

**JULY 14, 2024**  
**Eighth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**9:00 AM**

An open Bible is shown in the background, with text overlaid in a large, bold, black font with a white outline. The text reads: "Try Harder!" Said Jesus Never. The Bible pages are slightly blurred, showing some legible text like "11 these, and ye believe; if seen, and testify that ye receive not our word..." and "12 If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe, shall ye believe in heavenly things?"

**"Try Harder!"**  
**Said Jesus**  
**Never**

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

**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 JULY to Leslie McCourt at [mccourtleslie@gmail.com](mailto:mccourtleslie@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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**Candle For the Eternal Light** provided by

Carol Jordahl - In memory of Greg.

**Flowers Provided by** Jane Strain in memory of Bob's Birthday (would be 91)

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**SERVING TODAY**

**Acolyte:** Kylie Burford

**Greeters:** Monty and Carol Brandes

**Lector:** Gary Peterson

**Lay Euch. Minister:** Jane Strain

**Altar Guild:** Wilma Bell and Donna Bryan

**Organist:** Billie Hayes

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

**Ushers:** Jim and Virginia Cleven

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**SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## ELW Holy Communion Setting Eight

### GATHERING

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

**Prelude** "Oh, How I Love Jesus" (Traditional Melody; arr. Ken Ferrell)

**Welcome**

**\*Invocation and Land Acknowledgment**

**\*Confession and Forgiveness**

**\*Gathering Hymn** "I Will Call Upon the Lord" (sing twice) W&P #70  
"I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord" W&P #74

**\*Greeting**

**\*This is the Feast** ELW p. 187

**\*Prayer of the Day**

### WORD

**First Reading: Amos 7:7-15** Pew Bible p. 748

**Psalm 85:8-13** (*read responsively*)

<sup>8</sup> I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;  
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

<sup>9</sup> **Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

<sup>10</sup> Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

<sup>11</sup> **Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

<sup>12</sup> The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,  
and our land will yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup> **Righteousness shall go before the LORD  
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

**Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14**

Pew Bible p. 949

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

**ELW p. 188**

**\*Gospel: Mark 6:14-29**

Pew Bible p. 817

**Commissioning of Attendees to the National Youth Gathering**

**Special Music**

**“His Eye Is On The Sparrow”**

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Barb Wirsching, soloist

**Sermon**

**Pastor Kurt Fangmeier**

*Moment of Silent Reflection*

**\*Hymn of the Day**

**“Lead On, O King Eternal!”**

**ELW #805**

**\*Apostle’s Creed**

**\*Prayers of the People**

**\*Sharing of the Peace**

**MEAL**

**Offertory**

**Offering / Ministry Moment**

Jim Clevin – Via de Cristo

**\*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**

<b>*Dialogue</b>		<b><u>ELW</u> p.190</b>
<b>*Preface</b>		
<b>*Holy, Holy, Holy</b>		<b><u>ELW</u> p.190</b>
<b>*Thanksgiving at the Table</b>		
<b>*Lord’s Prayer</b>		
<b>*Invitation to Communion</b>		
<b>Communion</b>		
<i>(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. If you would like to remain kneeling for a few minutes before returning to your seat, please fold your hands so the servers will know you have already received the bread and wine. Once everyone has returned to their seats, the pastor will bless everyone before the Post Communion Prayer).</i>		
<b>Communion Song</b>	<b>“Lamb of God”</b>	<b><u>ELW</u> p. 191</b>
<b>Communion Hymn</b>	<b>“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”</b>	<b><u>ELW</u> #697</b>
<b>*Blessing after Communion</b>		
<b>*Prayer after Communion</b>		
<b>SENDING</b>		
<i>For Announcements, Please Read the Weekly Messenger and Your Sunday Bulletin.</i>		
<b>*Blessing</b>		
<b>*Sending Hymn</b>	<b>“Step by Step”</b>	<b><u>W&amp;P</u> #132</b>
<b>*Dismissal</b>		
<b>Postlude</b>		Billie Hayes

Kurt Fangmeier, Pastor  
Deb Koltveit, SELC Council President  
Cindy Wiste, Director of Faith Formation  
Cindy Allen, Administrative Assistant  
Sunny Fichtl, Music Director  
Ministers: The People of SELC

### **Faith Formation Team and Teachers Needed!!**

Cindy Wiste needs to put together a Faith Formation team to meet the needs of ALL AGES in the congregation. If you would like to be a part of that team, please let Cindy know. I bet there are many of you out there with great ideas of where we can grow in our faith here at SELC. Please prayerfully consider helping in this way. We will try to meet just once a month at the most.

