

AUGUST 24, 2025
11th Sunday after Pentecost

Sierra Evangelical Lutheran Church
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SELC OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Thursday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Friday – Closed

WORSHIP SERVICE
Sunday at 9:00 am

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.”

SELC Welcoming Statement: Sierra Evangelical Lutheran Church is here to welcome all. Our ministry is rooted in God’s Word and unconditional love revealed most fully in Jesus Christ, offering respect and acceptance of people of all sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, race, ethnicity, physical/mental abilities, age, and economic and health circumstances. We commit ourselves to making justice, racial equity and inclusivity a true cornerstone of our church. We invite you to grow in Christ’s love as we learn from one another, fully saints and fully sinners. We ask for God’s Grace and power to help us be a church where all truly feel safe, accepted and freed to live out their divine calling.

Candle For the Eternal Light by Don and Barb Williams - In loving memory of Ciaran.
Flowers provided by Vickie Kiser in loving memory of John and Beverly (Wedge) Stewart.



TODAY! SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

10:15 a.m. *(following the worship service)* in the Sanctuary.

We will be voting on the Fellowship Hall Remodel bid and project.



OUR NEW PROPOSED MISSION STATEMENT FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL:

By the grace of Jesus Christ,
we feed peoples' spiritual and physical hunger
for transformation and new life.

Hymnals Used During Worship:

ELW – Red Hymnal; ACS – Solid Dark Purple Hymnal; W&P – Multi Color Hymnal

✠ ✠ ✠ Liturgy - Setting 12, ACS p. 29 ✠ ✠ ✠

GATHERING

(* = Please stand as you are able.)

Prelude "I Love You, Lord" *(Laurie Klein; arr. by Mark Hayes)*

Invocation and Land Acknowledgment

Confession and Forgiveness ACS p. 29

***Gathering Songs** "Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table" ACS #977

***Greeting**

***Kyrie** ACS p. 31

***Glory to God** ACS p. 31

***Prayer of the Day**

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 58:9b-14 Pew Bible p. 601

Psalm: Psalm 103:1-8 *(read responsively, starting on lectern side)*

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-29 Pew Bible p. 979

***Gospel Acclamation** ACS p. 33

***Gospel: Luke 13:10-17** Pew Bible p. 848

Anthem

Victoria Kiser and Cindy Wiste

Sermon

Pastor Kurt Fangmeier

Moment of Silent Reflection

***Hymn of the Day**

“Touch That Soothes and Heals”

ACS #939

***Apostles’ Creed**

ELW p.189

***Prayers of the People**

***Sharing of the Peace**

MEAL

Offering

***Presentation of the Gifts**

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

ELW #184

(sung by the congregation as the offering and the elements are brought forward)

***Offering Prayer**

ACS p. 35

***Great Thanksgiving**

ACS p. 36

***Preface**

***Holy, Holy, Holy**

ACS p. 36

***Thanksgiving at the Table**

***Lord’s Prayer**

Invitation to Communion *(We will gather/kneel around the rail to receive Holy Communion. Have your hand open to receive the bread. Once you have received the wine, wait for the Pastor to dismiss you as a group. Once everyone has returned to their seats, the pastor will bless everyone before the Post Communion Prayer).*

Holy Communion

Lamb of God

ACS p. 40

Communion Hymn

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

ELW #623

***Blessing after Communion**

***Prayer after Communion**

ACS p. 41

SENDING

Announcements: *See the Weekly Messenger or Sunday Bulletin for announcement details.*

***Blessing**

***Sending Hymn**

“God Be with You”

W&P #50

***Dismissal**

Postlude

**INVITATIONAL CHRISTIAN STUDY RESUMES NEXT SUNDAY, AUG. 31.
10:15 in the Sanctuary. We will review chapter 3.**

MID-WEEK ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Wed. Morning - 10:00 am and Thur. Night - 6:30 pm. Both meet in the Music Room.
This week we begin a 12-week audio study and discussion on Islam.

SELC OFFICE SCHEDULE NOTE

Please note: the church office will have slightly altered hours a few days in the next weeks, due to training sessions for our updated database.

Regular hours, Mon.-Thur. 8:00 am – 1:00 pm will be observed except for the dates below.

Mon., Aug 25th 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Thur., Aug 4th 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

**THE SELC OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MON., SEPTEMBER 1 IN OBSERVATION OF LABOR DAY
There will be no Messenger sent that week.**

SELC CHOIR REHEARSALS HAVE BEGUN!

Wednesday's at 6:30. Meeting in the Sanctuary.

It's not too late to join us! New singers are always welcome, come join the fun.

Questions / Information, contact Sunny Fichtl.

