

South Canyon Lutheran Church

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"Home of Friend-Ship Preschool"

September 12 & 13, 2026

16th Sunday after Pentecost

5:30 pm & 9:00 am



Welcome to Worship

(9 am) PRELUDE

Make Them Hear You

from "Ragtime"

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

Please rise in body or spirit

***INVOCATION**

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

***GATHERING SONG**

Give to Our God Immortal Praise!

ELW 848

*Vs 1 Give to our God immortal praise! Mercy and truth are all his ways.
Wonders of grace to God belong; repeat his mercies in your song.*

*Vs 2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and darkness and the grave.
Wonders of grace to God belong; repeat his mercies in your song.*

*Vs 3 Give to the Lord of lords renown; the King of kings with glory crown.
His mercies ever shall endure when lords and kings are known no more!*

***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**

O Lord God, merciful judge,

you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 14:1-12

(Pew Bible pg 867)

Accept other believers who are weak in faith, and don't argue with them about what they think is right or wrong. For instance, one person believes it's all right to eat anything. But another believer with a sensitive conscience will eat only vegetables. Those who feel free to eat anything must not look down on those who don't. And those who don't eat certain foods must not condemn those who do, for God has accepted them. Who are you to condemn someone else's servants? Their own master will judge whether they stand or fall. And with the Lord's help, they will stand and receive his approval.

In the same way, some think one day is more holy than another day, while others think every day is alike. You should each be fully convinced that whichever day you choose is acceptable. Those who worship the Lord on a special day do it to honor him. Those who eat any kind of food do so to honor the Lord, since they give thanks to God before eating. And those who refuse to eat certain foods also want to please the Lord and give thanks to God. For we don't live for ourselves or die for ourselves. If we live, it's to honor the Lord. And if we die, it's to honor the Lord. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. Christ died and rose again for this very purpose—to be Lord both of the living and of the dead.

So why do you condemn another believer? Why do you look down on another believer? Remember, we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For the Scriptures say, “‘As surely as I live,’ says the Lord, ‘every knee will bend to me, and every tongue will declare allegiance to God.’” Yes, each of us will give a personal account to God.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING *Pastor Deb will read the dark print with the congregation.*

Psalms 103:1-13

Please join me in reading the Psalm responsively

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits—

who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;

who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;

who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

O LORD, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.

LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;

you will not always accuse us, nor will you keep your anger forever.

You have not dealt with us according to our sins, nor repaid us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.

As far as the east is from the west, so far have you removed our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion for his children, so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 18:21-35

(Pew Bible pg 749)

Then Peter came to him and asked, “Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?”

“No, not seven times,” Jesus replied, “but seventy times seven!

“Therefore, the Kingdom of Heaven can be compared to a king who decided to bring his accounts up to date with servants who had borrowed money from him. In the process, one of his debtors was brought in who owed him millions of dollars. He couldn't pay, so his master ordered that he be sold—along with his wife, his children, and everything he owned—to pay the debt.

“But the man fell down before his master and begged him, ‘Please, be patient with me, and I will pay it all.’ Then his master was filled with pity for him, and he released him and forgave his debt.

“But when the man left the king, he went to a fellow servant who owed him a few thousand dollars. He grabbed him by the throat and demanded instant payment.

“His fellow servant fell down before him and begged for a little more time. ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it,’ he pleaded. But his creditor wouldn’t wait. He had the man arrested and put in prison until the debt could be paid in full.

“When some of the other servants saw this, they were very upset. They went to the king and told him everything that had happened. Then the king called in the man he had forgiven and said, ‘You evil servant! I forgave you that tremendous debt because you pleaded with me. Shouldn’t you have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?’ Then the angry king sent the man to prison to be tortured until he had paid his entire debt.

“That’s what my heavenly Father will do to you if you refuse to forgive your brothers and sisters from your heart.”

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

(9 am) GIZZY AND FRIENDS

SERMON

Pastor Deb Grismer

HYMN OF THE DAY

Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive

ELW 605

Vs 1 "Forgive our sins as we forgive," you taught us, Lord, to pray;
but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

Vs 2 How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?

Vs 3 In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew:
how trifling others' debts to us; how great our debt to you!

Vs 4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease;
then, by your mercy reconciled, our lives will spread your peace.

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

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

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.**

***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.

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING OF FAITH FORMATION VOLUNTEERS

Pastor Deb: *A reading from First Corinthians.* Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

Siblings in Christ, you have volunteered your time, your energy, and your gifts to the children, youth, and family ministries of this congregation. Will you offer your giftedness to this ministry in the confidence that it comes from God?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Mona: *A reading from Proverbs.* Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Will you carry out this ministry centered in Christ's call, striving to trust God as your guide and inspiration? If so, please respond I will, and I ask God to help me.

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Pastor Deb: *A reading from Ephesians.* I pray that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through God's Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Will you trust in God's care, seek to grow in love for those you serve, strive for excellence in your skills, and honor the gospel with a faithful life?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Pastor Deb: I now ask you, people of South Canyon Lutheran Church: Will you today renew your commitment to our youngest brothers and sisters, our children and youth who look to you for guidance, support, and examples of righteous living?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Mona: People of South Canyon Lutheran Church: Will you claim these gifted people as those called by God to help carry out our congregation's ministry to children, youth, and families? Will you support them and enthusiastically celebrate the work they do? Will you pray for these leaders and the young people they serve, celebrating our children and youth as the ones Jesus blessed and welcomed?

If so, please respond we will, and we ask God to help us.

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Pastor Deb: Let us pray. Gracious God, for Jesus' sake, empower these ministers to care for the young ones in our family of faith. Help them to teach faithfully, lead patiently, and guide confidently. Stir up in these servants the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, who has given you the gifts and the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

Amen.

On behalf of South Canyon Lutheran Church, we now commission you for ministry, grateful for your gifts and your willingness to serve.

(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.

(9 am) OFFERTORY

Reflections

James Denton

Please rise in body or in spirit

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

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

ELW 172 2x

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

***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, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW pg 108

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW pg 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.**

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, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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

Lamb of God

ELW pg 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.**

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**

***SENDING SONG**

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

ELW 536 1,3

***Vs 1* God be with you till we meet again; by good counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again.**

***Refrain* Till we meet, (till we meet,) till we meet, (till we meet again,) till we meet at Jesus' feet; (till we meet,) till we meet, (till we meet,) till we meet, (till we meet again.) God be with you till we meet again**

Vs 3* God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you, put unfailing arms around you; God be with you till we meet again. *Refrain

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to see, grow and serve to the glory of God.

Thanks be to God.

(9 am) POSTLUDE

If You Love Me

Marguerite Monno

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

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Thank you to our worship servers for your ministry.

Saturday/Sunday, September 12 & 13

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

Assistant Minister: Jona Hagen

Reader: Dan Cavanaugh

Slides: Paisley Mertes (Sat)/Brent Zeigler (Sun)

Streaming: Kristi Wellendorf

Ushers/Greeters: Matthew Team

Communion: Altar Care Team