

South Canyon Lutheran Church

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"Home of Friend-Ship Preschool"

March 29 & 30, 2025

4th Sunday in Lent

5:30 pm & 9:00 am



Welcome to Worship

(9 am) PRELUDE

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Anna Laura Page

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 Renee will end announcements with something like *"Let us take a moment to breathe in and breathe 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.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Our God is a shepherding God. **Our God knows us by name.***

*Our God will never stop searching for us. **So if you feel lost, then know that God is seeking you.***

*If you feel found, **then know that God will never leave.***

*This is the promise of scripture. **This is the promise of God's love.***

Let us worship our with-us God.

(9am) BELL CHOIR

A Grand Celebration

by Derek K. Hakes

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***GATHERING SONG**

Create In Me a Clean Heart

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Create in me a clean heart oh God that I might serve You

Create in me a clean heart oh God that I might be renewed

So fill me and heal me and bring me back to You

Create in me a clean heart oh God that I might serve You

***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**

Shepherding God,

You look for us. You search for us. You turn every corner and climb every mountain. You call our name until your voice is hoarse. When we lose our way, you never stop seeking after us. So once again we pray, find us in this moment. Look for us. And then surround us with your presence, so that we might feel you near. With hope we pray, with hope we listen. Amen.

SANCTUARY CHOIR

How Beautiful

by Jeff Lippencott arr. Tom Fettke
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RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 119:169-176

O LORD, listen to my cry; give me the discerning mind you promised.

Listen to my prayer; rescue me as you promised.

Let praise flow from my lips, for you have taught me your decrees.

Let my tongue sing about your word, for all your commands are right.

Give me a helping hand, for I have chosen to follow your commandments.

O LORD, I have longed for your rescue, and your instructions are my delight.

Let me live so I can praise you, and may your regulations help me.

I have wandered away like a lost sheep; come and find me, for I have not forgotten your commands.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:1-10(Pew Bible pg 797)

Our Gospel reading is from Luke, the 15th chapter beginning with the first verse.

Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach. This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that he was associating with such sinful people—even eating with them!

So Jesus told them this story: “If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won’t he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders. When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.’ In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven’t strayed away!

“Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Won’t she light a lamp and sweep the entire house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she will call in her friends and neighbors and say, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found my lost coin.’ In the same way, there is joy in the presence of God’s angels when even one sinner repents.”

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

(9am) GIZZY TIME WITH MS MONA AND FRIENDS

SERMON

“Lost & Found”

Pastor Renee Splichal Larson

SONG OF THE DAY

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

ELW 608

Vs 1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me.

See, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

Refrain

"Come home, (Come home,), come home! (come home!) You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"

Vs 2 Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?

Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me? *Refrain*

Vs 3 Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me. *Refrain*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Journeying together with trust and hope, we affirm our faith.

We believe in a seeking God, a with-us and before-us God, a chasing-after-us God. We believe that no matter where we wander or what mountains we climb, this God—the God who walked the streets of Jerusalem, shook hands with lepers, patted children on the head, and told stories of love—is always close at hand. So on the good days and the hard days, on the mountains and in the valleys, we believe that we are always being found. Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

God of faithful promise, make your church a new creation in Christ. As you reconcile us to yourself, guide us also in your way of reconciliation, that through confession and forgiveness, repentance and reparations, your church may bear witness to your love. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God of new beginnings, restore balance to the earth. Send rain to places of drought and sunshine to places of flooding, that the produce of the land may again support life. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God of prodigal grace, unite the nations as fellow members of the human family. Give leaders the courage to put aside pride and ego, to cease squandering lives and time, and to work for the well-being of all. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God of boundless love, receive with open arms any in need of compassion (*especially*). Embrace all who are far from home or estranged from loved ones, and all who live with regret. Embolden your people to offer and to seek forgiveness. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God of radical inclusion, widen human circles to welcome all who are excluded. Bless the work of disability ministries, ministries by and with neurodivergent people, and multicultural and ethnic-specific ministries; that the welcome of Jesus be extended to all. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of resurrection life, welcome home all who have died (*especially*). We thank you for their lives and entrust them into your keeping, where true reconciliation and eternal peace are found. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you all. And also with you.
Let us stand and share a sign of God's peace with one another.

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

(9am) OFFERTORY

My Faith It Is an Oaken Staff

David Hegarty

(9am) OFFERING RESPONSE

We Are An Offering

ELW 692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:

We are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,

Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering All that we have, all that we are,

All that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:

We are an offering, we are an offering.

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. Prepare us now to feast on the bread of life. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Friends, in the Christian tradition many have used “lost” and “found” labels to describe people “out there” versus people “in here.” Many have used “lost” and “found” language to create a damaging dichotomy that Christians are found and non-Christians are lost. But the truth is, each and every one of us is a little bit lost and a little bit found from time to time. Each and every one of us needs the love of the Good Shepherd. So join me in the prayer of confession, as people who know both ends of that spectrum.

If God is a painter, let us be the brush.

If God is a musician, let us be the song.

If God is an architect, let us be the tools. Let us be the hands. Let us be the builders.

But if God is a shepherd, who never stops seeking,

let us be willing to be found, no matter how lost we feel.

Our God is never far away. Forgive us for forgetting this good news. Amen.

Family of faith, we are all a little bit lost and a little bit found. We grumble. We push back. We doubt God. We doubt ourselves. We leave the flock and lose our way. But fortunately for us, our God is a shepherding God who is always by our side. No matter how far you wander, you can never wander from the bounds of God’s grace. You are loved. You are forgiven. You are not alone.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

ELW pg 108

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, remember us in your kingdom and teach 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.

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, grant us peace.

The Lord's My Shepherd

ELW 778

Vs 1 The Lord's my shepherd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.

He leadeth me, he leadeth me the quiet waters by.

Vs 2 My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake; within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake.

Vs 4 My table thou hast richly spread in presence of my foes; my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows. My head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Vs 5 Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me, and in God's house forevermore my dwelling-place shall be; and in God's house forevermore my dwelling-place shall be.

When Peace Like a River

ELW 785

Vs 1 When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll, whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well (it is well)

with my soul, (with my soul,)

it is well, it is well with my soul.

Vs 3 He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought; my sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain*

Vs 4 Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; even so it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

ELW 697

Refrain

Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea; daily walking close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Vs 1 I am weak but thou art strong: Jesus, keep me from all wrong; I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Refrain*

Vs 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Refrain*

Vs 3 When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more; guide me gently, safely o'er to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore. *Refrain*

POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

ELW pg 114

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, bless you and keep you in his grace. Amen

Let us pray...

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Please rise.

*BLESSING

As you leave this place, may you find God in every messy middle. May you know that the world is bigger than two sides. May you trust that you are made in the image of God, and therefore, you contain multitudes. So may you move through this world with an open heart, with a curious mind, and with the confidence that you do not go alone. God is with you in the mountains, in the valleys, and everywhere in between.

*SENDING SONG

Abide with Me

ELW 629 1,4

Vs 1 Abide with me, fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee, help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.

Vs 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless; ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if thou abide with me!

*DISMISSAL

Believe the good news, and go in peace.

Thanks be to God.

(9 am) POSTLUDE

Festal Postlude on 'O Worship the King'

arr. Robert Lau

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

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Saturday & Sunday, March 29 & 30

Musicians: Marsha Mertes (Sat), Parker Knox

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

Streaming: Phil Busching

Ushers/Greeters: Luke Team

Communion Assistants: Luke Team

Altar Care: Altar Care Team