

# South Canyon Lutheran Church

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

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*"Home of Friend-Ship Preschool"*

**April 26, 2026**

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

**9:00 am**



## *Welcome to Worship*

### **PRELUDE**

*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."*

*Please rise in body or spirit.*

### **\*INVOCATION**

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

### **\*GATHERING SONG**

**I Will Call Upon The Lord**

**CCLI 11263 2xs**

*Verse*

**I will call upon the Lord (ECHO) Who is worthy to be praised (ECHO)  
So shall I be saved from my enemies (ECHO) I will call upon the Lord**

*Chorus*

**The Lord liveth and blessed be my Rock, let the God of my salvation be exalted (REPEAT)**

**Lord, I Lift Your Name on High**

**ELW 857 2x**

**Lord, I Lift Your Name on high**

**Lord, I love to sing Your praises, I'm so glad You're in my life**

**I'm so glad You came to save us**

**You came from heaven to earth to show the way**

**From the earth to the cross my debt to pay**

**From the cross to the grave from the grave to the sky**

**Lord, I lift Your name on high**

**\*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 shepherd,*

**you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**1 Peter 2:19-25 (Pew Bible pg 935)**

*Our first reading is from 1<sup>st</sup> Peter, the 2nd chapter beginning with the nineteenth verse.*

*For God is pleased when, conscious of his will, you patiently endure unjust treatment. Of course, you get no credit for being patient if you are beaten for doing wrong. But if you suffer for doing good and endure it patiently, God is pleased with you. For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered for you. He is your example, and you must follow in his steps.*

*He never sinned, nor ever deceived anyone. He did not retaliate when he was insulted, nor threaten revenge when he suffered. He left his case in the hands of God, who always judges fairly. He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right.*

*By his wounds you are healed. Once you were like sheep who wandered away.*

*But now you have turned to your Shepherd, the Guardian of your souls.*

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

**RESPONSIVE READING**

**Psalm 23**

*Please join me in reading Psalm 23 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**

**John 10:1-10 (Pew Bible pg 819)**

*Our Gospel reading is from John, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter beginning with the first verse.*

*“I tell you the truth, anyone who sneaks over the wall of a sheepfold, rather than going through the gate, must surely be a thief and a robber! But the one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep recognize his voice and come to him. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice. They won't follow a stranger; they will run from him because they don't know his voice.”*

*Those who heard Jesus use this illustration didn't understand what he meant, so he explained it to them: “I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me were thieves and robbers. But the true sheep did not listen to*

*them. Yes, I am the gate. Those who come in through me will be saved. They will come and go freely and will find good pastures. The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.*

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

## **GIZZY TIME WITH FRIENDS**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Deb Grismer**

### **SONG OF THE DAY**

**The Lord's My Shepherd (a cappella)**

**ELW 778**

- 1** Vs 1 **The Lord's my shepherd; I'll not want.  
he makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; he leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.  
He leadeth me, he leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.**
- 2** Vs 2 **My soul he doth restore again,  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness,  
e'en for his own name's sake;  
within the paths of righteousness,  
e'en for his own name's sake.**
- 5** Vs 5 **Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me,  
and in God's house forevermore  
my dwelling-place shall be;  
and in God's house forevermore  
my dwelling-place shall be.**

## **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM MILESTONE**

### **PRESENTATION**

*Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these children of God, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism. Confirmands, please rise and come forward.*

Mona: *I present Grady Reisner, Jaxon Wright, Jett Dreyer, Rylie Lewis, Makenna Dillavou, Cedar Gab, Lexi McDole, Brooke Novotny, Jack Lintz, and Elizabeth Pico who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.*

Pastor Deb: *Let us pray.*

*Merciful God, we thank you for these siblings in Christ, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith.*

*Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.*

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

Eric: *I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.*

Eric: *Congregation and confirmands, do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God? If so, please respond "we renounce them."*

**Congregation & Confirmands: We renounce them.**

Eric: *Do all of you believe in God the Father, Jesus Christ, God's Son and God the Holy Spirit?*

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
He will come again 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**

#### **AFFIRMATION**

Pastor Deb: *You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:*

Mona: *to live among God's faithful people,*

Eric: *to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,*

Mona: *to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,*

Eric: *to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,*

Pastor Deb: *and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?*

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

Mona: *People of God, do you promise to support and pray for them in their life in Christ?*

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

Pastor Deb: *At this time we invite parents, mentors, Godparents, grandparents and other family members to come and stand behind/beside your confirmand.*

#### **BLESSING**

Eric: *We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you have us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.*

Pastor Deb (individually): *Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in*

*\_\_\_\_\_ the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his/her faith, guide his/her life,  
empower him/her in his/her serving, give him/her patience in suffering, and bring his/her to everlasting life. Amen.*

*Let us rejoice with these siblings in Christ.*

**All: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.  
Together we will give thanks and praise to God  
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

*Pastor Deb will gather prayer requests before singing.*



## 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

### Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW 471

*Vs 1 Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees.*

*Refrain When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*Vs 2 Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees. Refrain*

*Vs 3 Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees. Refrain*

### Amazing Love

CCLI 192553

*Vs 1 My Lord what love is this that pays so dearly, that I the guilty one may go free*

*Chorus Amazing love O what sacrifice the Son of God giv'n for me  
My debt He pays and my death He dies that I might live, that I might live*

*Vs 2 And so they watched Him die despised rejected  
But oh the blood He shed flowed for me. Chorus*

*Vs 3 And now this love of Christ shall flow like rivers  
Come wash your guilt away live again. Chorus*

### I Am the Bread of Life

ELW 485

*Vs 1 "I am the Bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger,  
and who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father beckons."*

*Refrain "And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up on the last day."*

*Vs 2 "The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world,  
and if you eat of this bread, you shall live forever, you shall live forever." Refrain*

*Vs 4 "I am the resurrection, I am the life.  
If you believe in me, even though you die, you shall live forever." Refrain*

*Vs 5* **Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ,  
the Son of God, who have come into the world.** *Refrain*

**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**

**Victory in Jesus**

**CCLI 1259**

*Vs 1* **I heard an old old story how a Savior came from glory  
How He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me  
I heard about His groaning of His precious blood's atoning  
Then I repented of my sins and won the victory.**

*Chorus* **O victory in Jesus my Savior forever  
He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood  
He loved me ere I knew Him and all my love is due Him  
He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood**

*Vs 2* **I heard about His healing of His cleansing pow'r revealing  
How He made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see  
And then I cried dear Jesus come and heal my broken spirit  
And somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory.** *Chorus*

**\*DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE**

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

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**Saturday/Sunday, April 25 & 26**

Musicians: Joyful Noise

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Reader: Joel Petersen

Slides: Dan Cavanaugh (Sat)/Butch Bowman (Sun)

Streaming: Phil Busching

Ushers/Greeters: John Team