South Canyon Lutheran Church

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"Home of Friend-Ship Preschool"
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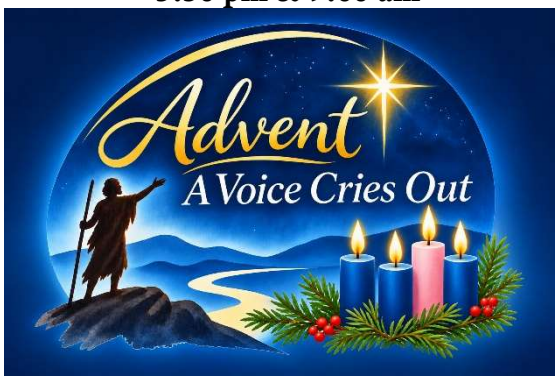
1st Sunday of Advent
5:30 pm & 9:00 am



Hope

Welcome to Worship

The mystery of hope began with Jesus and continues with us. As we pause to listen for the voices of hope, we acknowledge that hope lives alongside lament – whispering what is possible in a world that shouts despair is the only option. Together, we'll practice listening for the voice of hope through art, prayer, and collective work towards making a more just world.

(9 am) 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

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP and LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**
When the world needs hope, God sends us Jesus.
We listen for the voice of hope.
When the world shouts, nothing can be done.
We listen for the whisper of hope.

HYMN **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel** **ELW 257 1,5**

Vs 1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

When the world declares despair.
We listen for the message of hope.
We light the candle of hope as a reminder that we can work with God to make hope a reality.

Vs 5 O come, O Key of David, come and open wide our heavenly home.
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

***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**
Our saving God, long ago you sent your Son Jesus among us, but we have been little aware of his presence and we hide him even from others.
Wake us up, make us recognize him, that he may be the light of our lives and that eagerly we may lead people to him. May he build up among us and with us a world and a kingdom of peace and love where we serve you in one another, as we move forward in hope to your home of endless joy and rest. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.
—from **Liturgies Alive, Models of Celebration.**
Please be seated.

HYMN **Forever** **CCLI 3148428 1,3**

Vs 1 **Give thanks to the Lord Our God and King;**
His love endures forever. For He is good, He is above all things;
His love endures forever. Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise.

Chorus **Forever God is faithful, Forever God is strong,**
Forever God is with us, Forever, forever.

Vs 3 **From the rising to the setting sun His love endures forever.**
And by the grace of God We will carry on; His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise. *Chorus X2*

SCRIPTURE READING **1 Corinthians 1:3-9**
(Pew Bible pg 870)

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace. I always thank my God for you and for the gracious gifts he has given you, now that you belong to Christ Jesus. Through him, God has enriched your church in every way—with all of your eloquent words and all of your knowledge. This confirms that what I told you about Christ is true. Now you have every spiritual gift you need as you eagerly wait for the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you strong to the end so that you will be free from all blame on the day when our Lord Jesus Christ returns. God will do this, for he is faithful to do what he says, and he has invited you into partnership with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

RESPONSIVE READING **Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19**
Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.
Restore us, O God; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
O LORD God of hosts, how long will your anger fume when your people pray?
You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

You have made us the derision of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one you have made so strong for yourself.
And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name.
Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

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

SCRIPTURE READING **Mark 13:24-37**

(Pew Bible pg 774)

"At that time, after the anguish of those days, the sun will be darkened, the moon will give no light, the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then everyone will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds with great power and glory. And he will send out his angels to gather his chosen ones from all over the world—from the farthest ends of the earth and heaven.
"Now learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branches bud and its leaves begin to sprout, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see all these things taking place, you can know that his return is very near, right at the door. I tell you the truth, this generation[j] will not pass from the scene before all these things take place. Heaven and earth will disappear, but my words will never disappear. "However, no one knows the day or hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son himself. Only the Father knows. And since you don't know when that time will come, be on guard! Stay alert! "The coming of the Son of Man can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. When he left home, he gave each of his slaves instructions about the work they were to do, and he told the gatekeeper to watch for his return. You, too, must keep watch! For you don't know when the master of the household will return—in the evening, at midnight, before dawn, or at daybreak. Don't let him find you sleeping when he arrives without warning. I say to you what I say to everyone: Watch for him!"

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

CHILDREN OF GOD MOMENT WITH PASTOR DEB

SERMON *"The Voice of Hope"* **Pastor Deb Grismer**

HYMN OF THE DAY **The Power Of Your Love** **CCLI 917491**

Vs 1 **Lord I come to You, let my heart be changed, renewed;**
Flowing from the grace that I found in You. And Lord I've come to know
the weaknesses I see in me will be stripped away by the pow'r of Your love.

