

# South Canyon Lutheran Church

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*"Home of Friend-Ship Preschool"*

**March 14 & 15, 2026**

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent*

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



**For Relationships**

*Welcome to Worship*

**(9 am) PRELUDE**

**Trust and Obey**

**Stewart Landon**

*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 Please rise in body or spirit**

*We gather in the name of God, who created us, who was born to be with us, who guides us still. Amen.*

**\*GATHERING SONG**

**The Church's One Foundation**

**ELW 654 1,2,5**

*Vs 1* **The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is his new creation by water and the word.**

**From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.**

*Vs 2* **Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.**

*Vs 5* **Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.  
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace,  
that we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.**

## **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*God knows our hearts, the guilt we carry, the heartache that keeps us awake, the burdens we bear. God knows that "happy are they who are forgiven," and so we confess in confidence of God's forgiveness.*

Silence for reflection

*Good and gracious God,*

**We have sinned and fallen short of the good you desire for us and for all creation. We have seen the earth as resources to extract and forgotten to marvel at its beauty. We have doubted your ability to provide and hoarded more than we need. We have ignored the needs of the vulnerable, and when you called us to follow you to greater wonders, we remained where we were and clung to control. Forgive our sin and our selfishness. Draw us out of ourselves, more deeply into your love, and more fully into a world in need.**

*God knows our sin before we do and meets every confession with abundant grace. In Christ we are alive and completely forgiven. God's goodness has the final word. May this gift renew our faith and lighten our load so that we are prepared to care for the world God so loves. **Amen***

## **\*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**

*Welcoming God,*

**there is no one whom you have rejected forever. There is nothing we can do to make you close the door to our relationship with you. You are always ready and waiting to befriend us again. In moments when we need it most, help us to notice your presence. Send us out with a keen sense of who the world has rejected, that we might be agents of friendship who welcome them in. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**(9am) SANCTUARY CHOIR**

**The Light of the World,** Nancy Price and Don Besig 1996 GlorySound

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

**1 Samuel 16:1-13**

*(Pew Bible pg 223)*

Now the Lord said to Samuel, "You have mourned long enough for Saul. I have rejected him as king of Israel, so fill your flask with olive oil and go to Bethlehem. Find a man named Jesse who lives there, for I have selected one of his sons to be my king."

But Samuel asked, "How can I do that? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me."

"Take a heifer with you," the Lord replied, "and say that you have come to make a sacrifice to the Lord. Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you which of his sons to anoint for me."

So Samuel did as the Lord instructed. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town came trembling to meet him. "What's wrong?" they asked. "Do you come in peace?"

"Yes," Samuel replied. "I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Purify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." Then Samuel performed the purification rite for Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice, too.

When they arrived, Samuel took one look at Eliab and thought, "Surely this is the Lord's anointed!"

But the Lord said to Samuel, “Don’t judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The Lord doesn’t see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

Then Jesse told his son Abinadab to step forward and walk in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “This is not the one the Lord has chosen.” Next Jesse summoned Shimea, but Samuel said, “Neither is this the one the Lord has chosen.” In the same way all seven of Jesse’s sons were presented to Samuel. But Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” Then Samuel asked, “Are these all the sons you have?”

“There is still the youngest,” Jesse replied. “But he’s out in the fields watching the sheep and goats.”

“Send for him at once,” Samuel said. “We will not sit down to eat until he arrives.”

So Jesse sent for him. He was dark and handsome, with beautiful eyes.

And the Lord said, “This is the one; anoint him.”

So as David stood there among his brothers, Samuel took the flask of olive oil he had brought and anointed David with the oil. And the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David from that day on. Then Samuel returned to Ramah.

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

## RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 23

*Please join me in reading our Psalm responsively.*

*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.*

**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

*You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.*

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

*You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.*

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

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

## SCRIPTURE READING (Pastor Deb will read)

John 9:1-41

*(Pew Bible pg 818)*

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. “Rabbi,” his disciples asked him, “why was this man born blind? Was it because of his own sins or his parents’ sins?”

“It was not because of his sins or his parents’ sins,” Jesus answered. “This happened so the power of God could be seen in him. We must quickly carry out the tasks assigned us by the one who sent us. The night is coming, and then no one can work. But while I am here in the world, I am the light of the world.”

Then he spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and spread the mud over the blind man’s eyes. He told him, “Go wash yourself in the pool of Siloam” (Siloam means “sent”). So the man went and washed and came back seeing!

His neighbors and others who knew him as a blind beggar asked each other, “Isn’t this the man who used to sit and beg?” Some said he was, and others said, “No, he just looks like him!”

But the beggar kept saying, “Yes, I am the same one!”

They asked, “Who healed you? What happened?”

