

# South Canyon Lutheran Church

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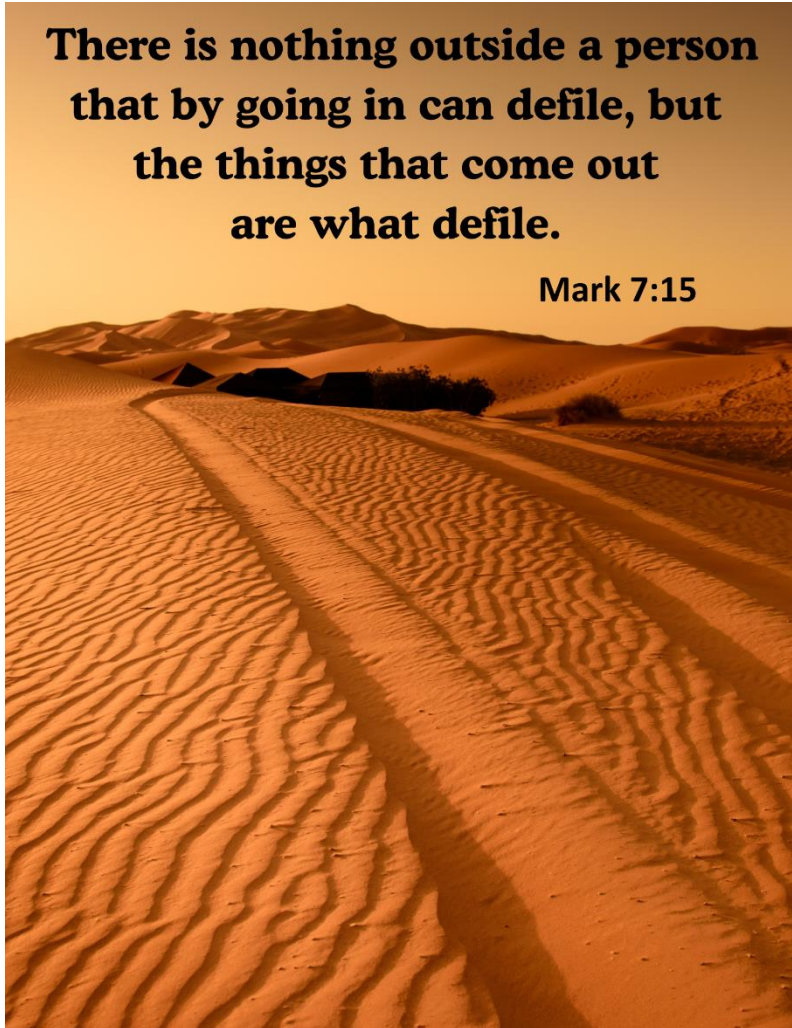
*"Home of Friend-Ship Preschool"*

**August 31 & September 1, 2024**

**5:30 PM & 9:00 AM**

**There is nothing outside a person  
that by going in can defile, but  
the things that come out  
are what defile.**

**Mark 7:15**



## **INTRODUCTION**

Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life" (John 6:63). Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We who were washed in the word when we were born in the font return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS - Assisting Minister – please use your own words**

- Welcome to Worship – we are glad you are here! Please sign and pass the fellowship pads to your neighbor
- The Announcements and Ministry Opportunities are on the Insert in your bulletin. Feel free to take this home. For those of you joining us online, you can find these at the bottom of the worship bulletin on our website.
- If you are a visitor, please sign the Friendship Pad and stop by the Welcome Center in the Koinonia Kafe to pick up Welcome Bag.
- We're looking for a Kitchen Coordinator to work approximately 15 to 20 hours per week. Call the office if you are interested.
- The office will be closed on Monday for Labor Day
- Now, please turn and greet those around you

**GREETING – Pastor Paul**

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. Amen**

**GATHERING SONG      *Praise to the Lord the Almighty (vs. 1,2,4)*      **Hymn 858****

**1** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation! Let all who hear now to his temple draw near, joining in glad adoration!

**2** Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining. Have you not seen all that is needful has been sent by his gracious ordaining?

**4** Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him! All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again. Gladly forever adore him!

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS – Pastor Paul**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

**Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY – Pastor Paul**

Let us pray.

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

**(9 AM) CHOIR:**

*The Meditations of My Heart*

Elaine Hagenberg  
Beckenhorst Press, 2017

**READING: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 (Carrie Churchill on Sunday)**

<sup>1</sup>So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. <sup>2</sup>You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

<sup>6</sup>You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!” <sup>7</sup>For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? <sup>8</sup>And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

<sup>9</sup>But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children.

