

South Canyon Lutheran Church

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"Home of Friend-Ship Preschool"

September 7 & 8, 2024

5:30 PM & 9:00 AM



INTRODUCTION

James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings a need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- - Welcome to Worship – we are glad you are here! Please sign and pass the fellowship pads to your neighbor
- The flowers are in honor of Louise French's 30 years of service with Altar Care
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- Next Saturday, Sept 14 join the SCLC Property Team Kick Off at 10am in the Koinonia Room
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- 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 on our website.
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- If you are a visitor, please stop by the Welcome Center in the Koinonia Kafe to pick up Welcome Bag.

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.

GATHERING SONG

Crown Him with Many Crowns vs 1,3,4

(ELW 855)

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.

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.

4 Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4-7a

A reading from Isaiah.

These verses are a word of hope to the exiles in Babylon. Isaiah 34 portrays God's vengeance on Edom, Israel's age-old enemy, which makes the path from Babylon to Zion safe for the exiles' return. The desert itself will flow with water to give drink to the returning exiles.

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
“Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

PSALM: Psalm 146

The psalm for the day is sung.

I will praise the LORD as long as I live. (*Ps. 146:2*)

¹Hallelujah!
Praise the LORD, O my soul!
²**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**
³Put not your trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there is no help.
⁴**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.**
⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the^l LORD their God;
⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;**
⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.
The LORD sets the captive free.
⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.**
⁹The LORD cares for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
¹⁰**The LORD shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. ^l Hallelujah!**

GIZZY WITH MONA & FRIENDS

GOSPEL: Mark 7:24-37

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In Mark's gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in Jesus' ministry. Here, a conversation with a Syrophenician woman marks the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles.

²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

The gospel concludes:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“God Shows No Partiality”

Pastor Paul J Erdal, Interim Pastor

HYMN OF THE DAY

Healer of Our Every Ill

(ELW 612)

Refrain

Healer of our ev'ry ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

1 You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. **Refrain**

2 In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love. **Refrain**

3 Give us strength to love each other,
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. **Refrain**

4 You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. **Refrain**

CREED (ELW p. 104)

**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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

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.

A brief silence.

Awaken in our communities of faith a spirit of radical hospitality. Encourage our churches to celebrate and embrace people of diverse backgrounds, experiences, and abilities. Deepen our commitment to ecumenical and interreligious partnerships (*local partners may be named*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Bring forth water to nourish plants and animals in places suffering from drought. Renew our commitments to protect rivers, lakes, and streams, and make us good stewards of water in our homes and communities. Preserve wetland habitats and the creatures that make their homes there. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Inspire leaders of cities, nations, and tribes to lead with wisdom and humility. Bring peace among peoples in conflict and strengthen global commitments to nonviolent solutions. Guide all who seek refuge from war to a safe haven. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Comfort all who live with chronic illness. Surround them in your tender embrace and sustain all who provide ongoing care and support. Bring hope and healing to people struggling with addiction and nourish the spirits of all who are in recovery. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Nurture in all people the gift of your creating Spirit. Inspire artists and musicians, woodworkers and quilters, poets and dancers. Revive those whose artistic wells have run dry and enliven all who doubt their creative talents. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give you thanks for all who have died and now find their rest in you. May their faithful witness guide us in our daily life with you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING 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.

OFFERING PRAYER (ELW p. 107)

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE (ELW p. 108)

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 108)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 108)

The presiding minister continues, using one of the following or another appropriate form.

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 (ELW p. 112)

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;
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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We have gluten-free wafers available, please just let me know and I will get that for you.
There is white grape juice available in the center of the communion tray. Red wine is in the outer rows of the tray. Please cross your arms over your chest if you wish to only receive a blessing. For those who are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and we will bring communion to you. Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION (ELW p. 112)

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond

Amen.

COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 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.**

Assembly song and other music may accompany the communion.

COMMUNION SONG *How Great Thou Art* #856

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; **Refrain**

3 But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing
he bled and died to take away my sin; **Refrain**

COMMUNION SONG *Let Us Break Bread Together* 471

1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees. **Refrain**

3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees. **Refrain**

COMMUNION SONG *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* 843

1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light;
praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel,
healing ev'ry dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.

2 Praise the One who blessed the children
with a strong yet gentle word;
praise the One who drove out demons
with a piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water
to the desert's burning sand;
from this well comes living water
quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

3 Praise the one true love incarnate:
Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many
that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory;
praise the One who makes us one.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God,
you have welcomed us to this meal
and fed us with dignity at your table.
Send us now to welcome others
and to be at peace with one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SENDING SONG *This Little Light of Mine* (ELW 677)

1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;

ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

BLESSING

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

DISMISSAL

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

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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.

We encourage everyone to wear a name tag so we can greet you by name. New nametags are located on the back table in the narthex.

Hearing assist devices are located in the baskets on the shelf connected to the table on the back wall of the narthex.

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

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Marilyn Engelbrecht

Donna Johnson

Linda Evenson

Darold Watters

Gina & Ed Nelson and family on the death of sister-in-law, Roxanna Uttermark

Those in service for our country, especially Yohannes Carter

Sandy Boyd, mother of Dawn Smart

Brandon, nephew of Grace Fodness

Carmen Burns, daughter of Cliff and Sharol Bjerke

Eldon Stoehr, Barb Nelson's Brother

Amanda, grand-niece of Marilyn Grell

Mary Chytka, daughter of Ruth Rau

Prayer requests: be sure to call the church office or contact 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
“Listen to Gizzy explain.....”

H.E.L.P.! Calling all who are willing to help teach in the new Faith Formation education program this church year! Contact Mona with questions or to let her know you can help.

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.

SCLC PROPERTY TEAM KICK OFF

Next **Saturday, Sept 14** join the team to help care for and maintain our beautiful facility at South Canyon Lutheran. Meet at **10am** in the Koinonia Room to learn more. All levels of skills are needed!

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

To date we have received \$2,882 from our partnership with Pancheros Restaurant. Thank you for continuing to support SCLC dinners at Pancheros!

KID’S CHOIR

Starts **Friday, Sept 13** from **3:45 to 4:30pm**, for kids ages 4-year-old through 8th grade, call the office at 605-343-4887 if questions.

WE’RE HIRING!

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

RALLY WEDNESDAY

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

Monday, September 9:

6pm – DCU rehearsal

Tuesday, September 10:

6:30pm – Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 11:

7:30am – Men’s Bible Study

9am – Elizabeth Bible Study Circle

5:30 – 7:30pm – Rally Wednesday

Thursday September 12:

9am - Piecemakers

Friday September 13:

3:45 – 4:30pm – Kid’s Choir

Saturday September 14:

5:30pm – Worship

Sunday September 15:

9am – Worship (live streamed)

10am – Sunday School

4:30pm – youth gathering dinner

Thank you for your weekly offering received last week:

*SCLC/General Operating: \$8480

*Building Fund: \$120

*Ministry of the Month: \$105

TOTAL \$8705

Thank you to those who are assisting with worship today!

WORSHIP MINISTRY

5:30 PM

music – Marsha Mertes

greeters & ushers: Matthew Worship Team

slide operator – Owen Mertes

9:00 AM

organist – Justin Matters

assisting minister – Desyl Peterson

reader – Jen Mallett

greeters & ushers – Matthew Worship Team

slide operator – Brent Zeigler

streaming – Phil Busching

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See, Grow, and Serve to the Glory of God!

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