WOMEN'S KINO CONFERENCE GATHERING

It's planning time again for the next Kino Conference gathering, and a wonderful opportunity for women from SELC to join in the planning process. All participants are welcomed, so feel free to attend if you are interested. The first meeting will be at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church on Ajo way, Saturday, Sep 13, at 10 am. The Kina Conference Coordinator is Barbara Peterson. Please contact her at cozyteapot2@cox.net if you have any questions.

PLAN TO ATTEND THE VIA DE CRISTO 2025 MINISTRY WEEKEND

Participating in this Renewing and Discipleship Ministry is most certainly "An invitation to receive a wonderful gift from God". Any person seeking to be strengthened in their relationship with Christ and their witness to others is urged to consider attending. This year the dates are **Thursday Oct 9th thru Sunday Oct 12th**. This weekend is open to married couples and single men and women ages 18 years of age and older. You may contact Jim Clevon, SELC parish representative for Via de Cristo at 520-678-0414, or eaglelope@cox.net for more information. Brochures and registration packets are available in the narthex and church office. All registration packages should be submitted to Jim Clevon by September 1, 2025.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA VIA de CRISTO - BUY-OUT
“Race To The North Pole” at The Gaslight Theatre
Friday, November 14, 2025

Ticket Price \$35.00 Doors Open 5:00 pm

PLEASE CONTACT LESLIE MCCOURT OR JIM CLEVEN FOR TICKETS.

NOTE: BUY EARLY, TICKETS ARE LIMITED!

ABOUT THE SHOW: Can it be true? Did the mean and treacherous Wilhelm really steal Santa Claus’ list? Does this mean that children everywhere will wake up to find no presents under their Christmas Tree? Join this hilarious cast of characters as they begin their journey to retrieve Santa’s Christmas list before it’s too late! You’ll be amazed at who you will meet along the way! This is a vaudeville style show and is FUN FOR ALL AGES! POC Toni Joyce – steelersaz@msn.com **All proceeds from this fund-raiser will be used to support the cost of future VdC weekends.**

August 24-31, 2025

TODAY 8/24	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service
	10:15 AM	Special Congregational Meeting - Sanctuary
MON 8/25	12 NOON	Office Closed for training
TUE 8/26		
WED 8/27	10:00 AM	Bible Study – Music Room
	6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
THURS 8/28	9:00 AM	Shepherd’s Fold Chapel - Sanctuary
	9:00 AM	MOA Meeting – Conference Room
	6:30 PM	Bible Study – Music Room
	6:30 PM	Plus Square Dancing – Fellowship Hall
FRI 8/29		Church office closed on Friday’s
	6:30 PM	Plus Square Dancing – Fellowship Hall
SAT 8/30		
SUN 8/31	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service
	10:15 AM	Faith Formation - Invitational Christian - Sanctuary
MON 9/1		Office Closed for Labor Day

SERVING TODAY

Acolyte: Deb Brown

Greeters: Chari Poteet, Helen Perdiue

Lector: Ted Fichtl

Lay Euch.: CJ Abraham

Altar Guild: Patricia Shaner, Lynette Nowlan

Organist: Billie Hayes

Choir Director: Sunny Fichtl

AV Techs: CJ Abraham, Kalyn Kelly

Ushers: Anna Bratlien, Gary Peterson,

Erin Stephenson

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Proverbs 25:6-7a

Psalms 112

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer requests can be submitted ONLINE at www.selcaz.org or
for the month of AUGUST to C.J. Abraham at sayson101@gmail.com.

Please pray for Dale and George Renbeck

Please continue to pray for Gary Graham, Barb and Don Dolan, the family and friends of Greg Wills, Lisa Sherry, George Renbeck, Sue Mount, Cookie and Bill Spivey, Paul Arthur Moffatt Jr, Marilyn Creathbaum, and Norm Kirchner

Long-term prayer requests: Momi Acossi, Mary Alexander, John and Mary Alexander (Mary Alexander's son and wife); Thomas Bowie, Alexandra Briskey, Duke Burford; James Cox, Barbara Denniss, Dan and Barb Dolan, Al and Sonja Ferrea, Marianne and Juergen Dern, Katie Groves, Tom Hansen, Aaron Huttzell, Louie, Joanne March, Makayla Marguiles, Mae Markstrom, Lou Michelich, Zane Mitchell, George and Dotti Pohlman, Doris Randolph, Nathan Raysor and children, Richard Schellentrager, Lane Skaggs, Pam Williams, Barb Wirsching, Israel and Palestine, The Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission at Rock Point; everyone experiencing mental health issues; military personnel everywhere.