South Canyon Lutheran Church

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"Home of Friend-Ship Preschool"
November 21 & 22, 2026
Christ the King Sunday
5:30 pm & 9:00 am



Welcome to Worship

Christ the King Sunday celebrates the idea that Christ has come and is still coming. The contradictory celebration of both Shepherd and King. Nurturer and protector. Jesus comes to show a new way of power-rescuing the lost, healing the harmed, and unseating every false claim to power. Together we'll discover and wonder what this reality could look like in our very own community as we prepare to enter the season of Advent full of waiting and listening.

(9 am) PRELUDE **Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult** **setting by Mark Sedio**

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

(9am) MISSION MOMENT ***Laura Beall, Rural Ministry Ambassador***

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
Be joyful in the Lord and enter God's presence with a song
We belong to God.
God is our shepherd, our guiding presence
We belong to God.
We gather to worship and praise God's name
We belong to God.
For God is good, and God's faithfulness is forever
We belong to God.

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

***GATHERING SONG** **Crown Him with Many Crowns** **ELW 855 1,2,3**

Vs 1 **Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;**
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

Vs 2 **Crown him the virgin's Son, the God incarnate born,**
whose arm those crimson trophies won which now his brow adorn;
fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
the root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.

Vs 3 **Crown him the Lord of love--behold his hands and side,**
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.

***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**
God of strange reversals and healing mysteries, we thank you for giving us a Divine King who has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.
Enable us, when we are confronted by the vulnerability and suffering of others, to make those choices that will keep us in tune with your generous love, and thereby create small colonies of heaven where you are truly worshipped and glorified. For your name's sake. Amen
~ written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on Bruce Prewer's Homepage.

Please be seated.

(9am) MILESTONE MINISTRY ***Bibles*** **3rd Grade Students**

SCRIPTURE READING **Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**
(Pew Bible pg 653)

"For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will search and find my sheep. I will be like a shepherd looking for his scattered flock. I will find my sheep and rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on that dark and cloudy day. I will bring them back home to their own land of Israel from among the peoples and nations. I will feed them on the mountains of Israel and by the rivers and in all the places where people live. Yes, I will give them good pastureland on the high hills of Israel. There they will lie down in pleasant places and feed in the lush pastures of the hills. I myself will tend my sheep and give them a place to lie down in peace, says the Sovereign Lord. I will search for my lost ones who strayed away, and I will bring them safely home again. I will bandage the injured and strengthen the weak. But I will destroy those who are fat and powerful. I will feed them, yes—feed them justice! "Therefore, this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I will surely judge between the fat sheep and the scrawny sheep. For you fat sheep pushed and butted and crowded my sick and hungry flock until you scattered them to distant lands. So I will rescue my flock, and they will no longer be abused. I will judge between one animal of the flock and another. And I will set over them one shepherd, my servant David. He will feed them and be a shepherd to them. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David will be a prince among my people. I, the Lord, have spoken!

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

SCRIPTURE READING **Matthew 25:31-46**

(Pew Bible pg 756)

"But when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit upon his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep at his right hand and the goats at his left. "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.' "Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?' "And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'

"Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, 'Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons. For I was hungry, and you didn't feed me. I was thirsty, and you didn't give me a drink. I was a stranger, and you didn't invite me into your home. I was naked, and you didn't give me clothing. I was sick and in prison, and you didn't visit me.'

"Then they will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and not help you?' "And he will answer, 'I tell you the truth, when you refused to help the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were refusing to help me.' "And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous will go into eternal life."

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

(9 am) GIZZY AND FRIENDS

SERMON *"This is where Christ's reign is seen.* **Your reign come."** **Pastor Deb Grismer**

HYMN OF THE DAY **My Shepherd, You Supply My Need** **ELW 782**

Vs 1 My Shepherd, you supply my need; most holy is your name.
In pastures fresh you make me feed, beside the living stream.
You bring my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake your ways,
and lead me, for your mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

Vs 2 When I walk through the shades of death, your presence is my stay;
one word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows, your oil anoints my head.

Vs 3 The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
oh, may your house be my abode and all my work be praise.
Here would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
no more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

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 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:
We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of baptism and for calling us into the body of Christ. For those newly among us, for those long rooted here, for those still finding their way-knit us together in faith, hope, and love. Strengthen us in the promises we have made together. Make this congregation a place of belonging, healing, courage, and joy. Renew us in your Spirit, that we may live as your people in the world. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

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

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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***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 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 your time, talents and resources.

(9am) OFFERTORY **Pastorale** **Jeffrey Blerach**

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

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow **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

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**
Let us pray
Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. Prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
Please be seated.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our good shepherd,
we live in a world full of Your possibilities, and we confess that we don't always live as if that is a reality. We confess that we have made choices that hurt others. We confess that we try to control our neighbors' actions rather than loving them as your beloved. We have sometimes caused more pain than joy. Forgive us for the choices we have made, ignoring the possibilities of your love. Be with us in the quiet & discomfort of this moment as we silently reflect on the world that is possible with You.
Friends, remember today that because of Christ, you are forgiven and that you belong to God.
Amen.

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'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

HYMN **Lamb of God** **ELW pg 112**

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, 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…

***BENEDICTION**

As we depart this place, we commit to looking for possibility. May we see it in our homes, families, and communities. May we leave curious with a holy imagination. Let us now be people who share God's possibilities with the world.
Amen.

***SENDING SONG** **Beautiful Savior** **ELW 838 1,3,4**

Vs 1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man! Truly I'd love thee,
truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Vs 3 Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high; Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.

Vs 4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor,
praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

***DISMISSAL**

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

(9 am) POSTLUDE **Thanks Be to Thee**

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

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Thank you to our worship servers for your ministry.

Saturday/Sunday, November 21 & 22
Musicians: Marsha Mertes (Sat.)/Parker Knox (Sun.)
Assistant Minister: Nichole Morse
Reader: Robin Cox
Slides: Paisley Mertes (Sat)/Butch Bowman (Sun)
Streaming: Phil Busching
Ushers/Greeters: Luke Team
Communion: Altar Care Team