

# South Canyon Lutheran Church

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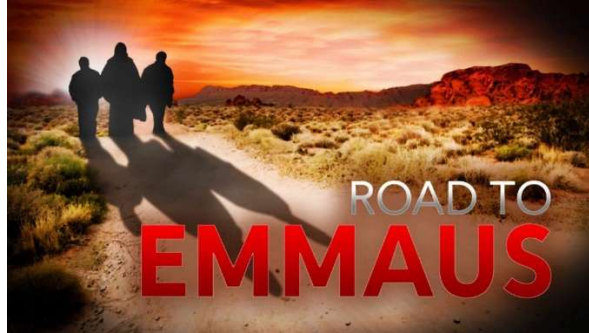
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*“Home of Friend-Ship Preschool”*

**April 18 & 19, 2026**

*Third Weekend of Easter*

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



## *Welcome to Worship*

### **(9 am) PRELUDE**

**This Sabbath Hour**

**James Southbridge**

*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 and hear the Kids Choir.”*

### **(9am) KID’S CHOIR**

*We Are the Children of Light* by Hal Hopson, © 2000 Hope Publishing Co.

*This Little Light of Mine*, Spiritual, © 1996 Hal Leonard Corporation

*I’ve Just Come from the Fountain*, arr. Anna Laura Page and Jean Anne Shafferman, © 2006 Alfred Publishing Co.

### **\*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**

**Alleluia! Jesus is Risen**

**ELW 377 1,2**

*Vs 1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!*

**Trumpets resounding in glorious light!**

**Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!**

**Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!**

*Refrain Jesus is risen and we shall arise.*

**Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

*Vs 2 Walking the way, Christ in the center*

**telling the story to open our eyes;**

**breaking our bread, giving us glory:**

**Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. Refrain**

## \*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,*

**your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**(9am) SANCTUARY CHOIR**

**Amazing Grace**

arr. Jack Schrader  
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## SCRIPTURE READING

**1 Peter 1:17-23**  
*(Pew Bible pg 934)*

*And remember that the heavenly Father to whom you pray has no favorites. He will judge or reward you according to what you do. So you must live in reverent fear of him during your time here as “temporary residents.” For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And it was not paid with mere gold or silver, which lose their value. It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God. God chose him as your ransom long before the world began, but now in these last days he has been revealed for your sake.*

*Through Christ you have come to trust in God. And you have placed your faith and hope in God because he raised Christ from the dead and gave him great glory.*

*You were cleansed from your sins when you obeyed the truth, so now you must show sincere love to each other as brothers and sisters.<sup>14</sup> Love each other deeply with all your heart.*

*For you have been born again, but not to a life that will quickly end. Your new life will last forever because it comes from the eternal, living word of God.*

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

## RESPONSIVE READING

**Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19**

*Please join me in reading our Psalm responsively.*

*I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,*

**for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.**

*The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.*

**Then I called upon the name of the LORD: “O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”**

*How shall I re-pay the LORD for all the good things God has done for me?*

**I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.**

*I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God’s people.*

**Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of your servants.**

*O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.*

**I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the LORD.**

*I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God’s people,*

**in the courts of the LORD’s house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

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

**SCRIPTURE READING (Pastor Deb will read)**

**Luke 24:13-35**  
*(Pew Bible pg 807)*

*That same day two of Jesus' followers were walking to the village of Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem. As they walked along they were talking about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things, Jesus himself suddenly came and began walking with them. But God kept them from recognizing him.*

*He asked them, "What are you discussing so intently as you walk along?"*

*They stopped short, sadness written across their faces. Then one of them, Cleopas, replied, "You must be the only person in Jerusalem who hasn't heard about all the things that have happened there the last few days."*

*"What things?" Jesus asked.*

*"The things that happened to Jesus, the man from Nazareth," they said. "He was a prophet who did powerful miracles, and he was a mighty teacher in the eyes of God and all the people. But our leading priests and other religious leaders handed him over to be condemned to death, and they crucified him. We had hoped he was the Messiah who had come to rescue Israel. This all happened three days ago.*

*"Then some women from our group of his followers were at his tomb early this morning, and they came back with an amazing report. They said his body was missing, and they had seen angels who told them Jesus is alive! Some of our men ran out to see, and sure enough, his body was gone, just as the women had said."*

*Then Jesus said to them, "You foolish people! You find it so hard to believe all that the prophets wrote in the Scriptures. Wasn't it clearly predicted that the Messiah would have to suffer all these things before entering his glory?" Then Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.*

