

South Canyon Lutheran Church

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“Home of Friend-Ship Preschool”

February 15 & 16, 2025

6th Sunday after Epiphany

5:30 pm & 9:00 am



Welcome to Worship

(9 am) PRELUDE

Please take a moment to sign the friendship pads at the end of the pew by the aisle. Pass them down the aisle and send them back again. Thank you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Note: Pastor Deb will end announcements with something like *“Let us take a moment to breath in and breath out as we center our hearts and minds for worship.”*

***INVOCATION**

We gather for worship in the name of the Triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ’s ways. Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine.” In Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. Amen.

***GATHERING SONG**

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

ELW 843

**1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;
praise the One who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing ev'ry dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.**

**2 Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word;
praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand;
from this well comes living water quenching thirst in ev'ry land.**

**3 Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.**

***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.*

Let us pray

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Living God, in Christ you make all things new.

Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(9AM) SANCTUARY CHOIR

A Place in the Valley

Don Besig, 2001 GlorySound

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 17:5-10 (Pew Bible pg 586)

Turn to page 586 in the pew Bible for our first reading - Jeremiah, chapter 17, beginning with the fifth verse.

This is what the Lord says: "Cursed are those who put their trust in mere humans, who rely on human strength and turn their hearts away from the Lord. They are like stunted shrubs in the desert, with no hope for the future. They will live in the barren wilderness, in an uninhabited salty land. "But blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence. They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they never stop producing fruit.

"The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is? But I, the Lord, search all hearts and examine secret motives. I give all people their due reward according to what their actions deserve."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 1

Let us read responsively Psalm 1

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 6:17-26 (Pew Bible pg 786)

Turn to page 786 in the pew Bible for our Gospel reading – Luke, chapter 6, beginning with verse seventeen.

When they came down from the mountain, the disciples stood with Jesus on a large, level area, surrounded by many of his followers and by the crowds. There were people from all over Judea and from Jerusalem and from as far north as the seacoasts of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those troubled by evil spirits were healed. Everyone tried to touch him, because healing power went out from him, and he healed everyone.

Then Jesus turned to his disciples and said, “God blesses you who are poor, for the Kingdom of God is yours. God blesses you who are hungry now, for you will be satisfied. God blesses you who weep now, for in due time you will laugh. What blessings await you when people hate you and exclude you and mock you and curse you as evil because you follow the Son of Man. When that happens, be happy! Yes, leap for joy! For a great reward awaits you in heaven. And remember, their ancestors treated the ancient prophets that same way.

“What sorrow awaits you who are rich, for you have your only happiness now.

What sorrow awaits you who are fat and prosperous now, for a time of awful hunger awaits you. What sorrow awaits you who laugh now, for your laughing will turn to mourning and sorrow. What sorrow awaits you who are praised by the crowds, for their ancestors also praised false prophets.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

(9am) GIZZY TIME WITH MISS MONA AND FRIENDS

SERMON

Pastor Deb Grismer

SONG OF THE DAY

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

ELW 631 1,2,4

- 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.**
- 4 Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

APOSTLES' CREED

Please rise.

Journeying together with trust and hope, we confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' 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 to the 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.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

(9 am) OFFERING *Assisting Minister hands out offering plates*

As you are seated, we will gather our offering. Thank you for the generous ways you support the mission of this congregation as well as our Ministry of the Month – Church Response through your gifts of time, talents and resources.

(9 am) OFFERTORY

(9 am) OFFERING RESPONSE *Assisting Minister receives offering plates and places them on the communion table.*

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

ELW 885

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray...

God of grace,

your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Blessed is your church transformed by your Spirit. Give us courage to proclaim to all people the promises made true in the death and resurrection of Christ.

*God of grace, **hear our prayer.***

Blessed is creation. As earth experiences destruction from harmful practices and climate change, give us courage to help bring about its restoration. Encourage those who work in forestry to be a voice for the hidden places of creation and provide skills for its conservation.

*God of grace, **hear our prayer.***

Blessed are the nations. We pray for presidents, prime ministers, and leaders of nations. Grant them wisdom in their decisions and open their hearts to have compassion on all of your children.

*God of grace, **hear our prayer.***

Blessed are those in need. Give to all facing illness wise and caring doctors, nurses, and therapists. Draw close to those who feel far from you or who are suffering in any way, including Vicki, Betty, Greg, Donna, Greg, Stella, Don, Kris, Les, Mary, Pam, Cindi, Amanda, Tom, Deb, Peg

_____ . Provide an extra measure of your grace and love.

*God of grace, **hear our prayer.***

Blessed is this congregation. Like a tree planted by streams of water, we are nourished by faith in you. Provide courage in times that feel dry, trusting that you sustain us in many ways.

*God of grace, **hear our prayer.***

Blessed are those saints who now rest in your peace, including Bob and Deloris Through lives of both sorrow and joy, challenge and triumph, they provide witness of faith in all times. May their lives be a witness to the living.

*God of grace, **hear our prayer.***

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, praying in the name of Jesus, your son, who taught us to pray...

LORDS PRAYER

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.

***BLESSING**

Please rise for the blessing.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***SENDING SONG**

O Christ the Same

WOV 778

1. **O Christ the same, through all our story's pages—our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears; eternal Lord, the king of all the ages, unchanging still amid the passing years:
O living Word, the source of all creation, who spread the skies and set the stars ablaze;
O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation, we bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.**

2. **O Christ the same, the friend of sinners, sharing our inmost thoughts, the secrets none can hide; still as of old upon your body bearing the marks of love in triumph glorified.
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heaven--O Prince of life, in all your saving power;
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given: we bring our thanks for this the present hour.**

3. **O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping our lives and loves, our days and years remain; our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping, our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain:
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows, for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;
O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows, we bring our thanks for all that is to be.**

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love your neighbor and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

(9 am) POSTLUDE

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

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Thank you to our worship servers for your ministry.

Saturday/Sunday, February 15 & 16

Musicians: Marsha Mertes (Sat)/Parker Knox (Sun)

Assisting Minister: Jane Pfeifle

Reader: Ken Bauman

Slides: _____(Sat)/Butch Bowman (Sun)

Streaming: Jeff & Carrie Churchill

Ushers/Greeters: Marvin & Donna White, Jerry Duba, Dennis, Mona & David Drolc, Rich & Sandy Olson

Saturday/Sunday, February 22 & 23

Musicians: Joyful Noise (Bluegrass)

Assisting Minister: Nichole Morse

Reader: Jerry Duba

Slides: Owen Mertes (Sat)/Butch Bowman (Sun)

Streaming: Bob Thompson

Ushers/Greeters: Sherry Semmler, Rich & Sandy Olson, Tammy Bodeson, Jerry Duba, Drolc Family

Communion Assistants: Holly Thorson, Jerry & Myra Duba

Altar Care: Myra Duba, Robin Mutschelknaus, Tammy Bodeson, Heidi Gease, Jona Hagen