

South Canyon Lutheran Church

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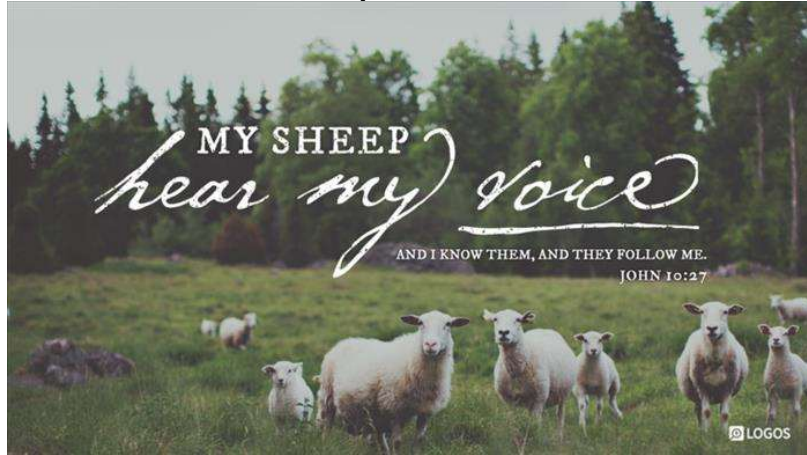
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"Home of Friend-Ship Preschool"

May 10 & 11, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter

5:30 pm & 9:00 am



Welcome to Worship

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

***INVOCATION**

*Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

*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, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

***GATHERING SONG**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

ELW 392 1,4

**Vs 1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by his blood."**

**Vs 4 Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary, earth your footstool, heav'n your throne.
As within the veil you entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest,
here on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.**

***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**

O God of peace,

you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 7:9-17 (Pew Bible pg 953)

Our first reading is from Revelation, the 7th chapter beginning with the ninth verse.

After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes and held palm branches in their hands. And they were shouting with a great roar, "Salvation comes from our God who sits on the throne and from the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living beings. And they fell before the throne with their faces to the ground and worshiped God. They sang, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and strength belong to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the twenty-four elders asked me, "Who are these who are clothed in white? Where did they come from?" And I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."

Then he said to me, "These are the ones who died in the great tribulation. They have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb and made them white. "That is why they stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his Temple. And he who sits on the throne will give them shelter. They will never again be hungry or thirsty; they will never be scorched by the heat of the sun. For the Lamb on the throne will be their Shepherd. He will lead them to springs of life-giving water. And God will wipe every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 23

Please join me in reading Psalm 23 responsively.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:22-30 (Pew Bible pg 819)

Our Gospel reading is from John, the 10th chapter beginning with the twenty-second verse.

It was now winter, and Jesus was in Jerusalem at the time of Hanukkah, the Festival of Dedication. He was in the Temple, walking through the section known as Solomon's Colonnade. The people surrounded him and asked, "How long are you going to keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

Jesus replied, "I have already told you, and you don't believe me. The proof is the work I do in my Father's name. But you don't believe me because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Deb Grismer

SONG OF THE DAY

Now the Green Blade Rises

ELW 379 1,2,3

Vs 1 Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,

wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;

love lives again, that with the dead has been; love is come again like wheat arising green.

Vs 2 In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain, thinking that he would never wake again;

laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen; love is come again like wheat arising green.

Vs 3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain, he that for three days in the grave had lain;

raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen; love is come again like wheat arising green.

(5:30 pm) AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM MILESTONE

(5:30 PM) PRESENTATION

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these children of God, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism. Confirmands, please rise and come forward

I present Ferris James Pendegraft and Fox Steven Pendegraft who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these siblings in Christ, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith.

Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.

(5:30 PM) PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Congregation and confirmands, do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God? If so, please respond "we renounce them."

(5:30 pm) Congregation & Confirmands: We renounce them.

Do all of you believe in God the Father, Jesus Christ, God's Son and God the Holy Spirit?

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 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.

(5:30PM) AFFIRMATION

Ferris and Fox, you have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmand: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support Ferris and Fox and pray for them in their life in Christ?

Congregation: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

At this time we invite parents, Godparents, grandparents, other family members, mentors, teachers to come and stand behind/beside your confirmand.

(5:30pm) BLESSING

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you have us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Ferris James Pendegraft/Fox Steven Pendegraft the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his faith, guide his life, empower him in his serving, give him patience in suffering, and bring his to everlasting life. Amen.

Let us rejoice with this sibling in Christ.

All: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

(9am) APOSTLE'S 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 THE PEOPLE

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

You guide your people to the waters of life. Make your church a nourishing place for all who are thirsty for hope and healing. Renew us in the waters of baptism, and send us forth as signs of your love.

*Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.***

You tend to the earth, sustaining life in all places. Revive fragile ecosystems and restore species in danger of extinction. Teach us new ways of living in balance and harmony with our non-human neighbors.

*Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.***

You lead all peoples along right pathways. Grant wisdom and compassion to judges, lawyers, mediators, and legal advocates. Dismantle systems of mass incarceration, empower processes of restorative justice, and encourage all who strive for healing in our communities. Be with our leaders at all levels that they may govern with wisdom and compassion.

*Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.***

You wipe the tears from every eye. Tend to all who struggle with anxiety or depression, loneliness, or despair. Enfold all who are in any need in your shepherding care, including [Linda, Ken, Kris, Kendal, Loren, Rod, Janet, Jason, Joyce, Lana, Katie, Cathy, Sam, Mary, Cindi, Tom, Deb].

*Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.***

This Mother's Day, bless mothers, grandmothers, and all who offer mothering care. Come close to those whose relationships with their families are difficult, and console all who grieve the loss of mother figures or the loss of children.

*Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.***

You are the source of everlasting life. In deep gratitude for all your saints, including [Phil, Barb], we rejoice in the joy and hope of the resurrection made known to us in Jesus, your beloved child.

*Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.***

*We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **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.

(9am)OFFERING

(9am)OFFERTORY

(9 am)OFFERING RESPONSE

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

ELW 365 4

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!

praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray Risen One,

you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW pg 107

*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.***

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW pg 108

Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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.

LORD'S 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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION *(Songs will be sung only on Sunday- for slides person)*

Lamb of God

ELW pg 112

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.

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

ELW 461

Vs 1 All who hunger gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.

Come from wilderness and wand'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.

You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

Vs 2 All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.

Come from restlessness and roaming. Here in joy we keep the feast.

We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

Vs 3 All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread.

Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace we have been fed.

Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

Be Thou My Vision

ELW 793 1,2,4

Vs 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art: thou my best thought both by day and by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Vs 2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.

Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r, raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Vs 4 Light of my soul, after victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

When In Our Music God Is Glorified

ELW 850 1,4,5

Vs 1 When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride, it is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Vs 4 And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night when utmost evil strove against the light? Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Vs 5 Let ev'ry instrument be tuned for praise; let all rejoice who have a voice to raise; and may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you his peace. In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***SENDING SONG**

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ELW 836 1,2

**Vs 1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

**Vs 2 All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee lift us to the joy divine!**

***DISMISSAL**

*Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Go in peace to love the Lord and serve your neighbor.
Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

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Thank you to our worship servers for your ministry.

Saturday/Sunday, May 10 & 11

Musicians: Marsha Mertes (Sat)/Justin Matters (Sun)

Assisting Minister: Desyl Peterson

Reader: Debra Watson

Slides: Dan Cavanaugh (Sat)/Butch Bowman (Sun)

Streaming: Carrie Churchill & Jeff Churchill

Ushers/Greeters: Matthew Team

Communion: Matthew Team