

**JULY 13, 2025**

**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**

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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 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.

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**Candle For the Eternal Light** by Carol Jordahl – In loving memory of Greg  
**Flowers provided by** to the Glory of God.



## 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** "If My People Will Pray" *(Jimmy Owens, arr. Dino Kartsonakis)*

### Invocation and Land Acknowledgment

**Confession and Forgiveness** ACS p. 29

**\*Gathering Song** "You Are Holy" ELW #525; sing 2x

**\*Greeting**

**\*Kyrie** ACS p.31

**\*Prayer of the Day**

### WORD

**First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:9-14** Pew Bible p. 163

**Second Reading: Colossians 1:1-14** Pew Bible p. 956

**\*Gospel Acclamation** ACS p. 33

**\*Gospel: Luke 10:25-37** Pew Bible p. 844

**Anthem** "Just a Closer Walk With Thee" *(North American Traditional)*  
Presented by Barb Wirsching

**Sermon** Pastor Kurt Fangmeier  
*Moment of Silent Reflection*

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| <b>*Hymn of the Day</b>       | <b>“Take My Life, That I May Be”</b> | <b><u>ELW</u> #685</b>  |
| <b>*Apostles’ Creed</b>       |                                      | <b><u>ELW</u> p.189</b> |
| <b>*Prayers of the People</b> |                                      |                         |
| <b>*Sharing of the Peace</b>  |                                      |                         |

## **MEAL**

### **Offering**

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| <b>*Presentation of the Gifts</b>  | <b>“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”</b> | <b><u>ELW</u> #184</b>  |
| <i>(sung by the congregation as the offering and the elements are brought forward)</i> |  |                         |
| <b>*Offering Prayer</b>  |  | <b><u>ACS</u> p. 35</b> |
| <b>*Great Thanksgiving</b>   |  | <b><u>ACS</u> p. 36</b> |
| <b>*Preface</b>  |  |                         |
| <b>*Holy, Holy, Holy</b>   |  | <b><u>ACS</u> p. 36</b> |
| <b>*Thanksgiving at the Table</b>  |  |                         |
| <b>*Lord’s Prayer</b>  |  |                         |

**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**

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| <b>Lamb of God</b> | <b><u>ACS</u> p. 40</b> |
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**Communion Hymn**

**“There Is a Balm in Gilead”**

**ELW #614**

**\*Blessing after Communion**

**\*Prayer after Communion**

**ACS p. 41**

**SENDING**

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

**\*Blessing**

**\*Sending Hymn**

**“On Our Way Rejoicing”**

**ELW #537**

**\*Dismissal**

**Postlude**

## INVITATIONAL CHRISTIAN STUDY

**Today Following Worship in the Sanctuary** - We will continue our study together of "The Invitational Christian". We will go over chapter two and the discussion questions that follow. It is **very important** that everyone in the congregation be involved in this study since it will help us to determine the future of this congregation.

## MID-WEEK ADULT STUDY

Wednesday Morning - 10:00 am and Thursday Night - 6:30 pm.

Both sessions meet in the Music Room.

## YOU ARE NEEDED!

The following committees and service areas need more help with service to our Congregation:

**Acolyte** once a month: contact Cindy Wiste.

**Ushers:** contact Anna Bratlien.

**Visitation:** contact Deanna Sanner.

**Lector:** contact Joanna Michelich.

**Altar guild:** contact Lynn Light.

**Fellowship Team and/or Funeral committee:** contact Sandy Hall.



## 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 9<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday Oct 12<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

## CELEBRATING BACKPACK SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2025

Join us to celebrate the beginning of a new school year with a special blessing of the backpacks during the service. If you can, please consider a donation to this worthwhile outreach ministry. (Donations can be made to SELC: note Backpack Ministry.) Because of the generosity of Sierra Lutheran over the past two decades, many students in need have received a backpack filled with school supplies. For questions about the backpack ministry, contact Carol Jordahl, 520-227-2796.

## SERVING TODAY

Acolyte: Reilly Howard  
Greeters: Paul Gregory, Carl McCourt  
Lector: James Brunk  
Lay Euch. Anna Bratlien  
Altar Guild: Becky Randall, Connie Kelher

Organist: Deb Koltveit  
Choir Director: Sunny Fichtl  
AV Techs: CJ Abraham, Brenda Peters  
Ushers: Glenn Sanner, Gary Peterson

## July 13 – 20, 2025

TODAY 7/13	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service
	10:30 AM	Faith Formation - Sanctuary - Invitational Christian
	11:15 AM	Hunger Team meeting - Sanctuary
MON 7/14		
TUE 7/15	9:00 AM	Shepherd's Fold Chapel
	11:00 AM	Worship & Music Team Meeting – Music Room
	5:00 PM	Good Neighbor Alliance Meal Prep at location
	6:30 PM	Shepherd's Fold Board meeting – Music Room
WED 7/16	10:00 AM	? Bible Study – Music Room
	4:30 PM	Grace Group – Meeting Room
THURS 7/17	5:00 PM	Council Meeting – Music Room
	6:30 PM	? Bible Study – Music Room
	6:30 PM	Plus Square Dancing – Fellowship Hall
FRI 7/18		Church office closed on Friday's
	6:30 PM	Plus Square Dancing – Fellowship Hall
SAT 7/19		
SUN 7/20	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service
	10:30 AM	Faith Formation –Sanctuary-Invitational Christian

## **Scripture Readings for Next Sunday**

Genesis 18:1-10a

Psalm 15

Colossians 1:15-28

Luke 10:38-42

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### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Prayer requests can be submitted ONLINE at [www.selcaz.org](http://www.selcaz.org) or  
for the month of JULY to Deb Koltveit at [dkoltveit@aol.com](mailto:dkoltveit@aol.com)

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**Please pray for** Al and Sonja Ferrea, for those affected by the floods in Texas.

**Please continue to pray for:** Aunt Gayla and Uncle Dave, Sue Mount, Cookie Spivey, Dan and Barb Dolan.

**Long-term prayers:** Momi Acossi, Mary Alexander, John and Mary Alexander (Mary Alexander's son and wife); Thomas Bowie, Alexandra Briskey, Duke Burford; James Cox, Barbara Denniss, 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.