

Palm Sunday



**MARCH 24, 2024
9:00 AM**

**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.”

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

SELC SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE - 9:00 AM
WATCH AND WORSHIP WITH US LIVE-STREAMED ONLINE

Celebrated each week, including a sermon and communion with those present and at home. We worship in person and online with you from the sanctuary. Go to our website, www.selcaz.org, look for the “Watch Services” ‘button,’ click on it, then click on the worship service that you want to watch. These will remain available to watch for 90 days. Also available for viewing on Facebook at www.facebook.com/selcelca.

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 or for the month of MARCH to Leslie McCourt at mccourtleslie@gmail.com.

SELC GIVING & CONTRIBUTIONS

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



Curly Willow Branches

A symbol of spring, of renewal, of Christ's death and resurrection.

SELC OFFICE HOURS

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

TODAY AT SELC

FAITH FORMATION FOR ALL AGES
beginning in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 am

YOUTH CHOIR FOR KIDS GRADES 2 - 12
11:15 am in the Music Room



Maundy Thursday Service - March 28 at 6:30 pm
Why does Pastor Kurt say, "Do this to relive me"?

Good Friday Service - March 29 at 6:30 pm
"What's good about Good Friday?"

Easter Sunday - March 31

7:30 am - Breakfast provided by the SELC Council - This will be a family friendly event. We will have Easter bags for the kids with candy and crafts that they can either do during breakfast at a craft table we will have set up or take their crafts home. If any children come to worship, but don't attend breakfast, we will give them an Easter bag after worship.

9:00 am - Festival Worship Service - Join us as we walk with the angsty angel who asks, "What am I going to do?!?"



SPRING FLOWERS FOR EASTER! (From the Altar Guild)

On Easter morning the cross that was shrouded in black on Good Friday will be moved to the patio. Now shrouded in white on Easter, representing Christ's Resurrection and new life, you are invited to bring a plant of spring flowers to place under the cross on the patio. Their beauty, fragrance, and symbolism give hope for new beginnings and life. After the Easter service, you are invited to take your plant home to remind you of the resurrection of our Lord and the promise of new beginnings.

MEETING FOR CONSTITUTION VOTE

Sunday, April 7 at 10:30 am

We will have a meeting in the Fellowship Hall to vote on the new constitution. *No Faith Formation held*. To ensure everyone has sufficient planning time, I'll announce it in church March 24 and 31, and we'll send out postcards around March 25.

If a change is required, the entire constitution, bylaws, and continuing resolutions will go back to the Synod for approval. It will most likely be several months before we can vote to approve the next iteration of the constitution.

Thank You, Deb Koltveit, Council President

NOTICE TO THRIVENT MEMBERS

March 31 is the last day to allocate your 2023 Thrivent Choice Dollars. You may go online to Thrivent.com and follow the prompts - or - call Thrivent at 800-847-4836 and ask for Thrivent Choice Dollars. If you have a specific designation for your dollars, let the financial secretary, Sandy Stephenson, know.

QUILTERS NOW MEETING EVERY THURSDAY

The Stitch-In-Time quilters are a group of volunteers who meet in the Fellowship Hall every Thursday morning from 9 am to 12 pm. Is time an issue? No problem! Come on the days when you are available and leave when you must. We appreciate whatever time you can spare to help in this important ministry. We make tie quilts for those in need, both locally and globally, while enjoying fellowship and homemade goodies. **THERE ARE NO SEWING SKILLS REQUIRED.** For more information, please contact Terry Markstrom (520) 559-5113 or Elaine Grahn (520) 249-8721.

ALTAR FLOWER

The calendar for Altar Flowers for 2024 is posted in the Narthex. There are many Sundays open! Your contribution of flowers will enhance the beauty of our already beautiful sanctuary. After the service, the flowers are given to one of our homebound or someone else who may need a little extra love or to show our appreciation.

Please sign the flower chart with your full name and if in memory or honor of someone. There are envelopes with an attached form with instructions above the flower chart. Please fill out the form, place it with your payment (\$25 per flower arrangement) in the envelope, which can then be placed in the offering plate. Thank you for signing up to provide altar flowers and helping to adorn the altar to glorify God.

WORSHIP & MUSIC TEAM MEETING

The meeting will be moved to Monday, April 8 at 11:00 am due to Easter holiday.

THE NEXT QUARTER OF CHRIST IN OUR HOME DEVOTIONALS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP AT THE WELCOME CENTER OR THE CHURCH OFFICE MIDWEEK.

SERVING TODAY

Acolyte: Leslie McCourt

Greeters: Margaret Howard,
Reilly Howard

Lector: Leslie McCourt

Lay Euch. Minister: Carl McCourt

Altar Guild: Becky Randall, Connie
Kelher

Organist: Deb Koltveit, Paul
Gregory

AV Techs: CJ Abraham, Larry Rewis

Ushers: Jim and Virginia Clevon

Please pray for Terry Markstrom and Larry Rewis.

