



## South Canyon Lutheran Church

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“Home of Friend-Ship Preschool”

Sunday, December 3, 2023

9:00 a.m.

music – Parker Knox

assisting minister – Brent Zeigler

reader – Robin Cox

ushers – Robin and Luke Cox

ushers – Jane and Craig Pfeifle

communion – Jane Pfeifle

ushers – Jane and Craig Pfeifle

slide operator – Butch Bowman

live streaming – Bob Thompson

### ANNOUNCEMENTS – Brent Zeigler

- Welcome to Worship – we are glad you are here!
- Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Pad. If you feel comfortable include your address and/or email so we can contact you. They are located in the center aisle of each pew. Sign in and pass it to your neighbor!
- Ellen needs help bringing out the risers for our Cantata next week and getting the Bell choir equipment down from the balcony after service today. Please see her after Worship.
- Our Christmas Cantata with the Choir and Kid’s Choir is on December 10th at the 9 am service
- The Chapel in the Hills Advent Services are at 5 pm on December 9th and 10th (led by Pastor Paul).
- Free lunch is this Tuesday from 11:00 am to 12:45 pm. There is 1 more spot available to help and 4 or 5 desserts are still needed. All high school students and staff are encouraged to attend.
- Our next Woyatan Service is on December 10 at 11:00 am. Please sign up at the information counter to serve or to bring cookies. We attend worship with our Woyatan partners in ministry and then serve the meal and enjoy fellowship.
- Our Christmas Eve candle-light services are at 4 and 7 pm.
- Please take a moment before we start worship to stand and greet those around you.

### PRELUDE

*Litany*

Edward Broughton

### GATHERING SONG *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn (vs. 1,3,4)* Hymn 242

1 Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn,  
for angels herald its dawning.  
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born,  
behold! the Child of our longing.  
Come as a baby weak and poor,  
to bring all hearts together,

he opens wide the heav'nly door  
and lives now inside us forever!

**3** In darkest night his coming shall be,  
when all the world is despairing,  
as morning light so quiet and free,  
so warm and gentle and caring.  
Then shall the mute break forth in song,  
the lame shall leap in wonder,  
the weak be raised above the strong,  
and weapons be broken asunder.

**4** Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night,  
though dark the winter and cheerless,  
the rising sun shall crown you with light,  
be strong and loving and fearless.  
Love be our song and love our prayer  
and love our endless story;  
may God fill ev'ry day we share  
and bring us at last into glory.

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS – Pastor Paul**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who opens the heavens  
and draws near to us with salvation.

**Amen.**

God is patient and merciful, desiring all to come to repentance.  
Trusting this promise of grace, let us confess our sin.  
Holy One,

**Everlasting God,  
you love justice and you hate wrongdoing.  
We confess the fear, greed, and self-centeredness  
that make us reluctant to work against oppression.  
We are complicit in systems of exploitation.  
We choose comfort over courage.  
We are careless with creation's bounty.  
Look upon us with mercy.  
Turn our hearts again to you.  
Make us glad to do your will and to walk in your ways  
for the sake of our waiting world.  
Amen.**

Hear these words of assurance:  
God clothes you with garments of salvation  
and covers you with robes of righteousness.

In the tender compassion of † Jesus Christ,  
your sins are forgiven.  
God's covenant is eternal,  
and God's blessing rests upon us all.  
**Amen.**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE - Pastor Paul**

The Prophecy Candle. We light this candle to remind us of the faithful prophets who pointed to Jesus as the promised Savior. The Prophet sayings give us hope and teach us.

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

**GREETING – Pastor Paul**

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 – Pastor Paul**

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**GIZZY AND FRIENDS: “Advent” – Gizzy, Will Tschetter and Isaac Haar**

**THE EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 – Robin Cox**

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—<sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37 – Pastor Paul**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>24</sup>“In those days, after that suffering,  
the sun will be darkened,  
and the moon will not give its light,  
<sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven,  
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

<sup>26</sup>Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

<sup>28</sup>“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup>“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. <sup>35</sup>Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, <sup>36</sup>or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.