**Pastor Paul – Please rise for the reading of the Gospel if you are able**

**GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 – Pastor Paul**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; <sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ <sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.” <sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>21</sup>‘For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.’”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Pastor Paul – You may be seated**

**SERMON: Pastor Paul J Erdal, *Interim Pastor***

**SONG OF THE DAY**

*O God My Faithful God*

**Hymn 806**

**1** O God, my faithful God, true fountain ever flowing, without whom nothing is, all perfect gifts bestowing: give me a healthy frame, and may I have within a conscience free from blame, a soul unstained by sin.

**2** Give me the strength to do with ready heart and willing whatever you command, my calling here fulfilling--to do it when I ought, with all my might--and bless whatever I have wrought, for you must give success.

**3** Keep me from saying words that later need recalling; guard me, lest idle speech may from my lips be falling; but when, within my place, I must and ought to speak, then to my words give grace, lest I offend the weak.

**4** When dangers gather round, oh, keep me calm and fearless; help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheerless; help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small, and, by your Spirit's might, to live at peace with all.

**Assisting Minister – Please rise for the Prayers if you are able**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION – Assisting Minister**

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

God of every generation, give the church a sense of purpose and belonging. Sustain and build up leaders and lay people as we accompany one another in our life with Christ. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of creation, you named humans as co-creators with you. Where the earth cries out in pain, bring wholeness. Guide governments and industry, that environmental laws and practices seek to heal and not harm. Bring relief and justice to people and places suffering from climate catastrophe. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Sovereign God, we pray for local communities of every kind: rural and urban; established and new. Lead those in authority to seek the good of all through their words and actions and to mentor others in honest and generous ways. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Healing God, you draw near to all who are hurting. Be with all who desire relief from chronic and acute illness, cancer, and post-traumatic stress disorder. Strengthen health care workers, therapists, and caregivers. Tend to those who are close to our hearts (especially Marilyn, Donna, Darrell, Linda, Darold, Gabe, Payton, Brandon, Carmen, Bennett, Eldon, Amanda, Mary, and Roxanna). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

On this Labor Day weekend we remember and give thanks for all who have fought for workers' rights around the world. Continue to improve working conditions and establish fair wages so that all people may thrive. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Comforting God, console us as we mourn our departed. We hold fast to the promise that death has been defeated by our Savior Jesus Christ. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

**Assisting Minister - You may be seated for the collection of the offering**

**(9AM) OFFERING**

*Blessed Holy Trinity*

Dennis Eliot

**(9 AM) OFFERING RESPONSE**

*Come, Thou Almighty King (v.4)*

**Hymn 408**

To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be hence evermore! Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

**OFFERING PRAYER – Assisting Minister**

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**LORDS PRAYER – Assisting Minister**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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. 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.**

**SENDING SONG**

*My Lord of Light*

**Hymn 832**

**1** My Lord of light who made the worlds, in wisdom you have spoken; but those who heard your wise commands your holy law have broken.

**2** My Lord of love who knew no sin, a sinner's death enduring: for us you wore a crown of thorns, a crown of life securing.

**3** My Lord of life who came in fire when Christ was high ascended: your burning love is now released, our days of fear are ended.

**4** My Lord of lords, one Trinity, to your pure name be given all glory now and evermore, all praise in earth and heaven.

**BLESSING - Pastor Paul**

God all mighty, God most merciful bless you, keep you, and give you peace. **Amen**

**DISMISSAL - Pastor Paul**

Go in peace. Follow Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

**(9 AM) POSTLUDE**

*Epilogue for Trumpet*

Tom Birchwood

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## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP!**

Welcome to worship at South Canyon! We are very glad you are worshipping with us today and hope you find us a welcoming and caring faith community. If you have any questions, please ask our interim Pastor, Paul Erdal or find a staff member with a silver name tag. We also invite you to call the church office at 605-343-4887 for more information.

Holy Communion is served on the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sundays, and the prior Saturdays of every month. Everyone is welcome at The Lord's Table to either partake in the elements or receive a blessing. Further instructions are given during the service.

Please be advised that we live stream Sunday Services and that pictures taken during worship may appear on Facebook or in the Newsletter. If you are sensitive about having your image, or the image of a child, being seen online, please sit in the back three rows of the sanctuary, and use caution during the Children's Message and time with Gizzy and Friends. Communion can always be brought to you.

