

# **South Canyon Lutheran Church**

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**GATHERING** The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

# GATHERING SONG Verse 1

In the Sweet By And By

CCLI 7076270

There's a land that is fairer than day And by faith we can see it afar For the Father waits over the way To prepare us a dwelling place there

# Chorus

In the sweet by and by We shall meet on that beautiful shore In the sweet by and by We shall meet on that beautiful shore

# Verse 2

We shall sing on that beautiful shore The melodious songs of the blessed And our spirits shall sorrow no more Not a sigh for the blessing of rest **Chorus** 

# Verse 3

To our bountiful Father above We will offer our tribute of praise For the glorious gift of His love And the blessings that hallow our days **Chorus** 

# GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.** 

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

# LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Today we light the first candle on our Advent wreath: the candle of peace *Children light the candle of peace wreath.* 

God, please help us to understand peace And to share it with others. We wait for Jesus to be born And to bring peace to all people. Amen.

# SONG

# I Saw the Light

CCLI 45064

**Verse 1** I wandered so aimless life filled with sin I wouldn't let my dear Savior in Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night Praise the Lord I saw the light

### Chorus

I saw the light I saw the light No more in darkness no more in night And now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight Praise the Lord I saw the light

### Verse 2

Just like a blind man I wandered along Worries and fears I claimed for my own Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight Praise the Lord I saw the light **Chorus** 

### Verse 3

I was a fool to wander and stray Straight is the gate and narrow the way Now I have traded the wrong for the right Praise the Lord I saw the light **Chorus** 

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

A reading from Isaiah.

The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshiping community responds: "Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!"

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. <sup>3</sup>Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

<sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

### SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

A reading from Romans. Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

### GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

# Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] <sup>36</sup>"About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup>For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>42</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

#### **SERMON:** Pastor Erik Thone

#### HYMN OF THE DAY Verse 1

#### *I've Got Peace Like A River*

CCLI 2154963

I've got peace like a river I've got peace like a river

#### Verse 2

I've got joy like a fountain I've got joy like a fountain I've got joy like a fountain in my soul I've got joy like a fountain I've got joy like a fountain I've got joy like a fountain

#### Verse 3

I've got love like an ocean I've got love like an ocean I've got love like an ocean in my soul I've got love like an ocean I've got love like an ocean I've got love like an ocean

### CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell, On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

### A brief silence.

God of all, your children everywhere cry out for mercy. Awaken the global church to the urgent needs of our time. Break down barriers of culture and custom and unite people of all faiths in your redemptive and healing work. God, in your mercy,

### hear our prayer.

God of wonder, the earth's beauty and abundance is your gift. Teach us your ways of sharing resources and caring for life. Guard fragile habitats, preserve the wild places, and protect endangered plants and animals. God, in your mercy,

### hear our prayer.

God of peace, you judge the nations. Beat our weapons into tools for serving the neighbor. Strengthen the resolve of all who work for an end to war. We pray for lasting peace in the land of Jesus' birth (*other places of conflict may be named*). God, in your mercy,

### hear our prayer.

God of lovingkindness, you desire fullness of life for everyone. Fill those who hunger. Comfort the grieving and attend to those near death. Bring help and hope to any who are sick or needing your care (*especially*). God, in your mercy,

### hear our prayer.

God of community, you are present when we gather in your name. Guide congregations in transition or conflict (*especially*). Give wisdom to congregational councils, call committees, and ministry leaders. Keep us alert to unexpected opportunities for mission. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

### Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of promise, your goodness is everlasting. We give thanks for the lives of the faithful who now rest in you. We trust that you will bring us into the company of all the saints with rejoicing. God, in your mercy,

# hear our prayer.

God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.** 

#### PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

### **OFFERING**

#### **OFFERING RESPONSE**

Keep on the Sunny Side

CCLI 7105720

**Chorus** Keep on the sunny side always on the sunny side Keep on the sunny side of life It will help us every day It will brighten all the way If we keep on the sunny side of life

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**DIALOGUE** The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.

### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

#### **COMMUNION**

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

# **COMMUNION SONG**

### Verse 1

There's a sweet sweet Spirit in this place And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord There are sweet expressions on each face And I know they feel the presence of the Lord

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

**CCLI 18204** 

#### Chorus

Sweet Holy Spirit Sweet heavenly Dove Stay right here with us Filling us with Your love And for these blessings We lift our hearts in praise Without a doubt we'll know That we have been revived When we shall leave this place

### Verse 2

There are blessings you cannot receive Till you know Him in His fullness and believe You're the one to profit when you say I am going to walk with Jesus all the way **Chorus** 

#### Verse 3

If you say He saved you from your sin Now You're weak you're bound and cannot enter in You can make it right if you will yield You'll enjoy the Holy Spirit that we feel **Chorus** 

### **COMMUNION SONG**

### What A Friend We Have in Jesus

**ELW742** 

- What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear-all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!
- Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged-take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness-take it to the Lord in prayer.
- 3 Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge-take it to the Lord in prayer. Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer. In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

### **COMMUNION SONG**

On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand

(ELW 437)

1 On Jordan's stormy bank I stand, and cast a wishful eye to Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.

### Refrain

I am bound for the promised land, I am bound for the promised land; oh, who will come and go with me? I am bound for the promised land.

2 All o'er those wide extended plains shines one eternal day; there God the Son forever reigns and scatters night away. **Refrain** 

3 No chilling winds or pois'nous breath can reach that healthful shore; sickness and sorrow, pain and death, are felt and feared no more. **Refrain** 

4 When shall I reach that happy place and be forever blest? When shall I see my Savior's face and in God's bosom rest? **Refrain** 

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

SENDING SONG	The Glory-Land Way	CCLI 124370
Verse 1		

I'm in the way the bright and shining way I'm in the glory-land way Telling the world that Jesus saves today Yes I'm in the glory-land way

### Chorus

I'm in the glory-land way I'm in the glory-land way Heaven is nearer And the way groweth clearer For I'm in the glory-land way

### Verse 3

Onward I go rejoicing in His love I'm in the glory-land way Soon I shall see Him in that home above O I'm in the glory-land way **Chorus** 

### BLESSING

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to the Nation, peace and concord; to you the promise of everlasting life, and light to guide you on our way. **Amen.** 

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

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