

# South Canyon Lutheran Church

*See, Grow, Serve To the Glory of God*

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*"Home of Friend-Ship Preschool"*

**June 28 & 29, 2025**

*Third Sunday after Pentecost*

**5:30 pm & 9:00 am**



## *Welcome to Worship*

### **PRELUDE**

**Meditation on Brother James' Air**

**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**

*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**

**Lead On, O King Eternal**

**ELW 805**

**Vs 1 Lead on, O King eternal!**

**The day of march has come; henceforth in fields of conquest your tents will be our home.**

**Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong;  
and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.**

**Vs 2 Lead on, O King eternal,  
till sin's fierce war shall cease, and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;  
for not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums,  
but deeds of love and mercy the heav'nly kingdom comes.**

**Vs 3 Lead on, O King eternal:  
we follow, not with fears, for gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears.  
Your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light;  
the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!**

**\*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**

*Redeeming Lord,*

**you have answered the cry of your people throughout the generations. Forgive us when we do what is evil in your eyes and deliver us from the forces that oppress us this day. Through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

**(9am) SCOUT & VBS FRIENDS**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Judges 6:1-12**

*A reading from Judges, chapter 6 beginning with verse one.*

*The Israelites did evil in the Lord's sight. So the Lord handed them over to the Midianites for seven years. The Midianites were so cruel that the Israelites made hiding places for themselves in the mountains, caves, and strongholds. Whenever the Israelites planted their crops, marauders from Midian, Amalek, and the people of the east would attack Israel, camping in the land and destroying crops as far away as Gaza. They left the Israelites with nothing to eat, taking all the sheep, goats, cattle, and donkeys. These enemy hordes, coming with their livestock and tents, were as thick as locusts; they arrived on droves of camels too numerous to count. And they stayed until the land was stripped bare. So Israel was reduced to starvation by the Midianites. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help.*

*When they cried out to the Lord because of Midian, the Lord sent a prophet to the Israelites. He said, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: I brought you up out of slavery in Egypt. I rescued you from the Egyptians and from all who oppressed you. I drove out your enemies and gave you their land. I told you, 'I am the Lord your God. You must not worship the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you now live.' But you have not listened to me."*

*Then the angel of the Lord came and sat beneath the great tree at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash of the clan of Abiezer. Gideon son of Joash was threshing wheat at the bottom of a winepress to hide the grain from the Midianites. The angel of the Lord appeared to him and said, "Mighty hero, the Lord is with you!"*

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

**SERMON Part 1**

***"From Worrier to Warrior"***

**Pastor Deb Grismer**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Judges 6:25-34**

*Our reading continues from Judges 6 beginning with verse twenty-five.*

*That night the Lord said to Gideon, "Take the second bull from your father's herd, the one that is seven years old. Pull down your father's altar to Baal, and cut down the Asherah pole standing beside it. Then build an altar to the Lord your God here on this hilltop sanctuary, laying the stones carefully. Sacrifice the bull as a burnt offering on the altar, using as fuel the wood of the Asherah pole you cut down." So Gideon took ten of his servants and did as the Lord had*

*commanded. But he did it at night because he was afraid of the other members of his father's household and the people of the town. Early the next morning, as the people of the town began to stir, someone discovered that the altar of Baal had been broken down and that the Asherah pole beside it had been cut down. In their place a new altar had been built, and on it were the remains of the bull that had been sacrificed. The people said to each other, "Who did this?" And after asking around and making a careful search, they learned that it was Gideon, the son of Joash. "Bring out your son," the men of the town demanded of Joash. "He must die for destroying the altar of Baal and for cutting down the Asherah pole." But Joash shouted to the mob that confronted him, "Why are you defending Baal? Will you argue his case? Whoever pleads his case will be put to death by morning! If Baal truly is a god, let him defend himself and destroy the one who broke down his altar!" From then on Gideon was called Jerub-baal, which means "Let Baal defend himself," because he broke down Baal's altar. Soon afterward the armies of Midian, Amalek, and the people of the east formed an alliance against Israel and crossed the Jordan, camping in the valley of Jezreel. Then the Spirit of the Lord clothed Gideon with power. He blew a ram's horn as a call to arms, and the men of the clan of Abiezer came to him.*

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

## **SERMON Part 2**

***"From Worrier to Warrior"***

**Pastor Deb Grismer**

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

**Judges 7:8-9 & 16-22**

*And now we read from Judges chapter seven.*

*So Gideon collected the provisions and rams' horns of the other warriors and sent them home. But he kept the 300 men with him. The Midianite camp was in the valley just below Gideon. That night the Lord said, "Get up! Go down into the Midianite camp, for I have given you victory over them!"*

*He divided the 300 men into three groups and gave each man a ram's horn and a clay jar with a torch in it.*

*Then he said to them, "Keep your eyes on me. When I come to the edge of the camp, do just as I do. As soon as I and those with me blow the rams' horns, blow your horns, too, all around the entire camp, and shout, 'For the Lord and for Gideon!'"*

*It was just after midnight, after the changing of the guard, when Gideon and the 100 men with him reached the edge of the Midianite camp. Suddenly, they blew the rams' horns and broke their clay jars. Then all three groups blew their horns and broke their jars. They held the blazing torches in their left hands and the horns in their right hands, and they all shouted, "A sword for the Lord and for Gideon!"*

*Each man stood at his position around the camp and watched as all the Midianites rushed around in a panic, shouting as they ran to escape. When the 300 Israelites blew their rams' horns, the Lord caused the warriors in the camp to fight against each other with their swords. Those who were not killed fled to places as far away as Beth-shittah near Zererah and to the border of Abel-meholah near Tabbath.*

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

## **SERMON Part 3**

***"From Worrier to Warrior"***

**Pastor Deb Grismer**

## **SONG OF THE DAY**

**Shout to the Lord**

**ELW 821, 2x**

**My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you.**

**All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.**

**My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength;**

**let ev'ry breath, all that I am never cease to worship you.**

**Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King.**

**Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.**

**I sing for joy at the work of your hands; forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.**

**Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.**

## **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.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*This summer instead of using the pre-written Prayers of Intercession, the congregation is invited to share their joys and concerns. Pastor Deb will then lead the congregation in prayer.*

*With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation...*

*...Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer***

*Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our 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.*

## **(9 am) OFFERING**

### **(9 am) OFFERTORY**

**In Communion**

**Dennis Eliot**

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

### **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**

**Jesus Shall Reign**

**ELW 434 1,2,5**

**Vs 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**Vs 2 To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head;  
his name like sweet perfume shall rise with ev'ry morning sacrifice.**

**Vs 5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our king;  
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.**

### **\*DISMISSAL**

*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, June 28 & 29**

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

**Assisting Minister: Desyl Peterson**

**Reader: Gary Evensen**

Slides: Bob Jensen (Sat)/Butch Bowman (Sun)

Streaming: Phil Busching

Ushers/Greeters: Mark Team

Communion: Mark Team