Children are always welcome in the worship service. We have activity packets for kids on the entry table next to the coat racks. There is also a "Pray Ground" area in the narthex reserved just for you and your children if you need a little more space to move around during the service. We have a professionally staffed nursery located up the steps and across from the office in the Koinonia Kafe if needed.

There are *Christ in Our Home* devotionals available for you to take home on the entry table next to the coat racks.

Restrooms are located up the ramp from the Koinonia Kafe and on the left.

Please let one of the ushers know if there is anything else you need.

## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Marilyn Engelbrecht

Donna Johnson

Darrell Hoar

Linda Evenson

Darold Watters

Those in service for our country, especially Yohannes Carter

Gabe and Payton Nelson on their marriage on September 1st

Brandon, nephew of Grace fondness

Carmen Burns, daughter of Cliff and Sharol Bjerke

Bennett Haskell, grandson of Becky Hollibaugh

Eldon Stoehr, Barb Nelson's Brother

Amanda, grandniece of Marilyn Grell

Mary Chytka, daughter of Ruth Rau

Roxana Uttermark, sister-in-law of Gina Nelson

**Prayer requests:** be sure to call the church office or contact [Info@sclc-rc.org](mailto:Info@sclc-rc.org) by Thursday to have names added to prayers during worship. Names will be posted for one month and then removed unless requested otherwise.

# MINISTRY AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

**MINISTRY OF THE MONTH**  
Community Care

**H.E.L.P!** Calling all those who are willing to help teach in the new Faith Formation education program this church year! First teacher meeting Wednesday, September 4th at 6pm.

**YOUTH GATHERING DINNER & PRESENTATION**  
Sunday, September 15th at 4:30

**GROCERY CARDS**  
Buy your gift cards for Safeway, Family Fare, and Walmart/Sam's Club. Available at the Welcome Center. Church Response and SCLC receives a percentage back from your purchase.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**  
Sunday, September 29th at 10:00am  
in the Reformation Room.

**PANCHEROS MEXICAN GRILL**  
Children, Youth, & Family Fundraiser  
on September 16th from 4-8 pm

To date we have received \$2,661 from our partnership with Pancheros Restaurant. Thank you for continuing to support SCLC dinners at Pancheros!

## RIDES NEEDED

If you can provide transportation to church members wanting to come to worship, please call the office at 605-343-4887

## WE'RE HIRING!

Kitchen Coordinator for 15-20 hours per week.  
Contact the office at 605-343-4887 if you are interested.

**RALLY SUNDAY**  
Sept 8, 10-11AM  
**RALLY WEDNESDAY**

Sept 11, 5:30-7:30PM  
(Hot Dogs & Ice Cream Truck)  
Join in celebrating the beginning of the Faith Formation Adventure!



<p><b>Monday, September 2: OFFICE CLOSED</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday, September 3:</b> 9am – Friend-Ship Preschool Begins 6:30pm – Bells rehearsal</p> <p><b>Wednesday, September 4:</b> 7:30am – Men’s Bible Study 6pm – Faith Formation Teacher Training 6:30pm – Confirmation Mentor Meeting 7:10pm – Sanctuary Choir practice</p> <p><b>Thursday September 5:</b> 9am - Piecemakers</p> <p><b>Friday September 6:</b></p> <p><b>Saturday September 7:</b> 5:30pm – Worship with communion</p>	<p><b>Sunday September 8: RALLY SUNDAY</b> 9am – Worship (live streamed) with communion 10am - Rally</p> <p><b>Monday, September 9:</b> 7:00pm -DCU rehearsal</p> <p><b>Tuesday, September 10:</b> 6:30pm – Bells rehearsal</p> <p><b>Wednesday, September 11: RALLY WED.</b> 9am – Elizabeth Circle 5:30pm – Rally Wednesday 7:10 –Sanctuary Choir practice</p> <p><b>Thursday September 12:</b> 9am - Piecemakers</p>
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Thank you for your weekly offering received last week:

*SCLC/General Operating:	\$4,589
*Building Fund:	40
*Ministry of the Month:	<u>50</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,679</b>

Thank you to those who are assisting with worship today!

**WORSHIP MINISTRY**

**5:30 PM**  
music – Parker Knox  
greeters & ushers: John Worship Team  
slide operator – Bob Jensen

**9:00 AM**  
music – Parker Knox  
assisting minister – Ken Bauman  
reader – Carrie Churchill  
greeters & ushers – Matthew Worship Team  
slide operator – Brent Zeigler  
streaming – Bob Thompson

Use this code to give electronically:



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