

South Canyon Lutheran Church

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"Home of Friend-Ship Preschool"

September 5 & 6, 2026

15th Weekend after Pentecost

5:30 pm & 9:00 am

For where two or
three come together
in my name, there
am I with them.

Matthew 18:20 (NIV)

Welcome to Worship

(9 am) PRELUDE

Psalm XXIII

Gordon Young

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

MINISTRY MOMENT

LuMin: The Hills at SDSMT

**Pastor Carla Nelson,
Interim Director**

***INVOCATION** *Please rise in body or spirit*

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

***GATHERING SONG**

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heavens

ELW 865 1,2,4

Vs 1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

Vs 2 Praise him for his grace and favor to our forebears in distress.
Praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness!

Vs 4 Angels help us to adore him, who behold him face to face.
Sun and moon bow down before him; all who dwell in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

***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.

***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,

enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

(9am) Sanctuary Choir

I Will Be a Child of Peace

Elaine Hagenberg

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SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 13:8-14

(Pew Bible pg 867)

Owe nothing to anyone—except for your obligation to love one another. If you love your neighbor, you will fulfill the requirements of God's law. For the commandments say, "You must not commit adultery. You must not murder. You must not steal. You must not covet." These—and other such commandments—are summed up in this one commandment: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to others, so love fulfills the requirements of God's law.

This is all the more urgent, for you know how late it is; time is running out. Wake up, for our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is almost gone; the day of salvation will soon be here. So remove your dark deeds like dirty clothes, and put on the shining armor of right living. Because we belong to the day, we must live decent lives for all to see. Don't participate in the darkness of wild parties and drunkenness, or in sexual promiscuity and immoral living, or in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, clothe yourself with the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. And don't let yourself think about ways to indulge your evil desires.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING *Pastor Deb will read the bold part with the congregation.*

Psalms 119:33-40

Please join me in reading Psalm 119 responsively.

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.

Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.

Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.

Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING (Pastor Deb will read)

Matthew 18:15-20

(Pew Bible pg 749)

“If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the offense. If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back. But if you are unsuccessful, take one or two others with you and go back again, so that everything you say may be confirmed by two or three witnesses. If the person still refuses to listen, take your case to the church. Then if he or she won’t accept the church’s decision, treat that person as a pagan or a corrupt tax collector.

“I tell you the truth, whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven.

“I also tell you this: If two of you agree here on earth concerning anything you ask, my Father in heaven will do it for you. For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them.”

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

(9 am) GIZZY TIME WITH FRIENDS

SERMON

Pastor Deb Grismer

SONG OF THE DAY

God, When Human Bonds Are Broken

ELW 603 1,2,4,5

**Vs 1 God, when human bonds are broken and we lack the love or skill
to restore the hope of healing, give us grace and make us still.**

**Vs 2 Through that stillness, with your Spirit come into our world of stress,
for the sake of Christ forgiving all the failures we confess.**

**Vs 4 Send us, God of new beginnings, humbly hopeful into life.
Use us as a means of blessing: make us stronger, give us faith.**

**Vs 5 Give us faith to be more faithful, give us hope to be more true,
give us love to go on learning:
God, encourage and renew!**

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.

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 the offering plates**

Let us gather together our offering. Thank you for the generous way you support the mission and ministry of this congregation with you time, talents and resources.

(9 am) OFFERTORY**Classic Trio****Gordon Young**

Please rise in body or in spirit

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

Please be seated

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**

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Lord, listen to your children praying, 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.**

BENEDICTION**SENDING SONG****Great Is Thy Faithfulness****ELW 733 1,3**

***Vs 1* Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

***Refrain* Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!**

**Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

***Vs 3* Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

Refrain

***DISMISSAL**

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

Thanks be to God.

(9 am) POSTLUDE

Rigaudon

Gordon Young

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

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Thank you to our worship servers for your ministry.

Saturday & Sunday, September 5 & 6

Musicians: Marsha Mertes/Parker Knox

Assistant Minister: Desyl Peterson

Reader: Debra Watson

Slides: Bob Jensen/Brent Zeigler

Streaming: Lorie Whiting

Ushers/Greeters: Matthew Team