*By this time they were nearing Emmaus and the end of their journey. Jesus acted as if he were going on, but they begged him, "Stay the night with us, since it is getting late." So he went home with them. As they sat down to eat, he took the bread and blessed it. Then he broke it and gave it to them. Suddenly, their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And at that moment he disappeared!*

*They said to each other, "Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?" And within the hour they were on their way back to Jerusalem. There they found the eleven disciples and the others who had gathered with them, who said, "The Lord has really risen! He appeared to Peter."*

*Then the two from Emmaus told their story of how Jesus had appeared to them as they were walking along the road, and how they had recognized him as he was breaking the bread.*

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

**(9am) MILESTONE MINISTRY**

*ABC Scriptures*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Students**

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

**SERMON**

**Pastor Deb Grismer**

*Vs 1* Day of arising, Christ on the roadway, unknown companion walks with his own.  
When they invite him, as fades the first day, and bread is broken, Christ is made known.

*Vs 3* Lo, I am with you, Jesus has spoken. This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign:  
when the church gathers, when bread is broken, there Christ is with us in bread and wine.

*Vs 4* Christ, our companion, hope for the journey, bread of compassion, open our eyes.  
Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning that all creation with you may rise.

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

*Jameson Howard Dressler*

**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.

Whom do you present for baptism?

**We present Jameson Howard Dressler for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.**

As you bring Jameson to receive the gift of baptism, all of you, as well as this community of faith, are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,  
bring him to the Word of God and the holy supper,  
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in his hands the Holy Scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,  
so that Jameson 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.

Joseph & Haley, do you promise to help Jameson grow in the Christian faith and life and live in the covenant of his baptism and in communion with the church?

**We do, with God's help and with the help of Jameson's Godparents, family and community of faith.**

Todd & Cindy, do you promise to nurture Jameson in the Christian faith as you are empowered by the Holy Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of his baptism and in communion with the church?

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

*(Please stand)* People of God, do you promise to support and pray for Joseph, Haley, Todd and Cindy as they raise Jameson in the Christian faith? Do you promise to walk with Jameson as you are able, support and pray for him and help him to fulfill the baptismal covenant I just named as he grows 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.

**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.**

### **PRAYER**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word and bless this water that when it is combined with your word, those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. In Jesus' name we pray, **Amen.**

### **BAPTISM**

Jameson Howard Dressler, 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 Jameson 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.**

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

### **PRESENTATION OF GIFTS**

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

### **WELCOME**

Let us welcome Jameson 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.**

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

## MILESTONE MINISTRY

## Reception of New Members

*Pastor Deb will call forward the new members.*

*In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.*

*Siblings in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?*

**New Members: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

*People of God, do you promise to welcome, support and pray for these new members as they join this congregation?*

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

*We welcome these sisters and brothers in Christ into this community of faith at South Canyon Lutheran Church.*

**We are grateful for your presence among us as we celebrate your gifts and welcome you to our community of faith. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

*Let us pray:*

*Almighty God, by the love of Jesus Christ you draw people to yourself and welcome them into the household of faith.*

**May we show your joy by embracing new siblings in Christ as we bear your creative and redeeming word to all the world. Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread and the prayers, and in service to others, following the example of Jesus Christ, our servant and Lord. Amen.**

*Let us welcome our new members with a round of applause.*

## 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

**The Spirit Sings**

**Colin Curtis**

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

*Please rise in body or in spirit*

**Good Christian Friends, Rejoice**

**ELW 385 4**

***Vs 4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord,  
the life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

## \*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 Lord, Listen to Your Children 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**

**HYMN Lord, Listen to Your Children 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.**

*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 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today ELW 373 4,5**  
*Vs 4* **Lives again our glorious king! Where, O death, is now your sting?  
Once he died our souls to save; where your victory, O grave?**  
*Vs 5* **Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to thee by both be giv'n.  
Thee we greet triumphant now: hail, the resurrection, thou!**

**\*DISMISSAL**

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

**(9 am) POSTLUDE Our Triumphant Holy Day Robert Hughes**

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

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

**Saturday & Sunday, April 18 & 19**

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

**Assistant Minister: Jona Hagen**

**Reader: Desyl Peterson**

**Slides: Scott Nixon/Butch Bowman**

**Streaming: Jennifer Haar**

**Ushers/Greeters: John Team**