

# South Canyon Lutheran Church

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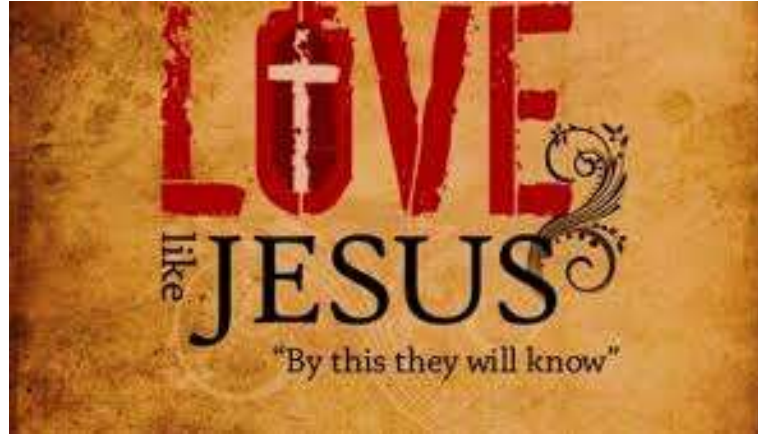
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*"Home of Friend-Ship Preschool"*

**May 17 & 18, 2025**

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter* **5:30 pm & 9:00 am**



## *Welcome to Worship*

**(9 am) PRELUDE**

**Ah Holy Jesus**

**Lani Smith**

*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 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**

**Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty**

**ELW 533 1,2,5**

**Vs 1 Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,  
where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer.  
Oh, how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace!**

Vs 2 Gracious God, I come before thee; come thou also unto me;  
where we find thee and adore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.  
To my heart, oh, enter thou, let it be thy temple now!

Vs 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done indeed;  
may I undisturbed draw near thee while thou dost thy people feed.  
Here of life the fountain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

### **\*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 Lord God,*

**you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **RESPONSIVE READING**

**Psalm 148**

*Join me in reading Psalm 148 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.*

*Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights.*

**Praise the Lord, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

*Praise the Lord, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.*

**Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**

*Let them praise the name of the Lord, who commanded, and they were created, who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.*

**Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps; fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

*mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars; wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;*

**sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world; young men and maidens, old and young together.**

*Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.*

**The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. Hallelujah!**

*The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

**Revelation 21:1-6 (Pew Bible pg 961)**

*A reading from Revelation the twenty-first chapter beginning with the first verse.*

*Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.*

*I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever."*

*And the one sitting on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new!" And then he said to me, "Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true." And he also said, "It is finished! I am the Alpha and the Omega—the Beginning and the End. To all who are thirsty I will give freely from the springs of the water of life.*

**(9 am) SPECIAL MUSIC - Ride on King Jesus!**

**Brian Shirley, vocalist**

**arr by Hall Johnson**

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

**John 13:31-35 (Pew Bible pg 823)**

*As soon as Judas left the room, Jesus said, "The time has come for the Son of Man to enter into his glory, and God will be glorified because of him. And since God receives glory because of the Son, he will give his own glory to the Son, and he will do so at once. Dear children, I will be with you only a little longer. And as I told the Jewish leaders, you will search for me, but you can't come where I am going. So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."*

*The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

**(9 am) GIZZY TIME WITH MISS MONA AND FRIENDS**

## **SERMON**

**Pastor Deb Grismer**

## **SONG OF THE DAY**

**They'll Know We are Christians**

**CCLI 26997**

**Vs 1 We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord**

**We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord**

**And we pray that all unity may one day be restored**

*Chorus*

**And they'll know we are Christians by our love by our love**

**Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love**

**Vs 2 We will walk with each other we will walk hand in hand**

**We will walk with each other we will walk hand in hand**

**And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. *Chorus***

**Vs 3 We will work with each other, we will work side by side**

**We will work with each other, we will work side by side**

**And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride. *Chorus***

**Vs 4 All praise to the Father from whom all things come**

**And all praise to Christ Jesus His only Son**

**And all praise to the Spirit Who makes us one. *Chorus***

**(9am) SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM**

***Stella, Henry & Julia***

***Parents: Jordan & Michele***

## **PRESENTATION**

*God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.*

*Jordan & Michele, whom do you present for baptism?*

**We present Stella Ann, Henry Addison Alan and Julia Dawn for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.**

*As you bring Stella, Henry and Julia to receive the gift of baptism, all of you, as well as this community of faith, are entrusted with responsibilities:*

