

South Canyon Lutheran Church

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"Home of Friend-Ship Preschool"

January 10 & 11, 2026

Baptism of Our Lord

5:30 pm & 9:00 am



Welcome to Worship

(9 am) PRELUDE

My Jesus, I Love Thee

William Barnett

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

Note: Pastor Deb will end announcements with something like *"Let us take a moment to breathe in and breathe out as we center our hearts and minds for worship."*

***INVOCATION**

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

A Baptismal Creed

I believe in God who speaks through the prophets and lifts our gaze up to high and beautiful paths and peaks.

I believe in Christ Jesus, free of corruption yet willingly numbered among the sinners, baptized in the waters of the Jordan.

I believe in the Spirit who rested on Jesus like a dove, and who inspired him with such love as the world has not seen before or since.

I believe that those who are baptized into Christ shall share his Spirit, his mission and his ultimate victory over sin and death.

I believe that there is no human ability that cannot be enlarged, and no weakness that cannot be used by Christ to the praise of God.

I believe that this believing is a gift from God, not to be used for self-gratification but for the building up of the church and for humble service the world

I believe in myself as a baptized child of God, the recipient of a healing grace which precedes and supersedes all my efforts to be true.

With the help of God, I will attempt to live my belief all the days of my life, and by his grace, dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen!

~ written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on **Bruce Prewer's Home page**. <http://www.bruceprewer.com/DocA/10BAPTIS.htm>

***GATHERING SONG**

Baptized and Set Free

ELW 453 1,3,4

- 1 We are people created, chosen by God. Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.
Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door to a fountain bringing healing,
and wholeness and more.
- 3 We are nourished by water, all living things, and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings.
As we journey toward home, may your presence be known:
precious river, ever-flowing, now carry us home.
- 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!

***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 our Father,

**at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit.
Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and
empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

MILESTONE MINISTRY

“Daily Devotions”

2-Year-Old Children

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

Our first reading is from Isaiah, the 42nd chapter, beginning with the first verse.

*“Look at my servant, whom I strengthen. He is my chosen one, who pleases me. I have put my Spirit upon him.
He will bring justice to the nations. He will not shout or raise his voice in public. He will not crush the weakest reed
or put out a flickering candle. He will bring justice to all who have been wronged. He will not falter or lose heart
until justice prevails throughout the earth. Even distant lands beyond the sea will wait for his instruction.”*
*God, the Lord, created the heavens and stretched them out. He created the earth and everything in it.
He gives breath to everyone, life to everyone who walks the earth. And it is he who says, “I, the Lord, have called you to
demonstrate my righteousness. I will take you by the hand and guard you, and I will give you to my people, Israel,
as a symbol of my covenant with them. And you will be a light to guide the nations. You will open the eyes of the
blind. You will free the captives from prison, releasing those who sit in dark dungeons. “I am the Lord; that is my
name! I will not give my glory to anyone else, nor share my praise with carved idols. Everything I prophesied has come
true, and now I will prophesy again. I will tell you the future before it happens.”*

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 29

Please join me in reading Psalm 29 responsively.

Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon; the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, “Glory!”

The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.

O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 10:34-43

Our epistle reading is from Acts, the 10th chapter beginning with the 34th verse.

Then Peter replied, “I see very clearly that God shows no favoritism. In every nation he accepts those who fear him and do what is right. This is the message of Good News for the people of Israel—that there is peace with God through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee, after John began preaching his message of baptism. And you know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. Then Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

“And we apostles are witnesses of all he did throughout Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him to life on the third day. Then God allowed him to appear, not to the general public, but to us whom God had chosen in advance to be his witnesses. We were those who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he ordered us to preach everywhere and to testify that Jesus is the one appointed by God to be the judge of all—the living and the dead. He is the one all the prophets testified about, saying that everyone who believes in him will have their sins forgiven through his name.”

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING (Pastor Deb will read)

Matthew 3:13-17

Our gospel reading is from Matthew, the 3rd chapter beginning with the thirteenth verse.

Then Jesus went from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. But John tried to talk him out of it. “I am the one who needs to be baptized by you,” he said, “so why are you coming to me?”

But Jesus said, “It should be done, for we must carry out all that God requires.” So John agreed to baptize him.

After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy.”

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

(9 am) GIZZY TIME WITH MONA AND FRIENDS

SERMON

Pastor Deb Grismer

SONG OF THE DAY

When Jesus Came to Jordan

ELW 305

(sung to the tune of 542, O Living Bread from Heaven)

- 1 When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John,
he did not come for pardon but as the Sinless One.**

He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins,
to speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.

- 2 He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss,
for us and our salvation to die upon the cross.
So when the dove descended on him, the Son of Man,
the hidden years had ended, the age of grace began.
- 3 Come, Holy Spirit, aid us to keep the vows we make;
this very day invade us, and ev'ry bondage break.
Come, give our lives direction, the gift we covet most:
to share the resurrection that leads to Pentecost.

Pastor Deb will gather prayer requests before singing.

HYMN **Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying** **ELW 752**
Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

***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 **Assisting Minister hands out offering plates**
Let us gather together our offering. Thank you for the generous way you support the mission and ministry of this congregation with you time, talents and resources.

OFFERTORY **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing** **Lani Smith**

***(9 am) OFFERING RESPONSE** **Pastor Deb receives offering plates**
Please rise

This Is the Spirit's Entry Now **ELW 448 4**

- 4 **Renewing Spirit, hear our praise for your baptismal pow'r**
that washes us through all our days. Come, cleanse again this hour.

***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. Prepare us now to feast on the bread of life. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence.
Amen.
Please be seated.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection

We are incredibly stubborn, O Lord.

We have entered the season in which Your Light has been given to the world, your blessings have been poured out on the world, and yet all we can think about is our own problems, our own needs, our own desires.

Help us to desire you, Lord. Help us to yearn for your presence.

Pour your baptismal waters over us again, cleansing us from our self-pity and arrogance. Nourish and heal us so that we may joyfully serve you. Wash away our jealousy, greed, and all negative thoughts and behaviors that stand in the way of our truly being the people you have called us to be. Again let us receive the blessings offered in creation, in the birth and baptism of Jesus, and in the ministry of the saints of light. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

The love and forgiveness of God is always offered to us, freely, joyfully, for all eternity. Rejoice, dear friends, your sins are forgiven. This is the Good News of our Lord.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

~ posted on the *Worship Connection* page of the Ministry Matters website. <http://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/article/entry/4549/worship-connection-january-12-2014>

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 break, 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.**

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LAMB OF GOD

ELW 146

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.

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.

*BLESSING

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise bless you now and forever. Amen.

*SENDING SONG

To Be Your Presence

ELW 546 1,2,4

- 1 To be your presence is our mission here, to show compassion's face and list'ning ear,
to be your heart of mercy ever near, alleluia!
- 2 To be your presence is our mission bold, to feed the poor and shelter homeless cold,
to be your hands of justice, right uphold, alleluia!
- 4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your people is our call and
choice, and in this mission we, the church, rejoice, alleluia!

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love the Lord and serve your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

(9 am) POSTLUDE

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Tom Birchwood

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

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