Chorus **Hold me close, let Your love surround me bring me near,**
draw me to Your side. And as I wait I'll rise up like the eagle,
and I will soar with You, Your Spirit leads me on in the pow'r of Your love.

Vs 2 **Lord unveil my eyes, let me see You face to face; The knowledge of**
Your love, as You live, in me. Lord renew my mind as Your will
unfolds in my life, in living ev'ry day by the pow'r of Your love. *Chorus*

(5:30pm)SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM ***Iris Ann Lagsdin***

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 Iris Ann Lagsdin for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

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

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

Jacob & Carley, do you promise to help Iris grow in the Christian faith and life and live in the covenant of her baptism and in communion with the church?
We do and we ask God to help and guide us.

Glory and Riley, do you promise to nurture Iris in the Christian faith as you are empowered by the Holy Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of her baptism and in communion with the church?
I do and I ask God to help and guide me.

(Please stand) People of God, do you promise to support and pray for Jacob and Carley as they raise Iris in the Christian faith? Do you promise to walk with Iris as you are able, support and pray for her and help her to fulfill the baptismal covenant I just named as she 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
Iris Ann Lagsdin, 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 Iris 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.

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

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS
Candle: Iris, let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

WELCOME
Let us welcome Iris 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.

(9am)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.

Pastor Deb will gather prayer requests before singing.
HYMN **Children of the Heavenly Father** **ELW 781 1**
Vs 1 **Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather;**
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN **Children of the Heavenly Father** **ELW 781 4**
Vs 4 **Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh;**
his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

***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 **We Are an Offering** **ELW 692**

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

We Are an Offering **ELW 692**

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,
Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be,
we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

***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.

Praising God together is a key part of our faith, and so too is our shared confession. We come before God not only with our individual stumbles, but also with honesty about the ways our communities and our world fall short of God's dream. In naming these realities we open ourselves to the Spirit's work, guiding us, realigning our steps, and calling us into new life. With hope, we trust in the boundless mercy of Jesus Christ and the ever-present grace of God, which is freely offered to all. Please join me in the prayer of confession.

Restore us, O God,
for we confess that we live in hopelessness. We confess that we pretend to be hopeful in many areas of our lives. We lament to you, O God, searching and listening for the whisper of hope amongst a world of hate. Help us, O God, to hear the voice of hope in times of despair; teach us to plant the seeds of hope in all generations as we work towards and for the Kingdom of God.
Jesus Christ, who we now wait for in hope, took your sins with him on the cross. You are forgiven. Walk in hope. 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 **Come Share The Lord** **CCLI 106408**

Vs 1 **We gather here in Jesus' name, his love is burning in our hearts like living flame. For through the loving Son the Father makes us one. Come, take the bread; Come drink the wine; Come share the Lord.**

Vs 2 **He joins us here, He breaks the bread, the Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead. The One we love the most is now our gracious host. Come, take the bread; Come, drink the wine; Come, share the Lord.**

Vs 3 **We'll gather soon where angels sing; We'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King. Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait. Come, take the bread; Come, drink the wine; Come, share the Lord.** *Repeat Vs 1*

HYMN **What Feast of Love** **ELW 487**

Vs 1 What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!

Vs 2 What light of truth is offered here, what covenant from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life, what wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heaven.
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is given!

Vs 3 What wine of love is offered here, what crimson drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life, what precious blood is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the sweetest wine of heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is given!

HYMN **Come and See** **CCLI 121737**

Vs 1 **Come and see the glory of the Lord. Come, behold the Lamb.**
Come and see the mercy of the King, bowing down before Him.

Chorus **For He is Lord above the heavens, Lord in all the earth.**
Lord of all the angels, worthy to be served. Alleluia, alleluia, Lord.

Vs 2 **Come and give thanks unto the Lord. Come, behold the Lamb.**
Come and sing the praises of the King, bowing down before Him. *Chorus*

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 listening for hope. May we hear it in our homes, families, and communities. May we leave listening with both our hearts and our ears. Let us now be hopeful people and help share this hopefulness with the world. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen**.

***SENDING SONG** **He Came Down** **ELW 253**

Vs 1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love; hallelujah forevermore.

Vs 2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light; hallelujah forevermore.

Vs 3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace; hallelujah forevermore.

Vs 4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy; hallelujah forevermore.

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

(9 am) POSTLUDE

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

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Thank you to our worship servers for your ministry.

Saturday/Sunday, November 28 & 29
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Assistant Minister: Jona Hagen
Reader: Jan Matson
Slides: Paisley Mertes (Sat)/Butch Bowman (Sun)
Streaming: Jennifer Haar
Ushers/Greeters: Luke Team
Communion: Altar Care Team