use the Comfort Room as a private area to take your infant or young children if you would like. Located just off the Lobby.

WELCOME TO SELC - Please sign your name in the red fellowship pad from the pew rack in front of you. All are welcome at the communion table, regardless of denominational background or life circumstance. To learn more about what it means to be a devoted Christ-follower, and how Baptism is an essential entrance rite into that life of discipleship and service, please talk to the pastor or intern pastor. White grape juice is available as well as gluten-free wafers. Please indicate your preferences to the server.

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

PLEASE PRAY for Dolly Bessler, Chris Benner, and Norma Jones and family. Please continue to pray for Judy Winfield, Virginia Wickizer, Virginia Studer, the family of Randy Kidder, Carol Coss, Ashley Hankerson, Pastor Tom Dunham, Jim Andrew, the Bills family, Jake, Paul Gregory, Johnnie Rae Latham, Rob, George Abraham, Jane Behsman, Dee Brenner, Clayton, Gary and Peggy Graham, Don and Jan Huthoefer, Kriss Larsen, Helen Lecomte, Mahkyla, Sully Mix, Carol Moses, the Nowaks, Shawn Nowery, Pete and Dee Pederson, Caroline Pentecost, Helen Perdue, Bob Reiner, Jerry Regan, Roger and Dee Rowley, Tony Toto and military personnel everywhere.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(* = Please stand as you are able)

GATHERING

Pre-Service Song “The Lion and the Lamb” (Brown, Johnson, Mooring)

Welcome

*Confession and Forgiveness

*Gathering Song “Blessed Assurance” (Crosby and Knapp)

Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-8 Pew Bible pg. 379

Second Reading: Titus 1:1-9 Pew Bible pg. 968

*Gospel Acclamation “Lord, Let My Heart be Good Soil” ELW #512

*Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20 Pew Bible pg. 799

Children’s Time

Special Music “Sweet Beulah Land” (Parsons, arr. Pethel)
Presented by Gloryland

Sermon Intern Pastor Paul Benz
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Moment of Silent Reflection

*Hymn of the Day “I Love to Tell the Story” ELW #661

*Apostles’ Creed

*Prayers of the People *(to the conclusion, “Lord, in your mercy,”
please respond, “hear our prayer.”)*

***Sharing of the Peace**

MEAL

Offering

Ministry Moment “Helping Hearts” Tutoring Al Henry

***Offering Prayer**

***Holy Communion**

***Words of Institution**

***Lord’s Prayer** (*sung*)

Invitation to Communion

Songs during Communion

 “Remembrance”

 “Let Us Break Bread Together”

(Davenport and Hastings)

ELW #471

Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Announcements

***Blessing**

***Sending Song** “The Church of Christ, in Every Age” ELW #729

***Dismissal**

Postlude “Voluntary on Sending Hymn” (arr. B. Hayes)

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Psalm 19

Romans 1:19-20

Matthew 6:26-33

The Faith 5 Bible Verse for this week: "Love One Another"

Matthew 22:39 (34-40)

Mark 12:31 (28-34)

Luke 10:27 (25-28)

John 13:34 (35)

SERVING TODAY

Altar Guild

Rhea Scott, Lorna Cook, Ann Loud

Acolyte

8:00 a.m. - Dave Dechant

10:45 a.m. - Josh Clark

Deacons/Communion Assistants

8:00 a.m. - Deacon Jane Strain

10:45 a.m. - Deacon Carl McCourt

Greeters

8:00 a.m. - Pat Bogan, Sandy Jones

10:45 a.m. - Connie Schlosser,
Janet Bobar

Lectors

8:00 a.m. - Jane Strain

10:45 a.m. - Helen Perdiue

Music Director

Jess Barrera

Organist & Pianist

Billie Hayes, Deb Koltveit

Partners in Praise

Betty Burford, Victoria Kiser,
Linda Perry,

AV Technicians

Bill Silvis, Larry Rewis, CJ Abraham,
Fred March, Dave Dechant

Ushers for Today

8:00 a.m. - *Monty Brandes, Carol
Brandes, Sylvia Diamond,

10:45 a.m. - *Anna Bratlien, Gary
Peterson, Richard Zimmer

CONTINUOUS COMMUNION AT 8 AM - This is our third and last Sunday that our Worship and Music committee decided we would experiment with a “continuous communion” practice at the 8 am worship service. That means instead of receiving a spoken blessing after each side of the altar rail has received communion before going back to the pews, we will have ONE blessing for everyone at the conclusion of communion. After you have received the bread and wine or a blessing you simply leave the altar rail to return to your seat when you feel ready to do so. We are One Body of Christ and communion is a beautiful way of showing that. This is one way to experience that reality. Your comments are welcomed by the Worship & Music Team.

