COON VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH

**“We are a family of God, striving to enrich**

**the lives of all through the love of Christ.”**

PRELUDE MUSIC Mary Schultz

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. **Amen.** Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden’s verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom’s land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus’ death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.** Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

GATHERING HYMN #723 Canticle of the Turning

GREETING and PRAYER of the DAY

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.**

Holy God, **Grant your Blessing upon those who affirm the baptisms today. For them, and for all who witness their affirmation today, may this be a day of rejoicing the in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 17

PSALM 37:1-6 *(Read responsively)*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW page 151

***Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?***

***You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.***

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the fifth chapter

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-16

*Response after the Gospel reading:* ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

SERMON

HYMN of the DAY #793 Be Thou My Vision

SERVICE OF AFFIRMATION OF BAPTSIM

Presentation of Confirmands

Profession of Faith

The Apostles Creed-on insert

Affirmation in the Presence of the Assembly

Affirmation by the Assembly

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

**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!**

Presentation of Gifts

OFFERING and OFFERING SONG Touch That Soothes and Heals-on insert in pew

OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One**, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.** **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING Here is Bread vs.1

**Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us. Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.** **In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever. In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Here is Bread vs. 2

**Here is grace, here is peace, Chris is with us, he is with us. Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Jesus here. In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever. In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE COMMUNION

Hymns during distribution #471 Let Us Break Bread Together; #325 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me; #644 Although I Speak with Angel’s Tongue; #773 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!** The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope bless you now and always. **Amen**

PRAYER

Shepherding God, **you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.** **Amen**

Here Is Bread vs. 3

**Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us. We’ll proclaim till he comes Jesus crucified. In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever. In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.**

BELLS

DISMISSAL Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

SENDING HYMN #439 Soon and Very Soon

POSTLUDE Mary Schultz



COON VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER

April 28, 2024

~Bulletins are in honor of the Confirmation of Caden Strangstalien

**Coffee Servers:** 10th & 11th Grade Youth

**Usher:** Barry Bergum

**Reader:** Mark Hutson

**Altar Guild:** Sarah Ofte

**Communion Servers:** Mike Lusk, Ray Williamson

**Attendance & Offering Last Sunday: 9:00/**102; $3,216.62

**Sunday School Attendance last week:** 10

**Synod Water Is Life Project Offering:** $1,353.80~Thank you!

**SCHEDULE**

**TODAY: 10:00a/**Sunday School, Coffee Fellowship

**THURSDAY: 6:00p/**Rebecca Circle

**NEXT SUNDAY: 9:00a/**Worship with Holy Communion **10:00a/**Sunday School,Coffee Fellowship; **4:30-6:30p/**Family L.I.F.E. Night

Remember **"Thumbs Up"**

When you come up for communion if you would like a **gluten free wafer**, give the wafer server a thumbs up as you approach. As you approach the wine server, give him or her a thumbs up to receive **grape juice** instead of wine.

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**FIRST READING I Samuel 17 (selected verses)**

Now the Philistines gathered their forces for war and assembled at Sokoh in Judah. Saul and the Israelites assembled and camped in the Valley of Elah and drew up their battle line to meet the Philistines.

A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. His height was six cubits and a span.  He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armor of bronze weighing five thousand shekels; a bronze javelin was slung on his back. His spear shaft was like a weaver’s rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels.

David said to Saul, “Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him.”

Saul replied, “You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth.”

But David said to Saul, “Your servant has been keeping his father’s sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.”

Saul said to David, “Go, and the Lord be with you.”

David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel. This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I’ll strike you down. All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord’s, and he will give all of you into our hands.”

As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.

So David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone; without a sword in his hand he struck down the Philistine and killed him.

*Word of God. Word of Life.* ***Thanks be to God.***

**Psalm 37** *(read responsively)*

Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,

**for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.**

Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

**Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.

**He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the fifth chapter

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:13-16**

“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

*The Gospel of the Lord.* ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

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 to the dead.**

**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.**

*\*We are always so happy to include you and our CVLC family in our prayers. If you feel your name, or the name of a family member can be removed from this list please contact Jamie.* *Thank you!*

**We remember in prayer:**

**†** *Those hospitalized this past week*

**†** *Our members whose names we lift up in prayer today:* Corrine Appleman, Beverly Bagstad, Clifford Bakkum, Brian Berg, Arnold Bolstad, Herby Cornell, Milisa Flowers, Kira Foster, Jeri Harbaugh, Bonnie Holey, Donna Ihle, Ray Ihle, Verlin Ihle, Todd King, Mike Kellogg, Donald Lee, Margaret Lee, Russell Lee, Aaron Leisso, Larry Lichtie, Aaron Marx, Mitzi Miyamoto, LuEtta Nelson,Romaine Nelson, Cathy Ofte, Lisa Olson, Eunice Quast, Lori Roach, Ellen Runice, John Runice*,* Jojo Satona, Bob Schulze, Mary Schultz, Billie Slater, LaVonne Stendahl, Krin (Dreves) Stendalen, Joyce Temp, Debi Thesing, Teri Tomten.

**†** *Our members who are currently in health care facilities & Assisted Living:*

Tip Bagstad, Inez Beck, Mary Bena, Rachel Berg, Carl Daffinrud, Evelyn Dahlen, Jeanne Ebli, Joanne Fletcher, Erma Graupe, Lenore Henley, Carl Holte, Jim Knutson, Bob Moilien, Betty Nelson, Irene Nestingen, Annie Olson, Beatrice Olson (Alden), Sandra Onshus, Betty Sanders.

**†** *Those who grieve**:* Family and friends of Bud Miyamoto and Betty Gilbertson

**†** *Our members who are currently home bound*

**†** *All those in need of God’s healing and help*

**†** *Family and friends of our members*