South Canyon Lutheran Church

See, Grow, Serve To the Glory of God 700 44th Street Rapid City, SD 57702 Phone: 605.343.4887 www.sclc-rc.org "Home of Friend-Ship Preschool" May 31 & June 1, 2025

7th Sunday of Easter 5:30 pm & 9:00 am



Welcome to Worship

(9 am) PRELUDE

Traumerei

Robert Schumann

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

(9 am) MISSION MOMENT

Chapel In the Hills

Barb Nelson

*INVOCATION

Alleluia! Christ has risen! Christ has 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 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

ELW 807

Vs 1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love, teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.

Vs 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer: "Hither by thy help I've come"; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Vs 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be; let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

*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,

form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 (Pew Bible pg 962)

"Look, I am coming soon, bringing my reward with me to repay all people according to their deeds. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End."

Blessed are those who wash their robes. They will be permitted to enter through the gates of the city and eat the fruit from the tree of life.

"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this message for the churches. I am both the source of David and the heir to his throne. I am the bright morning star."

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." Let anyone who hears this say, "Come." Let anyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who desires drink freely from the water of life.

He who is the faithful witness to all these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon!"

Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! May the grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's holy people.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 97

Join me in reading Psalm 97 responsively. Note to reader – Please don't read the dark print. That is for the congregation to respond. I will be a part of the congregation so those online can still hear a voice. The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad.

Clouds and darkness surround the LORD, righteousness and justice are the foundations of God's throne. Fire goes before the LORD, burning up enemies on every side.

Lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.

The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth.

The heavens declare your righteousness, O LORD, and all the peoples see your glory.

Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! Bow down before the LORD, all you gods.

Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O LORD.

For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

You who love the LORD, hate evil! God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand of the wicked.

Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the honest of heart.

Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 17:20-26 (Pew Bible pg 825)

"I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.

"I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one. I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me. Father, I want these whom you have given me to be with me where I am. Then they can see all the glory you gave me because you loved me even before the world began!

"O righteous Father, the world doesn't know you, but I do; and these disciples know you sent me. I have revealed you to them, and I will continue to do so. Then your love for me will be in them, and I will be in them.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

(9 am) GIZZY TIME WITH FRIENDS

SERMON Pastor Deb Grismer

SONG OF THE DAY

Lift High the Cross

ELW 660 vs 1,3,4

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

Vs 1 Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod, our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain

Vs 3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. Refrain

Vs 4 So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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 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.

*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 – Outlaw Ranch - through your gifts of time, talents and resources.

(9 am) OFFERTORY

Humbly I Adore Thee

arr. Robert Lau

(9 am) OFFERING RESPONSE

Pastor Deb will collect the offering plates

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

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.

Welcoming God, you invite all people to come and encounter your love. Give your church open hearts and minds to embrace all who seek your presence. Increase the capacity for cooperation between denominations and congregations.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Creating God, your might is seen in storms and in silence. Where drought threatens, bring rain. Where waters flood, ease them back. Where fire, earthquake, hurricane, or tornado destroy, shelter your people and restore your land.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Discerning God, fill the hearts of leaders with your passion for justice and mercy. Call the nations of this world to tables of peace and collaboration. Encourage governments to seek avenues of collective benefit and joy. Fill leaders at all levels with wisdom and discernment as they make decisions which affect all of us.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Abiding God, all people are held in your care. Accompany survivors of abuse, trauma, and exploitation. Strengthen our resolve to listen and advocate on behalf of all who are unnoticed. Hear our prayers for those close to our heart, including Mac, Ty, Kris, Kendal, Loren, Rod, Janet, Jason, Joyce, Peggy, Lois, Brian, J.J., Mary, Connie, Brett, Deanne, Katie, Cathy, Sam, Mary and Tom & Deb,

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing God, be with this congregation as summer begins in the northern hemisphere. Keep travelers safe. Keep the vulnerable cool. Invigorate summer ministry efforts in our community, including Vacation Bible School, our Lutheran Outdoors in South Dakota Bible camps and our B90 Challenge, and support the well-being of children and young people. We pray for those who have been baptized and those who have affirmed their baptism this year, including Nassiah, Brock, Sophie, Gryffin, Stella, Henry, Julia, Tulula, Connor, Jazlyn, Solomon, Gregory, Trevor, Owen, Ferris and Fox. Be with them as they continue to grow in life and faith. Help us fulfill the promises we made to them and their families.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Loving God, the beginning and the end, you are with us throughout our lives. In gratitude for the saints who have died. We look toward your coming again among us.

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.

THE 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.

*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

Days of Elijah (on piano with drums and bass)

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Verse 1

These are the days of Elijah declaring the Word of the Lord

And these are the days of Your servant Moses

Righteousness being restored

And though these are days of great trials, Of famine and darkness and sword Still we are the voice in the desert crying prepare ye the way of the Lord

Chorus

Behold He comes, riding on the clouds Shining like the sun at the trumpet call So lift your voice it's the year of Jubilee And out of Zion's hill salvation comes

Verse 2

And these are the days of Ezekiel the dry bones becoming as flesh And these are the days of Your servant David rebuilding a temple of praise And these are the days of the harvest the fields are as white in the world And we are the labourers in Your vineyard declaring the Word of the Lord

Bridge

There is no god like Jehovah (hey)

DISMISSAL

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

(9 am) POSTLUDE

Largo" from "Xerxes"

G. F. Handel

*Please stand in body or spirit.

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Thank you to our worship servers for your ministry.

Saturday/Sunday, May 31 & June 1

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

Assisting Minister: Jona Hagen

Reader: Gary Evensen

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

Streaming: Jennifer Haar Ushers/Greeters: Mark Team