

South Canyon Lutheran Church

See, Grow, Serve To the Glory of God

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"Home of Friend-Ship Preschool"

September 20 & 21, 2025

15th Sunday after Pentecost

5:30 pm & 9:00 am



Welcome to Worship

(9 am) PRELUDE

Praise the Lord

Robert Thygeron

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

Pastor Deb will end announcements with "Take time to breathe in and breathe out as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship."

***INVOCATION**

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

***GATHERING SONG**

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

ELW 413 1,3,4

**Vs 1 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Vs 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.**

**Vs 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Before we speak, God knows our needs, yet our words open our hearts to God's grace. Let us prepare ourselves for God's healing as, in words and silence, we tell of all that separates us from God and one another.

Please join me as we pray,

First of all, Everlasting God, we must confess how we have not lived as your people. We serve many masters—work, wealth, power, addictions—yet find no hope in them. We hear the cries of the poor, and shut the doors of our hearts to them. We ridicule those who expose their hopes and dreams to us.

Forgive us, Compassion's Heart, and heal us of our brokenness. Make us well, so that by our healing, we might be the hope and love others need in their lives, even as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, brought these gifts to us, calling us to be faithful with the grace, peace, and joy entrusted to us.

Silence is kept

Now that we have let go of the pain, the bitterness, the anger of our lives, let us be kind, tender-hearted, and gentle towards each other, forgiving as God has forgiven us.

**We are God's beloved children, and will model God's grace and love in our hearts. Thanks be to God!
We are forgiven! Amen.**

~ written by Thom Shuman, and posted on **Lectionary Liturgies**. <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/>

***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 among us,

we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SANCTUARY CHOIR

One Faith, One Hope, One Lord

Craig Courtney

The Sacred Music Press 1989

MILESTONES MINISTRY

Receiving of Story Bible

4 & 5 Year Olds

SCRIPTURE READING

**Amos 8:4-7 (Pew Bible pg 697)
(Hands-On Bible pg 894)**

Our first scripture reading is from Amos, chapter 8 beginning with the 4th verse.

Listen to this, you who rob the poor and trample down the needy! You can't wait for the Sabbath day to be over and the religious festivals to end so you can get back to cheating the helpless. You measure out grain with dishonest measures and cheat the buyer with dishonest scales. And you mix the grain you sell with chaff swept from the floor.

Then you enslave poor people for one piece of silver or a pair of sandals.

Now the LORD has sworn this oath by his own name, the Pride of Israel: "I will never forget the wicked things you have done!"

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 113

Please join me in reading Psalm 113 responsively. [Note: Please only read the italicized print. Pastor Deb will read the dark print with the congregation.]

Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.

Let the name of the LORD be blessed, from this time forth forevermore.

From the rising of the sun to its going down let the name of the LORD be praised.

The LORD is high above all nations; God's glory above the heavens.

Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high, but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

**The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust and lifts up the poor from the ashes,
enthroning them with the rulers, with the rulers of the people.**

The LORD makes the woman of a childless house to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

**Luke 16:1-13 (Pew Bible pg 798)
(Hands-On Bible pg 1045)**

Jesus told this story to his disciples: "There was a certain rich man who had a manager handling his affairs. One day a report came that the manager was wasting his employer's money. So the employer called him in and said, 'What's this I hear about you? Get your report in order, because you are going to be fired'. "The manager thought to himself, 'Now what? My boss has fired me. I don't have the strength to dig ditches, and I'm too proud to beg. Ah, I know how to ensure that I'll have plenty of friends who will give me a home when I am fired.'

"So he invited each person who owed money to his employer to come and discuss the situation. He asked the first one, 'How much do you owe him?' The man replied, 'I owe him 800 gallons of olive oil.' So the manager told him, 'Take the bill and quickly change it to 400 gallons.'

"And how much do you owe my employer?" he asked the next man. 'I owe him 1,000 bushels of wheat,' was the reply. 'Here,' the manager said, 'take the bill and change it to 800 bushels.'

"The rich man had to admire the dishonest rascal for being so shrewd. And it is true that the children of this world are more shrewd in dealing with the world around them than are the children of the light. Here's the lesson: Use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends. Then, when your possessions are gone, they will welcome you to an eternal home.

"If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities. And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven? And if you are not faithful with other people's things, why should you be trusted with things of your own?

"No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

(9am) GIZZY TIME WITH FRIENDS

SERMON

Pastor Deb Grismer

HYMN OF THE DAY

Let Streams of Living Justice

ELW 710 1,2

**Vs 1 Let streams of living justice flow down upon the earth;
give freedom's light to captives, let all the poor have worth.
The hungry's hands are pleading, the workers claim their rights,
the mourners long for laughter, the blinded seek for sight.
Make liberty a beacon, strike down the iron pow'r;
abolish ancient vengeance: proclaim your people's hour.**

**Vs 2 For healing of the nations, for peace that will not end,
for love that makes us lovers, God grant us grace to mend.
Weave our varied gifts together; knit our lives as they are spun;
on your loom of time enroll us till our thread of life is run.
O great weaver of our fabric, bind church and world in one;
dye our texture with your radiance, light our colors with your sun.**

APOSTLES' CREED

Journeying together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith with 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.

***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

Assisting Minister hands out offering plates

As you are seated, we will gather our offering. Thank you for the generous ways you support the mission of this congregation as well as our Ministry of the Month - through your gifts of time, talents and resources.

(9 am) OFFERTORY

Pastoral Prayer

Dennis Eliot

(9 am) OFFERING RESPONSE 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

Let us pray...

God of grace,

your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.

Gathering of prayer requests. Pastor Deb will introduce hymn.

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

HYMN

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ELW 752

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Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
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send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

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.

***BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you his peace. In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***SENDING SONG**

The Church's One Foundation

ELW 654 1,2

Vs 1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Vs 2 Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love the Lord and serve your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

(9 am) POSTLUDE

Postlude on Webb

David Paxton

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

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Thank you to our worship servers for your ministry.

Saturday/Sunday, September 20 & 21

Musicians: Marsha Mertes (Sat)/Parker Knox (Sun)

Assisting Minister: Jona Hagen

Reader: Barb Nelson

Slides: Dan Cavanaugh (Sat)/Butch Bowman (Sun)

Streaming: Phil Busching

Ushers/Greeters: Matthew Team