



December 15, 2024 - 9:00 AM  
Sierra Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Choir Cantata

*The Winter Rose*  
*by Joseph M. Martin*

**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."

### **SELC SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE - 9:00 AM**

#### **Watch and Worship with Us In Person and Live-Streamed Online**

To worship with us online or to catch-up on a missed sermon/worship, go to our website, [www.selcaz.org](http://www.selcaz.org), click on the "Watch Services" 'button,' then click on the worship service that you want to watch within the last 90 days.

### **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**

Prayer requests can be submitted ONLINE at [www.selcaz.org](http://www.selcaz.org) or for the month of December to CJ Abraham at [sayson101@gmail.com](mailto:sayson101@gmail.com)

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### **SELC GIVING & CONTRIBUTIONS**

SELC is an "app"-ening place! Use the scanner app to provide Gifts / Contributions to SELC ministries.



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### **SELC OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday - Thursday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm**  
**Friday – Closed**

### **Candle For the Eternal Light:**

In celebration of Patricia Shaner's Birth Month

**Poinsettias:** In loving memory of Bud May,  
The Bobar Family, in honor of Leslie McCourt.

## Third Sunday in Advent

### GATHERING

(\* = Please stand as you are able.)

**Prelude** "The Birthday of a King" (*W. H. Neidlinger; arr. Dino Kartsonakis*)

**Welcome**

**\*Invocation & Land Acknowledgment**

**\*Gathering Hymn** "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn" ELW #242

**\*Greeting**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath** Rewis Family  
"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" ELW #240, v. 3



### CHANCEL CHOIR CANTATA the "Winter Rose" *by Joseph Martin*

The Winter Rose  
When Will He Come  
Advent Cry  
Every Valley  
Carol of Remembrance  
Lullaby to a Rose  
Dance Into the Light  
The Rose Tree Carol  
Lo, How a Rose



**\*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**

**\*Great Thanksgiving**      **ELW p. 172**

**\*Dialogue**

**\*Preface**

**\*Holy, Holy, Holy**      **ELW p. 173**

**\*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**      **ELW p. 174**

**Communion Hymn**      **“Fling Wide the Door”**      **ELW #259**

**\*Blessing after Communion**

**\*Prayer after Communion**

**SENDING**

*For Announcements,*

*Please Read the Weekly Messenger and Your Sunday Bulletin.*

**Collection of Nomination Sheets**

**\*Blessing**

**\*Sending Song**

**“People, Look East”**

**ELW #248**

**\*Dismissal**

**Postlude**



**Thank you to our Chancel Choir and Accompanist for their hard work and dedication  
in presenting a beautiful reminder of this Christmas Season.**

**Sopranos:** Bonnie Anderson, Anna Bratlien, Carrisa Bratlien, Beth Dechant, Julie March,  
Lisa Roland, Sandy Stephenson

**Altos:** Pam Enright, Lynette Nowlan, Barbara Wirsching, Cindy Wiste

**Tenors:** Kevin Enright, Doris Randolph

**Bases:** Craig Anderson, Bill Cassidy, Dave Dechant, Paul Gregory, Carl McCourt

**Narrator:** Leslie McCourt

**Soloists:** Lynette Nowlan, Bonnie Anderson, Pam Enright, Kevin Enright

**Directed** by Sunny Fichtl

**Accompanied** by Billie Hayes



**TODAY! CHRISTMAS CAROLING WITH A LIGHT MEAL AFTER  
MEET AT 2:00PM in the main church parking lot.**

Join us for an afternoon of singing, fun, and fellowship meet new friends, enjoy the Christmas season with us.

- We will be caroling for our shut ins and at care centers to share the Christmas Spirit in song.
- Following caroling we will return to the Fellowship Hall for a light meal and mulled cider! Apx. 4pm. Bring a dozen of your favorite holiday cookies to enjoy after we eat if you'd like. Thank you to Thrivent for providing lunch.

**2024 ANNUAL REPORTS DUE MONDAY, Dec. 16, 2024.**

**Reports need to be submitted to Cindy Allen in the church office: [admin@selcaz.org](mailto:admin@selcaz.org)**

Time is needed to prepare the annual report to be available for everyone in the congregation by two weeks prior to the annual meeting. Christmas is a busy time, so please get it to her so she doesn't have to scramble at the end.

Who needs to submit an annual report, you might wonder? Basically, anyone who submitted one last year. All Committees (Worship and Music, Altar Guild...) and anyone who handles money during the course of their activities (collecting money or goods for distribution, water wells, etc.) Please keep it to one page. Thanks for your timely cooperation! Deb Koltveit - [dkoltveit@aol.com](mailto:dkoltveit@aol.com)

**ADVENT MID-WEEK SERVICES**

Wednesday, December 18, at both 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

We will hold a brief Advent mid-week service and worship with Holden Evening Prayer.

**MID-WEEK ADULT STUDIES**

Both Studies Meet in the Music Room. Everyone is welcome to attend!

- ✠ **Wednesday Bible Study** – We are on hiatus for Advent/Christmas until January 8 due to Advent services. The Forgotten Luther 1 books have arrived and cost \$20 each (including tax). Get your copy from Pastor Kurt.
- ✠ **Thursday Enneagram Study** – 6:30 pm “Enneagram, A Personality Typology” will meet again this week.