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

**SERMON: “*While the Teacher is Away*” – Pastor Paul J. Erdal, *Interim Pastor***

**SONG OF THE DAY**

*Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers (vs.1,2,4)*

**Hymn 244**

**1** Rejoice, rejoice, believers,  
and let your lights appear;  
the evening is advancing,  
and darker night is near.  
The bridegroom is arising  
and soon is drawing nigh.  
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;  
at midnight comes the cry.

**2** The watchers on the mountain  
proclaim the bridegroom near;  
go forth as he approaches  
with alleluias clear.  
The marriage feast is waiting;  
the gates wide open stand.  
Arise, O heirs of glory;  
the bridegroom is at hand.

**4** Our hope and expectation,  
O Jesus, now appear;  
arise, O Sun so longed for,  
o'er this benighted sphere.  
With hearts and hands uplifted,  
we plead, O Lord, to see  
the day of earth's redemption  
that sets your people free!

**Brent Zeigler** - Please rise for the Apostles' Creed

**APOSTLES' CREED – Brent Zeigler**

**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.**

**Brent Zeigler** – You may be seated

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION – Brent Zeigler**

With hope and expectation, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who await God's day of restoration.

Call your church into holy fellowship as we await the restoration of all things. Reenergize your faithful people to live with hope and compassion, especially those who serve as missionaries near and far. Center us on your promise to come among us and make all things new. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Enrich the spirits of all who feel hopeless, fearful, or despairing. Stay close to those who await healing or relief (James, Judy, Jason, Shirley, Marv, Robert, Sharon, Roger, Jill, Stacey, Gene, Stephanie, Hayden, John, and Sue). Deliver all in any need. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Be with those who keep awake at night: nurses working overnight shifts, caregivers of newborns and aging adults, stargazers, those who are anxious, or those who are traveling. Reveal to all that the dark can be a place of calm and comfort filled with your presence. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You have sent out your angels and gathered your faithful people from every time and place, calling them into one fellowship of saints. Bless the witness of those who dwell in your eternal presence (especially Mary Sachs and family on the death of Don Sachs, and Mary and Ken Bauman on the death of their brother-in-law Bob Waterman). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Our hearts are pierced with grief at the violent deaths in Israel and Gaza. We commend the slain to your wounded hands, and their loved ones to your merciful heart, trusting only in the promise that your love is stronger than death, and that even now, you live and reign forever and ever. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Listen to these and all our prayers, O God of hosts, and restore us with your great and everlasting mercy. **Amen.**

**PEACE – Brent Zeigler**

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

**Brent Zeigler** - I invite you to share God's peace with those around you.

**Brent Zeigler** – We will now collect the offering

**OFFERING**

*Angels and Shepherds*

Patricia Harris

**Brent Zeigler** - Please rise

**OFFERING RESPONSE**

*Change My Heart, O God*

**Hymn 801**

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.  
You are the potter; I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.  
Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

**Brent Zeigler** - Let us pray.

**OFFERING PRAYER – Brent Zeigler**

God our provider,  
by your merciful hand  
abundance springs up from the earth.  
Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty.  
Let them be a sign of your steadfast love  
and faithfulness for all people,  
through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
**Amen.**

**Brent Zeigler** – You may be seated

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING – Pastor Paul**

### **DIALOGUE– Pastor Paul**

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 – Pastor Paul**

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;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn

### **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosana, Hosana, Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE – Pastor Paul**

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– Pastor Paul**

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 – Pastor Paul**

We have gluten-free wafers available, please just let me know and I will get that for you. There is white grape juice available in the center of the communion tray. Red wine is in the outer rows of the tray. Please cross your arms over your chest if you wish to only receive a blessing. For those who are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and we will bring communion to you. Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

**COMMUNION – Pastor Paul**

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

**LAMB OF GOD**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace.**

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**COMMUNION SONG**

*What Feast is Love*

**Hymn 487**

**1** What feast of love is offered here,  
what banquet come from heaven?  
What food of everlasting life,  
what gracious gift is given?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
the bread come down from heaven.  
Oh, taste and see and sing!  
How sweet the manna given!

**2** What light of truth is offered here,  
what covenant from heaven?  
What hope of everlasting life,



what wondrous word is given?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
the sun come down from heaven.  
Oh, see and hear and sing!  
The Word of God is given!

**3** What wine of love is offered here,  
what crimson drink from heaven?  
What stream of everlasting life,  
what precious blood is given?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
the sweetest wine of heaven.  
Oh, taste and see and sing!  
The Son of God is given!