INTERN SERMON FEEDBACK - Thank you to all who offer constructive feedback for our Intern Pastor, especially when he 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!

CANDLELIGHT DINNER FUNDRAISER - September 29 - 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall! Come and enjoy a delicious pasta dinner served by our SELC Jr./Sr. High Youth. This is an invitation to a fine dining experience for **ADULTS ONLY** complete with a delectable dessert, soft candlelight, lovely background music and impeccable service! Gluten free and vegetarian options are available upon request. This is a special fundraiser for camp, retreat scholarships and the upcoming ELCA Gathering in St. Paul, MN in 2021! A freewill donation will be collected at the dinner. **Reservations required by September 22** between services on the patio or by calling the church office at 459-0444. Thrivent has approved our request for an Action Team for this fundraiser. These dollars will help cover the expenses for the dinner and other needed items.

INTERN PASTOR HOUSE BLESSING - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 at 4:00 PM - All are invited to join us as we ask God’s blessing on the new Intern Pastor House on Saturday, Sept. 21, 4 pm, located at 5255 Chula Vista Place, Sierra Vista, AZ. Of course, our current resident Intern Pastor Paul Benz, and wife Monica and daughter Joy will be there! It will be a brief service. No need to RSVP! Just show up.

SERMON SERIES - This month features a sermon series on “What is Truth?” or, “Where Now is the Authority?” in an attempt to provide guidance for discerning what really belongs to The Truth. Tools and resources will be shared about how we can better discern which voices are authentic in following God’s values using the classic four categories of determining authority according to Scripture, Tradition, Reason and Experience. **Copies of Pastor Mark and Intern Pastor Paul’s notes for each sermon are available to pick up in the Narthex.** If you are unable to make it to church or would like to hear a sermon again, you also can go to our website to access services online.

LSS -SW TUCSON has 19 refugees coming within the next weeks and they need our help. These are families where either the MOM or a CHILD is at risk and need immediate attention. We will be sponsoring a kitchen/Bath "shower" to help furnish an apartment. Bath needs: towels, toilet paper, cleaning supplies, bath mats etc. Kitchen needs: nonperishable food, pots and pans, dishes, cups, glassware, silverware etc and monetary donations with your checks made out to SELC - refugee program. For more information contact Gail Hamp or Linda Radwick. A box is in the Narthex.

HELPING HEARTS TUTORING IS STARTING!

Praise God! We are able to continue with our Helping Hearts Tutor Program this 2019/2020 school year. Thank you, Lynette Nowlan, for taking the lead in this very needed ministry. Tutoring will be held on Wednesday’s at 2:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in being a tutor or for information, please contact Lynette Nowlan at 480-560-0857 or minniercn@gmail.com

Flowers Provided by Diana Galecke in memory of Clarence.

Oil for The Eternal Light Provided by Rich and Linda Radwick in celebration of their 52nd wedding anniversary.

THE TAKING FAITH DEVOTIONAL IS LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX.

CALENDAR 9/15/19 - 9/22/19

SUN 9/15	8:00 & 10:45 AM	Worship Services
	9:30 AM	Faith Formation for ALL Ages
	2:30 PM	Body of Christ Hot Meal at Veterans Park
MON 9/16		
TUE 9/17	7:45 AM	Exercise Group
	9:30 AM	Martha Circle at Ellie Unruh
	4:00 PM	Good Neighbor Alliance Meal Prep
	7:00 PM	Fellowship Hall Reserved
WED 9/18	9:00 AM	Bible Study - Music Room
	1:00 PM	Priscilla Circle - Music Room
THUR 9/19	7:45 AM	Exercise Group
	12:30 PM	LIFT - Sr. High Youth Room
	2:30 PM	Confirmation - Jr. High Youth Room
	4:30 PM	Partner's in Praise Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
	7:00 PM	Plus Square Dancers
FRI 9/20	6:00 PM	Square Dancing - Fellowship Hall
SAT 9/21	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Fellowship Hall Reserved for Shepherd's Fold Training
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Food Donations for Next Sunday Will Go to Peaches Pantry.