**SIERRA VISTA MESSIAH CHOIR PRESENTS HANDEL'S MESSIAH**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 AT 7:00 PM – ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE CHURCH**

Concert is free and a freewill offering will be taken to assist the St. Vincent de Paul Society

### **THE STITCH IN TIME QUILTERS**

We are taking a short break for the holidays. We will not be meeting until January 9, 2025. Plan to join us in the new year, no sewing skills required!

### **2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES**

**The 2025 Offering Envelopes are available for pick up in the Narthex.**

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**SELC Annual Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, January 26, 2025**

### **WARM CLOTHES COLLECTION**

With the colder temperatures the need for warm clothes is great. If you have sweaters, sweats or jackets in your closet or drawers you no longer need/wear and would like to donate them, there will be a tote either on the church patio or in the narthex. The clothes should be clean and in good shape. Good Neighbor Alliance will distribute the items to those in need in our committee. There are still monetary donations available from the "Showers of Grace" outreach, some of the donations will be used to purchase scarves, stocking caps, gloves and stockings to also be distributed. **Once again thank you for your generosity to help those in need.**

### **WATER PROJECT MATCHING FUNDS**

Matching funds from the Endowment Fund for the Water Project will be cut off after December 25, 2024. Donations will continue to be accepted following that, but there will be no matching funds. **The current donations as of December 3<sup>rd</sup> is \$6,190!**

**THE NEXT QUARTER OF "CHRIST IN OUR HOME" DEVOTION BOOKS  
ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP AT THE WELCOME CENTER.**



## Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Micah 5:2-5a

Luke 1:46b-55

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]

## SERVING TODAY

**Acolyte:** Dallas Raysor

**Greeters:** Eva Dickerson, Lynn Light

**Lay Euch. Minister:** CJ Abraham

**Altar Guild:** Lynn Light, Patricia Shaner

**Organist:** Billie Hayes

**Choir Director:** Sunny Fichtl

**AV Techs:** CJ Abraham, Larry Rewis

**Ushers:** Monty Brandes, Wilma Bell

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Kurt Fangmeier, Pastor  
Cindy Wiste, Director of Faith Formation  
Cindy Allen, Administrative Assistant

Deb Koltveit, SELC Council President  
Sunny Fichtl, Music Director  
Ministers: The People of SELC

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**Please pray for** the family and friends of Doris McVickor, Kathie Siegert, Susan Schreiner, Sandi Jenkins, Laurie Overson, the family and friends of Zane Mitchell Jr., the family and friends of Catherine Collins.

**Please continue to pray for** Dave and Sue Tindell, Alexandra Briskey, Lauren Wilcox and baby, Aaron Huttzell, Maggie Lockhart, Ingemarie Fulford, Duane Wiste, Lori, Bob and Sandy Kenney, the family and friends of Linda Tossey, Bob Kelher, the family and friends of Peggy Miller, Betty Burford, and Larry Rewis.

**Long-term prayers:** Momi Acossi, Tim Allen, Mary Alexander, John and Mary Alexander (Mary Alexander's son and wife); Frankie Appelin, Duke Burford; James Cox (Dena's brother); Dean, Beth Dechant, Barbara Denniss, Ted Fichtl, Don and Jan Huthoefer; Dan Knauss, Eric Lewis; Louie, Mae Markstrom (Terry's mother); Silias Merk, Zane Mitchell, Sue Mount, Kevin Murray, Anne Nowak, Helen Perdiue, George Pohlman, Nathan Raysor and children, George Renbeck (Kim Renbeck's father); Fran Russel, Richard Schellentrager, Bill Spivey, Ellie Unruh, Edward VanDetti, Pam Williams, Israel and Palestine, The Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission at Rock Point; everyone experiencing mental health issues; military personnel everywhere.

## December 15-22, 2024

TODAY 12/15	9:00 AM	Advent Worship Service- Choir Cantata
	10:30 AM	Faith Formation - Fellowship Hall
	2:00 PM	Caroling – meet in main parking lot
MON 12/16		
TUE 12/17	9:00 AM	Shepherd’s Fold Chapel - Sanctuary
	11:00 AM	Worship & Music Meeting – Music Room
	5:00 PM	Good Neighbor Alliance Meal Prep @ location
	6:00 PM	Shepherd’s Fold Board Meeting – Music Room
	6:30 PM	Confirmation
	6:00 PM	Fellowship Hall Reserved
WED 12/18	10:00 AM	Advent Mid-week Worship
	4:30 PM	Grace Group – Sm. Meeting Room
	6:00 PM	Advent Mid-week Worship
	6:30 PM	Short Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary with musicians
THURS 12/19	10:00 AM	Sierra Ringers
	5:00 PM	Council Meeting – Music Room
	6:30 PM	Bible Study – Enneagram – Music Room
	6:30 PM	Square Dancing – Fellowship Hall
FRI 12/20		Church office closed on Fridays
	6:00 PM	Sq. Dance Lessons – Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	Sq. Dancing – Fellowship Hall
SAT 12/21		
SUN 12/22	9:00 AM	Advent Worship Service
	10:30 AM	Faith Formation - Fellowship Hall
	11:15 AM	Youth Choir Rehearsal – Music Room

