

South Canyon Lutheran Church

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"Home of Friend-Ship Preschool"

December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM



Welcome to Worship

PRELUDE

Carillon Toccata

Douglas Wagner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Deb will end announcements with "Take time to breathe in and breathe out as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship."

***INVOCATION**

We gather for worship in the name of the Triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

***CANDLE LIGHTING – PEACE**

In a world full of fear, where do you see glimmers of peace?

We see glimmers of peace in the quiet of early morning, when people shake hands, when loved ones say they're sorry, and when the church sings together.

You are right. Even in a fearful world, peace is all around us. Today we light the candle of peace as a reminder of this good news. May this flicker of light help us remember that even in a fearful world, peace is present. We only have to look for it.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

***GATHERING SONG** *Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn*

ELW 242 1,2,4

Vs 1 **Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn, for angels herald its dawning.**

Sing out your joy, for soon he is born, behold! the Child of our longing.

Come as a baby weak and poor, to bring all hearts together,

he opens wide the heav'nly door and lives now inside us forever.

Vs 2 **To us, to all in sorrow and fear, Emmanuel comes a-singing,**

his humble song is quiet and near, yet fills the earth with its ringing;

music to heal the broken soul and hymns of lovingkindness,

the thunder of his anthems roll to shatter all hatred and blindness.

Vs 4 **Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night, though dark the winter and cheerless,**

the rising sun shall crown you with light, be strong and loving and fearless.

Love be our song and love our prayer and love our endless story;

may God fill ev'ry day we share and bring us at last into glory.

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

Merciful God,

we need bread and we need laughter. We need music and we need a hand to hold. We need a chair to sit in and we need work to do. But maybe more than anything, we need your Word and a reason to hope. So move through this space today and speak to us as only you can. Speak a word of hope deep into our weary bones. For we need bread and we need laughter, but most of all, we need you. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Coventry Carol

arr. Carl Wiltse, Stained Glass Music

*OFFERING RESPONSE

On Jordon's Bank the Baptist's Cry

ELW 249 Vs 4

Vs 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health restore, and make us rise to fall no more

Oh let your face upon us shine and fill the world with love divine.

*OFFERING PRAYER

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.

A Christmas Cantata

Presented by the Sanctuary Choir

with

The SCLC Kid's Choir and Hand Bell Choir

Narrated by Pastor Deb Grismer

Accompanied by Mary Weidenbach

Guest Accompanist – Andrew Belsaas

Written, Compiled and Directed by Ellen Shirley

Come By Here

Simply, Alleluia

In Bethlehem

Away in a Manger

A New Noel

See the Baby

Creation Will Be at Peace

Silent Night

O Come, All Ye Faithful

***Please hold your applause until after the recap.*

CLOSING PRAYER

Pastor Deb will offer a prayer.

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.

*SENDING SONG

Before You, Lord, We Bow

ELW 893 1,2,4

Vs 1 Before you, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns above
and rules the world below with boundless pow'r and love.

Our thanks we bring in joy and praise, our hearts we raise, to you we sing!

Vs 2 May ev'ry mountain height, each vale and forest green,
shine forth in wisdom's light, and its rich fruits be seen!
May ev'ry tongue be tuned to praise and join to raise a grateful song.

Vs 4 And when in pow'r he comes, oh, then may ev'ry land
from all its rending tombs send forth a glorious band, a countless throng,
with joy to sing to heav'n's high king salvation's song!

*BLESSING and DISMISSAL

*In a fearful world, may you look for God's spirit. May you reach for each other's hands. May you choose courage whenever you can. And in all things, may you remember that good news is louder than fear. In the name of the one who calls, the one who sends, and the one who journeys with-God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.
Go in peace and be not afraid.*

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Overture to Die Meistersinger

Richard Wagner

**Please stand in body or spirit.*