Please continue to pray for Dustin, the Witt family, Frankie Appelin, Silias Merk, Kassy Helmrich, Gordon and Chase, Peggy Graham, Bernie Ward, Edward Vandetti and Cindy Allen.

Long-term prayers: Momi Acossi, Mary Alexander, John and Mary Alexander (Mary Alexander's son and wife); Duke Burford; James Brunk, Catherine Collins, James Cox (Dena's brother); Dean, Beth Dechant, Barbara Denniss, Don and Jan Huthoefer; Dan Knauss, Eric Lewis; Mae Markstrom (Terry's mother), Zane Mitchell, Zane Mitchell Jr., Sue Mount, Anne Nowak, George Pohlman, Nathan Raysor and children, George Renbeck (Kim Renbeck's father); Bob Reiner, Dee Rowley, Richard Schellentrager, Linda Tossy; Faye Toto; Ellie Unruh, 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.

Palm Sunday
ELW Holy Communion Setting Four

GATHERING

(= Please stand as you are able.)*

**(We begin on the patio. If you are unable to join us on the patio,
the Palm Sunday Liturgy will be presented on the sanctuary screens.)**

***Acclamation**

L: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: Hosanna in the highest.

***Processional Gospel**

L: The holy gospel according to Mark.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

(The gospel is read.)

L: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

***Blessing of Palms**

L: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

We praise you, O God,
for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ.
Today he entered the holy city in triumph
and was proclaimed messiah and king
by those who spread garments and branches along his way.
Bless these branches and those who carry them.
Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross,
so that, joined to his death and resurrection,
we enter into life with you;
through the same Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

PROCESSION

Processional Hymn

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

ELW #344

Refrain

All glory, laud, and honor
to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.

1 You are the king of Israel
and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
our King and Blessed One.

Refrain

2 The company of angels
are praising you on high;
creation and all mortals
in chorus make reply.

(interlude)

Refrain

3 The multitude of pilgrims
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present.

Refrain

4 To you, before your passion,
they sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise.

Refrain

5 Their praises you accepted;
accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness,
O good and gracious King.

Refrain

*Greeting

*Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Pew Bible p. 594

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Pew Bible p. 954

*Gospel Acclamation

ELW p. 151

Passion Reading (congregation responds “Crucify Him” when prompted)

Palm Sunday Homily

Pastor Kurt Fangmeier

Moment of Silent Reflection

Hymn of the Day

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

ELW #836

*Apostles’ Creed

ELW p.105

*Prayers of the People

*Sharing of the Peace

Offertory

“The Messiah Has Come”
Presented by SELC Choir

(Pepper Choplin)

Offering (*In order to have better communication and connections in this community, please fill out a Connect Card each Sunday in attendance and place it in the offering plate with your offering when it comes by. For those that prefer, your offering can also be given online. See the front inside page of this bulletin for more details.*)

***Presentation of the Gifts “Create in Me a Clean Heart” ELW #186**
(sung by the congregation as the offering and the elements are brought forward)

*** Offering Prayer**

MEAL

***Great Thanksgiving**

***Dialogue ELW p.152**

***Preface**

***Holy, Holy, Holy ELW p.153**

***Thanksgiving at the Table**

***Lord’s Prayer**

***Invitation to Communion**

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. 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).

Communion Song “Lamb of God” ELW p.154

During Communion Quiet Music Is Played.
“O Sacred Head Now Wounded” (Robert Horsky)
Written in Dedication to Paul Gregory

***Post Communion Prayer**

SENDING
For Announcements,
Please Read the Weekly Messenger and Your Sunday Bulletin.

***Blessing**

***Sending Hymn** **“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”** **ELW #843**

***Dismissal**

Postlude **“When Jesus On the Cross Was Found”** (Johann Pachelbel)

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 25:6-9

Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18

March 24-31, 2024

SUN 3/24	9:00 AM	Palm Sunday Worship Service
	10:30 AM	Faith Formation beginning in Fellowship Hall
	11:15 AM	Youth Choir Rehearsal - Music Room
MON 3/25		Optional Choir Rehearsal - Music Room
TUE 3/26	9:00 AM	Shepherd's Fold Chapel - Sanctuary
	6:00 PM	Fellowship Hall Reserved
WED 3/27	6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
THR 3/28	9:00 AM	Stitch In Time Quilters - Fellowship Hall
	10:00 AM	Bell Rehearsal - Music Room
	11:15 AM	Women's Ensemble Rehearsal - Music Room
	6:30 PM	Maundy Thursday Service - Sanctuary
	6:30 PM	Plus Square Dancing - Fellowship Hall
FRI 3/29		Church Office Closed on Fridays
	6:30 PM	Good Friday Service - Sanctuary
	6:30 PM	Square Dancing - Fellowship Hall
SAT 3/30		
SUN 3/31	7:30 AM	Easter Breakfast for ALL - Fellowship Hall
	9:00 AM	Easter Worship Service
MON, APRIL 1		Church Office Closed