*to live with them among God's faithful people,  
bring them to the Word of God and the holy supper,  
teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in their hands the Holy Scriptures,  
and nurture them in faith and prayer,  
so that Stella, Henry and Julia may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.*

*Jordan and Michele, do you promise to help your children grow in the Christian faith and life and live in the covenant of their baptism and in communion with the church?*

**We do, with God's help and the help of our community of faith.**

*(Please stand) People of God, do you promise to support and pray for Michele and Jordan as they raise their children in the Christian faith? Do you promise to walk with Henry, Stella and Julia as you are able, support and pray for them and help them to fulfill the baptismal covenant I just named as they grow in life and faith?*

**We do and we ask God to help and guide us.**

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

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

**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.**

### **BAPTISM**

*Stella Ann, Henry Addison Alan and Julia Dawn, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

*Let us pray,*

*We give you thanks, O God, that through the water and the Holy Spirit you give your children new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Stella, Henry and Julia with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.*

**Amen.**

*Stella, Henry, Julia, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.*  
**Amen.**

### **PRESENTATION OF GIFTS**

*Candle:* Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

### **WELCOME**

*Let us welcome Henry, Stella and Julia into our family of faith.*

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share as members of the priesthood of all believers. Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

## **(5:30 pm) 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**

**Vigil**

**Gilbert M. Martin**

## **(9 am) OFFERING RESPONSE**

*Pastor Deb will collect the offering plates*

## **Baptized and Set Free**

**ELW 453 vs 4**

**Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.**

**All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.**

**Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be one in Jesus,  
one in water, baptized and set free!**

## **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.*

*Fill the church with the spirit of your redeeming love. Make us steadfast in our proclamation of your grace for all people without exceptions, especially those often overlooked in our communities.*

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

*Awaken joy in the beauty and abundance of your creation. Show us the wonder of your presence from the smallest flower to the tallest tree. Recommit us to the preservation of wild places.*

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

*Instruct all world leaders to protect the most vulnerable among us. Guide those in power toward equitable and just economic policies, so that all might have sufficient resources to live safely and with dignity. Be with Pope Leo XIV as he leads our Catholic siblings in Christ. Hold in your hands those who are serving in the military, including Yohannes Carter, Haylee & Tyler Pate, Brooke Brey, Thad Alberty and Joe Stevens.*

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

*Pour out your love on all in need of care: those experiencing losses, enduring trauma, experiencing broken relationships, yearning for companionship, or facing illness, including Connie, Brett, Annie, Deanne, Katie, Cathy, Sam, Mary, Cindi, Tom & Deb . Wipe away every tear.*

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

*Abide with all who are victims of racism, especially people who are doubly marginalized because of gender, sexuality, or ability. Destroy all forms of systemic oppression, and renew our commitment to healing the wounds of our collective body in this community and beyond.*

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

*We give thanks for all the saints whose lives bear witness to your redeeming love, including Barb. Bring comfort to those who are mourning. Guide us by the example of your saints, until we join them in your eternal home.*

*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.*

**(9 AM) SPECIAL MUSIC – THE LORD’S PRAYER      Brian Shirley, vocalist      arr by Malotte**

**\*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**

**Let All Things Now Living**

**ELW 881**

**Vs 1 Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God the creator triumphantly raise,  
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are over us, God's light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,  
as forward we travel from light into light.**

**Vs 2 God rules all the forces: the stars in their courses  
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration a song let us raise  
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:  
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"**

## **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**

The Lord Reigns! Alleluia!

Gerald Peterson

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

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## **Saturday/Sunday, May 17 & 18**

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

Assisting Minister: Mike Carter

Reader: Carrie Churchill

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

Streaming: Lorie Whiting

Ushers/Greeters: Matthew Team

Communion Assistants: Altar Care Team

Altar Care: Altar Care Team