**COMMUNION SONG**

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling(vs. 1,2,3) Hymn 631*

**1** Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

**2** Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit  
into ev'ry troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit;  
let us find thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.

**3** Come, Almighty, to deliver;  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

**COMMUNION SONG**

*The King Shall Come*

**Hymn 260**

**1** The King shall come when morning dawns  
and light triumphant breaks,

when beauty gilds the eastern hills  
and life to joy awakes.

**2** Not as of old a little child,  
to bear and fight and die,  
but crowned with glory like the sun  
that lights the morning sky.

**3** Oh, brighter than the rising morn  
when Christ, victorious, rose  
and left the lonesome place of death,  
despite the rage of foes.

**4** Oh, brighter than that glorious morn  
shall dawn upon our race  
the day when Christ in splendor comes,  
and we shall see his face.

**5** The King shall come when morning dawns  
and light and beauty brings.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:  
come quickly, King of kings.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION – Pastor Paul**

Lord Jesus,  
in this simple meal you have set a banquet.  
Sustain us on the journey,  
strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,  
and give us glad and generous hearts  
as we meet you on the way.

**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**

*To Be Your Presence (vs. 1,4)*

**Hymn 546**

**1** To be your presence is our mission here,  
to show compassion's face and list'ning ear,  
to be your heart of mercy ever near,  
alleluia!

**4** We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice,  
to serve your people is our call and choice,  
and in this mission we, the church, rejoice,  
alleluia!

**BLESSING – Pastor Paul J. Erdal, *Interim Pastor***

The God of peace bless you,  
the love of Christ sustain you in hope,

and the anointing of the Spirit ✠ remain upon you  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

**DISMISSAL – Pastor Paul J. Erdal, *Interim Pastor***

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Festive Voluntary*

Robert Lau

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**WELCOME TO WORSHIP AND THE LORD'S TABLE!** We are glad you are here. Wine is red, grape juice is white, and gluten free wafers are available upon request from the pastor. Please let an usher know if you need communion served at your seat. Communion is offered on the second, fourth and fifth Sundays and prior Saturdays of each month. Staffed Nursery available.

Please be advised that we live stream Sunday Services and that pictures taken during worship may appear on Facebook or in the Newsletter. If you are sensitive about having your image, or the image of a child, being seen online, please sit in the back three rows of the sanctuary, and use caution during the Children's Message. Communion can always be brought to you.

We are waiting for a replacement part and its' installation next week.

<p><b>Monday, December 4:</b>  <b>Tuesday, December 5:</b>          11:00 am – Free Lunch          6:30 pm – NO Bell Choir practice  <b>Wednesday, December 6:</b>          5:00 pm – Meal: Cook's Choice          6:35 pm – Faith Formation &amp; Youth Group          7:10 pm – Choir practice</p>	<p><b>Thursday, December 7:</b>          9:00 am – Piecemakers Quilting Group  <b>Friday, December 8:</b>          3:45 pm – Kid's Choir  <b>Saturday, December 9:</b>          9:00 am – Choir Canata rehearsal          5:30 pm – Worship Service  <b>Sunday, December 10:</b>          9:00 am – Worship Service with Choir Cantata</p>
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**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

James Truslow  
 Shirley Heald

Judy Hoenke  
 Marv Espeland

Jason Hofer

The family of Mary Sachs on the death of Don  
 Mary and Ken Bauman on the death of their brother-in-law Bob

John & Sue Cook, friends of Mavis Dugan  
 Robert Cody, friend of Vicki and Doug Bailie  
 Sharon & Roger Korkow, friends of Peggy & Loren Schaller  
 Jill Rusche, niece of Peggy Schaller; Stacey Hines, cousin of Peggy Schaller  
 Todd Dressler's father, Gene  
 Stephanie Sires, friend of Brenda Werdin

Hayden Jensen on his deployment

**Prayer requests:** be sure to call the church office or contact [Info@sclc-rc.org](mailto:Info@sclc-rc.org) by Thursday to have names added to prayers during worship. Names will be posted for two weeks unless requested otherwise.

Use this code to give electronically:



***See, Grow, and Serve to the Glory of God!***

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