He told them, “The man they call Jesus made mud and spread it over my eyes and told me, ‘Go to the pool of Siloam and wash yourself.’ So I went and washed, and now I can see!”

“Where is he now?” they asked.

“I don’t know,” he replied.

Then they took the man who had been blind to the Pharisees, because it was on the Sabbath that Jesus had made the mud and healed him. The Pharisees asked the man all about it. So he told them, “He put the mud over my eyes, and when I washed it away, I could see!”

Some of the Pharisees said, “This man Jesus is not from God, for he is working on the Sabbath.” Others said, “But how could an ordinary sinner do such miraculous signs?” So there was a deep division of opinion among them.

Then the Pharisees again questioned the man who had been blind and demanded, “What’s your opinion about this man who healed you?”

The man replied, “I think he must be a prophet.”

The Jewish leaders still refused to believe the man had been blind and could now see, so they called in his parents. They asked them, “Is this your son? Was he born blind? If so, how can he now see?”

His parents replied, “We know this is our son and that he was born blind, but we don’t know how he can see or who healed him. Ask him. He is old enough to speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who had announced that anyone saying Jesus was the Messiah would be expelled from the synagogue. That’s why they said, “He is old enough. Ask him.”

So for the second time they called in the man who had been blind and told him, “God should get the glory for this, because we know this man Jesus is a sinner.”

“I don’t know whether he is a sinner,” the man replied. “But I know this: I was blind, and now I can see!”

“But what did he do?” they asked. “How did he heal you?”

“Look!” the man exclaimed. “I told you once. Didn’t you listen? Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?”

Then they cursed him and said, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses! We know God spoke to Moses, but we don’t even know where this man comes from.”

“Why, that’s very strange!” the man replied. “He healed my eyes, and yet you don’t know where he comes from? We know that God doesn’t listen to sinners, but he is ready to hear those who worship him and do his will. Ever since the world began, no one has been able to open the eyes of someone born blind. If this man were not from God, he couldn’t have done it.”

“You were born a total sinner!” they answered. “Are you trying to teach us?” And they threw him out of the synagogue.

When Jesus heard what had happened, he found the man and asked, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”

The man answered, “Who is he, sir? I want to believe in him.”

“You have seen him,” Jesus said, “and he is speaking to you!”

“Yes, Lord, I believe!” the man said. And he worshiped Jesus.

Then Jesus told him,[d] “I entered this world to render judgment—to give sight to the blind and to show those who think they see[e] that they are blind.”

Some Pharisees who were standing nearby heard him and asked, “Are you saying we’re blind?”

“If you were blind, you wouldn’t be guilty,” Jesus replied. “But you remain guilty because you claim you can see.

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

## **(9 am) GIZZY TIME WITH FRIENDS**

**SERMON**

*“All In for Relationships”*

**Pastor Deb Grismer**

**SONG OF THE DAY**

**Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love**

**ELW 708 1,2,3**

*Refrain* **Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.**

*Vs 1* **Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain***

*Vs 2* **Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race, neighbors are nearby and far away. *Refrain***

*Vs 3* **These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love; all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain***

**MILESTONE MINISTRY**

*Apostles’ Creed*

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students**

## **APOSTLES’ CREED**

*Journeying together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith in 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 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.*

**(9 am) OFFERTORY**

**O Taste and See**

**G. A. MacFarren**

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

*Please rise in body or in spirit*

**Praise God from Whom All Blessings**

**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.**

*Pastor Deb will gather prayer requests before singing.*

**HYMN**

**O Lord, Hear My Prayer**

**ELW 751**

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, answer me.**

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and listen to me.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*God, our maker, healer, and friend,*

*You are all in for us and all creation. You have given us a beautiful universe to explore. You have called each one of us  
by name. You never cease to offer life and forgiveness. There is no detail of life in this world that has escaped you. We  
pray now, trusting in your goodness and mercy.*

*Add petitions....*

*God of all, we pray, trusting in your abundant grace.*

**HYMN**

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**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, answer me.**

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and listen to 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.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SENDING SONG**

**Blessed Assurance**

**ELW 638 1,3**

*Vs 1* **Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

*Refrain* **This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long:  
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

*Vs 3* **Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain***

**\*DISMISSAL**

*Go in peace to see, grow and serve to the glory of God.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**(9 am) POSTLUDE**

**With Sounding Timbrel**

**Chester Nordman**

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

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*Thank you to our worship servers for your ministry.*

**Saturday & Sunday, March 14 & 15**

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

**Assistant Minister: Jona Hagen**

**Reader: Mary Bauman**

**Slides: Scott Nixon/Butch Bowman**

**Streaming: Jennifer Haar**

**Ushers/Greeters: Luke Team**