

Sermon Series: "What Is Truth?"
Part IV: Reason

SEPTEMBER 22, 2019 8:00 AM WORSHIP

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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
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Linda Perry, Director of Faith Formation
Larry Rewis, SELC Council President
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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 <u>SEPTEMBER</u> can be submitted online at **www.selcaz.org** or to Leslie McCourt at mccourtleslie@gmail.com.

PLEASE PRAY for Bridget, Marc Shapiro; April Clark and family; Helen Perdiue; Beth Dechant and family; Dallas Raysor. Please continue to pray for Dolly Bessler; Norma Jones and family; Judy Winfield, Virginia Wickizer, Virginia Studer, Chris Brenner; Jennifer Shaw's Family; the family of Randy Kidder; Carol Coss, Ashley Hankerson, Pastor Tom Dunham, Johnnie Rae Latham, George Abraham; Jim and Pam Andrew; Jane Behsman, Jan Bevelin, Dee Brenner; the Bills Family; Clayton; Don and Jan Huthoefer; Kriss Larsen, Helene Lacomte, Jake, Mahkyla, Sully Mix, Carol Moses, the Nowaks, Shawn Nowery; Pete and Dee Pederson; Caroline Pentecost, Bob Reiner, Jerry Regan, Bob; Roger and Dee Rowley; Tony Toto and military personnel everywhere.

#### FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ELW Holy Communion Setting Three
 (\* = Please stand as you are able)

#### **GATHERING**

**Chimes** (Please observe silence as soon as the chimes

are played to assist with preparation for worship.)

Prelude "Hallelujah" (Leonard Cohen, arr. Kyle Landry)

Welcome

\*Confession and Forgiveness

\*Gathering Hymn "This Is My Father's World" <u>ELW</u> #824

\*Greeting

\*Kyrie <u>ELW</u> pg. 138

\*Canticle of Praise <u>ELW pg. 140</u>

(vs 1 - Women; vs 2 - Men, vs 3 - Choir, vs. 4 - All)

#### WORD

First Reading: Psalm 19 (read responsively, beginning lectern side)

Second Reading: Romans 1:19-20 Pew Bible pg. 914

\*Gospel Acclamation <u>ELW</u> pg. 142

\*Gospel: Matthew 6:26-33 Pew Bible pg. 788

**Choir Anthem** "God Is Our Refuge" (A. Pote)

<sup>\*</sup>Prayer of the Day

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## Moment of Silent Reflection

\*Hymn of the Day "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens" <u>ELW</u> #771

\*Apostles' Creed

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

## \*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)

#### MEAL

# Offering

Offering Music "Press On" (arr. B. Hayes)

\*Offering Prayer <u>ELW</u> pg. 144

\*Great Thanksgiving

\*Dialogue <u>ELW</u> pg. 144

\*Preface

\*Holy, Holy, Holy <u>ELW</u> pg. 144

\*Words of Institution

\*Lord's Prayer <u>ELW</u> pg. 145

Invitation to Communion

Communion Song "Lamb of God" ELW pg. 146

Hymns during Communion
"As the Grains of Wheat"
"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

ELW #465 ELW #759

**Communion Blessing** 

Prayer after Communion

**SENDING** 

**Announcements** 

\*Blessing

\*Sending Hymn "You Are Mine" <u>ELW</u> #581

\*Dismissal

(Pause for Chimes)

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

The Faith 5 Bible Verse for this week: Matthew 6:33 "But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well."

#### **SERVING TODAY**

## **Altar Guild**

Connie Kelher, Linda Radwick, Rhea Scott

## Acolyte

8:00 a.m. - Rich Radwick
10:45 a.m. - Mariana Martinez

## **Deacons/Communion Assistants**

**8:00 a.m.** - Deacon Carl McCourt **10:45 a.m.** - Deacon Carrisa Bratlien

## **Greeters**

8:00 a.m. - John and Hanna Cannon 10:45 a.m. - Glen and Lilo White

## Lectors

8:00 a.m. - Linda Radwick 10:45 a.m. - Bruce Morris

## **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

## THE TAKING FAITH HOME DEVOTIONAL IS LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX.

TODAY! RESERVATION DEADLINE FOR 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! Sign-up between services on the patio. 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. If you are unable to attend this event, but would like to make a donation, please make your check payable to SELC and put "Youth Candlelight Fundraiser" in the memo line. Thank you!

**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.

SYATP (See You at the Poles) - September 25! All are invited to come and share in this special event where students, staff and community members gather around the flagpoles at participating schools across the country and around the world to lift up education, one another and our Lord Jesus Christ who calls us to unity, service and love for one another! Pastor Mark will be joining other pastors and youth leaders at Joyce Clark Middle School at 8:15 a.m. Linda Perry will be gathering with pastors and leaders at Buena High School at 6:15 a.m. All are welcome and we especially encourage all youth from SELC who attend JCMS and Buena High to attend. For more information, or if you are a youth in need of a ride, please contact Linda Perry.

**YOUTH CONNECTS REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APPROACHING!** All 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth who wish to attend the all-day Youth Connects event on November 8<sup>th</sup> in Tucson, **must RSVP to Linda Perry or register online by September 26!** The price will increase after that and we want to register early. Cost is \$75 which includes all materials, lunch and dinner. Full scholarships are available, see Linda Perry!

**HELPING HEARTS TUTORING IS STARTING!** For the 2019/2020 school year. 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.

SKY ISLAND CHAMBER SOCIETY EVENT - September 28, 7 pm, at Sierra Vista United Methodist Church. Dr. Jose Flores returns to join pianist Adrienne Dorman Hickey for Beethoven's Kreutzer Violin Concerto to kick off our 2019 Concert Series. This will be followed by a very special presentation of Borodin's Second String Quartet by our Engelmann String Quartet, celebrating their second anniversary. Celebrate with us after the concert for our traditional reception of goodies, conversation, and coffee, and mingle with your community musicians! No admission is charged although donations are accepted."

# Flowers Provided by Becky Randall in honor of son Mark and Rachel's 1st anniversary.

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

## CALENDAR 9/22/19 - 9/29/19

SUN 9/22	8:00 & 10:45 AM	Worship Services / Prayers of Healing
	9:30 AM	Faith Formation for ALL Ages
MON 9/23		
TUE 9/24	7:45 AM	Exercise Group
	1:00 PM	Visitation Team Meeting at Sylvia Diamond's
	7:00 PM	Fellowship Hall Reserved
WED 9/25		See You at the Pole - Various Schools
	9:00 AM	Bible Study - Music Room
	2:30 PM	Helping Hearts Tutoring - Fellowship Hall
THUR 9/26	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
	6:30 PM	Council Meeting - Music Room
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
	7:00 PM	Plus Square Dancers
FRI 9/27	6:00 PM	Square Dancing - Fellowship Hall
SAT 9/28	All Day	Fellowship Hall Reserved
SUN 9/29	8:00 & 10:45 AM	Worship Services
	9:30 AM	Faith Formation for ALL Ages
	5:30 PM	Candlelight Dinner Fundraiser - Fellowship Hall

Food Donations for Next Sunday Will Go to St. Vincent de Paul.