Cindy is also starting to plan for the fall, which here in Arizona begins in August! We will kick off the school year with a GIFT on August 11, and then go into our classrooms with the young people on August 18. Because we have so few children and youth, we will group them differently this year. 3 year olds through 2<sup>st</sup> grade in one classroom and 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade in another. All the youth, grades 6 – 12, will meet in the high school youth room upstairs. **We need 2 unrelated teachers in each of those classrooms.**

### **FAITH FORMATION**

- August 4 is Backpack Sunday with breakfast, fellowship and signing card for backpacks
- August 11 - GIFT
- Pastor's Adult Confirmation will resume for adults and Confirmation aged youth on Sunday, August 18th. We will begin digging into the New Testament.
- Children's classroom faith formation will resume on August 18th. Teachers are still needed, what can you do to be a blessing to our kids?

### **MID-WEEK ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

July Bible Studies will meet Wednesdays at 10:00 am 6:30 pm. Meeting in the Music Room.

### **BACKPACK SUNDAY, AUGUST 4TH**

Be ready to kick off the school year with our Backpack Sunday.

Bring your backpacks to worship that day for a special blessing.

**Join us after worship in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 am, for breakfast provided by the Fellowship Team!** We will also write notes to the children we give backpacks to. Many thanks to Thrivent for supporting this event with a Community Impact Card to cover our breakfast expenses!

## **Scripture Readings for Next Sunday**

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 23

Ephesians 2:11-22

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

**Please pray for** Louise, Fred March and Fran Russell.

**Please continue to pray for** Mary Alexander, Jim Durst, Kevin Murray, Aaron Huttzell, Tom Markstrom, Sue and Dave, the family and friends of Inez Larson, and Frankie Appelin.

**Long-term prayers:** Momi Accoli, Mary Alexander; Cindy Allen, Tim Allen, John and Mary Alexander (Mary Alexander's son and wife); Duke Burford; Catherine Collins, James Cox (Dena's brother); Dean, Beth Dechant, Barbara Denniss, Don and Jan Huthoefer; Dan Knauss, Kevin Murray, Eric Lewis; Mae Markstrom (Terry's mother); Terry Markstrom, Silius Merk, Zane Mitchell, Sue Mount, Anne Nowak, George Pohlman, Nathan Raysor and children, George Renbeck (Kim Renbeck's father); Dee Rowley, Richard Schellentrager, Miki Shaner, Bill Spivy, Linda Tossy; Ellie Unruh, Edward VanDetti, Pam Williams, Israel and Palestine, The Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission at Rock Point; everyone experiencing mental health issues; peace for our nation; military personnel everywhere.

## July 14 – July 21, 2024

SUN 7/14	9:00 AM	Worship Service
		No Faith Formation in July
MON 7/15		
TUE 7/16	11:00 AM	Worship & Music Team Meeting – Music Room
	5:00 PM	Good Neighbor Alliance Meal Prep at location
	6:00 PM	Fellowship Hall Reserved
	6:30 PM	Shepherd’s Fold Board Meeting – Music Room
		Youth Depart for National Gathering in New Orleans
WED 7/17	10:00 AM	Bible Study – Music Room
	6:30 PM	Bible Study – Music Room
		National Youth Gathering in New Orleans
THR 7/18	9:00 AM	Stitch In Time Quilters – Fellowship Hall
	11:00 AM	Special Choir Practice
	5:00 PM	Council Meeting - Music Room
	6:30 PM	Plus Square Dancing – Fellowship Hall
		National Youth Gathering in New Orleans
FRI 7/19		Church Office Closed on Fridays
	6:30 PM	Square Dancing – Fellowship Hall
		National Youth Gathering in New Orleans
SAT 7/20		Youth Return from National Gathering in New Orleans
SUN 7/21	9:00 AM	Worship Service
		No Faith Formation in July
	10:15 AM	Hunger Ministry Team Meeting - Fellowship Hall
	10:30 AM	Stewardship Team Meeting – Meeting Room