

# South Canyon Lutheran Church

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*"Home of Friend-Ship Preschool"*

**May 2 & 3, 2026**

*Fifth Weekend of Easter*

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

**Christ**  
The Way, the Truth,  
and the Life.

JOHN 14:6

## *Welcome to Worship*

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

**Prelude on a Theme of Brahms**

**Gordon Young**

*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**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia! ELW 369 2,3,4

*Vs 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia! Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia! Now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!*

*Vs 3 Christ, the victim undefiled, Alleluia! God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!  
When contending death and life, Alleluia! Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!*

*Vs 4 Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia! All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia! Now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!*

### **\*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**

*Almighty God,*

**your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**(9am) SANCTUARY CHOIR**

**Cornerstone**

**Shawn Kirchner 2007  
Santa Barbara Music Publishing**

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

**1 Peter 2:2-10**

*(Pew Bible pg 935)*

*Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment, now that you have had a taste of the Lord's kindness.*

*You are coming to Christ, who is the living cornerstone of God's temple. He was rejected by people, but he was chosen by God for great honor. And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple. What's more, you are his holy priests. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God. As the Scriptures say, "I am placing a cornerstone in Jerusalem, chosen for great honor and anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced." Yes, you who trust him recognize the honor God has given him. But for those who reject him, "The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone." And "He is the stone that makes people stumble, the rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they do not obey God's word, and so they meet the fate that was planned for them. But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light. "Once you had no identity as a people; now you are God's people. Once you received no mercy; now you have received God's mercy."*

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

## **RESPONSIVE READING**

**Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16**

*Please join me in reading our Psalm responsively.*

*In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.*

**Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.**

*Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.*

**Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.**

*Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.*

**My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**

*Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."*

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

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

**John 14:1-14**

*(Pew Bible pg 823)*

*"Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. And you know the way to where I am going."*

*"No, we don't know, Lord," Thomas said. "We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?"*

*Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you had really known me, you would know who my Father is. From now on, you do know him and have seen him!"*

*Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus replied, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don't know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father! So why are you asking me to show him to you? Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I speak are not my own, but my Father who lives in me does his work through me. Just believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. Or at least believe because of the work you have seen me do.*

*"I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father. You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father. Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it!"*

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

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

**SERMON**

**Pastor Deb Grismer**

## **SONG OF THE DAY**

**The Day of Resurrection**

**ELW 361 2,3,4**

*Vs 2* **Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal  
of resurrection light, and list'ning to his accents,  
may hear, so calm and plain, his own "All hail!"  
and hearing, may raise the glad refrain.**

*Vs 3* **Now let the heav'ns be joyful, let earth its song begin,  
the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.  
Let all things, seen and unseen, their notes of gladness blend;  
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end!**

*Vs 4* **All praise to God the Father, all praise to Christ the Son,  
all praise to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One!  
Let all the ransomed number fall down before the throne,  
and honor, pow'r, and glory ascribe to God alone!**

## **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**

**Air**

**Gordon Young**

*Please rise in body or in spirit*

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

**\*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.**

**(9 am) MILSTONE MINISTRY**

**High School Seniors**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SENDING SONG**

**Lift High the Cross**

**ELW 660 1,3,4**

***Refrain* Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.**

***Vs 1* Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,  
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain***

*Vs 3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. Refrain*

*Vs 4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain*

**\*DISMISSAL**

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**(9 am) POSTLUDE**

**Pomp and Circumstance**

**Edward Elgar**

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

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

**Saturday & Sunday, May 2 & 3**

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

Assistant Minister:

Reader: Debra Watson

Slides: Paisley Mertes/Butch Bowman

Streaming: Phil Busching

Ushers/Greeters: Matthew Team