

**SEPTEMBER 14, 2025**  
**14th 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**

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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 Edith Jennings.  
**Flowers provided by** CJ Abraham in memory of loved ones

***OUR NEW PROPOSED MISSION STATEMENT:***

By the grace of Jesus Christ, we feed peoples' spiritual and physical hunger leading to transformation and new life in the Holy Spirit.



***OUR NEW PROPOSED VISION STATEMENT:***

In Jesus Christ we are becoming a reflection of God's love shining from His mountain (*Su sierra*) beckoning all to share in the Feast.

## 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 "Holy, Holy" (J. Owens, Arr. by Dino Kartsonakis)

### Invocation and Land Acknowledgment

Confession and Forgiveness ACS p. 29

\*Gathering Songs "Sing Out, Earth and Skies" W&P #126

\*Greeting

\*Kyrie ACS p. 31

\*Glory to God ACS p. 31

\*Prayer of the Day

### WORD

First Reading: Exodus 32:7-14

Psalm: Psalm 51:1-10 (read responsively, starting on lectern side)

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

\*Gospel Acclamation ACS p. 33

\*Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

Anthem "God With Us" Kalyn Kelly, signing

Pastor Kurt Fangmeier

### *Moment of Silent Reflection*

### \*Hymn of the Day

## “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

**ELW #779**

### \*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**

**“Come, Let Us Eat”**

**ELW #491**

**\*Blessing after Communion**

**\*Prayer after Communion**

**ACS p. 41**

## **SENDING**

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

**\*Blessing**

**\*Sending Song**

**“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”**

**ELW #774**

**\*Dismissal**

**Postlude**

## **SERVING TODAY**

Acolyte: Sandy Stehphenson

Greeters: Connie Kelher, Joanna Michelich

Lector: Leslie McCourt

Lay Euch.: Deb Brown

Altar Guild: Lynn Light

Organist: Billie Hayes

Choir Director: Sunny Fichtl

AV Techs: CJ Abraham

Ushers: Gary Peterson, Glen Sanner

**TODAY - INVITATIONAL CHRISTIAN STUDY**  
**10:15 in the Sanctuary.**

**MID-WEEK ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

Wed. Morning - 10:00 am and Thur. Night - 6:30 pm. Both meet in the Music Room.  
**We continue our study and discussion on Islam.**

**SELC CHOIR REHEARSAL**

**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.

**SELC RINGERS BEGIN PRACTICE**

Weekly practice every Tuesday at 9:45 am. in the Music Room. Interested in playing bells, or learning more about it? Please contact the church office 520-459-0444.

**THIS YEAR IN CELEBRATION OF GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS WE ARE HOSTING A**  
**SHEPHERD'S FOLD APPRECIATION DAY FAMILY PICNIC**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, FROM 11-2**

This is a exciting and wonderful opportunity to:

- Show our appreciation not only for the Shepherd's Fold Staff and their families, but also of the families who bring their children to our childcare facility. -
- To build and nurture relationships between Shepherd's Fold and our congregation.

The event will be held in the North end of the main parking lot. We will have canopy tents set up with chairs and tables and we will be grilling hot dogs and hamburgers. We have obtained a Thrivent gift card and Joanne Schultz from Thrivent will be joining us there for the event. There will be games and prizes for the children, some raffle items, music and a wonderful chance to get to know the Shepherd's Fold staff and the families of the children.

I have sign-up sheets circulating for side dishes and desserts and also, so we know how many people plan to attend and support this event. There will be a second sign-up for set-up, tear-down and cleanup. Please mark your calendars and help us make this a celebration to remember. Your sister in Christ, Leslie McCourt.

**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.***

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. NOTE: BUY EARLY, TICKETS ARE LIMITED!**

**SEPTEMBER 14-21, 2025**

TODAY 9/14	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service
	10:15 AM	Faith Formation - Invitational Christian - Sanctuary
MON 9/15	10:00 AM	Notes Rehearsal – Music Room
TUE 9/16	9:30 AM	Bells Rehearsal – Music Room
	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 9/17	10:00 AM	Bible Study – Music Room
	4:30 PM	Grace Group – Meeting Room
	6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
THURS 9/18	9:00 AM	Shepherd’s Fold Chapel - Sanctuary
	5:00 PM	Council Meeting – Music Room
	6:30 PM	Bible Study – Music Room
	6:30 PM	Plus Square Dancing – Fellowship Hall
FRI 9/19		Church office closed on Friday’s
	6:30 PM	Plus Square Dancing – Fellowship Hall
SAT 9/20		
SUN 9/21	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service
	10:15 AM	Faith Formation - Invitational Christian - Sanctuary

## **Scripture Readings for Next Sunday**

Amos 8:4-7

Psalm 113

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

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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 SEPTEMBER to Deb Koltveit at [dkoltveit@aol.com](mailto:dkoltveit@aol.com).

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**Please pray for** Frankie Appelin, Peggy Graham, Gene and Shirley Perry, Barb Wirsching and George Renbeck (going into Hospice) and the Rewis family.

**Continue to pray for:** Friends and family of George Abraham, Dale, Gary Graham, Barb and Dan Dolan, Lisa Sherry.

**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, 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, Sue Mount, 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.