

Upcoming Events/Announcements

If someone you know has become homebound or has moved to a care center, please let us know so we can include them in our care ministries. We love our whole church family and want to ensure that everyone is included, remembered, and loved.

May Mission: UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) *Monetary donations accepted as cash in envelope, check made payable to CLUMC, or through the website: CLUMC.com. Please ensure to denote "Mission Giving" with all forms of giving.

Pride 2026 –Joy is Radical-

Parade- June 6th Downtown at 10AM- Join the Inclusion Team in the Pride Parade walking or riding on the CLUMC float!

Pride in the Park- June 13th Memorial Park 10-4PM CLUMC Inclusion Team has a booth and needs help hosting it! 1:30-4:30
Contact the office to get signed up for one or both Pride events!

Cornerstone Mission Meal- June 9th – Sign up in the lobby to donate food, prep, and/or serve the meal at the mission.

CLUMC Car Show- June 21st- Join us for a casual car show in the parking lot between services! RSVP your car for the show!

Call For Art! –

It's not too late! We're still looking for submissions!

In this sermon series, **Drawn In**, May 3rd-June 14th, we're exploring, celebrating, and centering creativity in our church -
- and we want to feature YOUR art!

Contact the office to coordinate the use of your art in an upcoming service!

UWF RUMMAGE SALE IS COMING UP: JULY 17th & 18th- Volunteers are needed for setup, sale, and cleanup. It's also time to start thinking about what clean good used items you have to donate! To volunteer, please sign up in the lobby or call the office during office hours.

Calendar at a Glance

June 6: Pride Parade- Downtown at 10 AM

June 13: Pride in the Park: Joy is Radical- Memorial Park 10-4PM

June 21: CLUMC Car Show- 9:30-10:15 AM

July 17 & 18: CLUMC Rummage Sale



For the week of
May 31, 2026

Canyon Lake United Methodist Church

Rapid City, SD

"Drawn In Week Five: GO!"

"Final Words"

This week we are going to explore the Final Words of multiple books of the New Testament. What were the final instructions that each writer gave to their readers? These instructions still stand today and are powerful all by themselves.

Prayer: This is the ancient prayer of John Chrysostom (one of the earliest church leaders in the 5th century): Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his name, you will be in the midst of them. Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Monday 9.1 "The Great Commission" Matthew 28:16-20

The final words of Matthew. Verse 16: "When they saw him, they worshipped him, but some doubted." Rather surprising, don't you think? Final words of instruction and challenge... and doubt. Why would this early writer admit that people were dealing with doubt?

Rather than weakening his instructions, these words all the more strengthen them. They did not deny how difficult this could all be to believe, instead they acknowledged it and invited people to believe more deeply.

Tuesday 9.2 "Commission and Ascension" Mark 16:14-20

The final words of Mark. Verse 14: "He upbraided them for their lack of faith and stubbornness... Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation." This writer chose words of stubborn power in the same breath as sending the disciples. In his own way he also acknowledges that there is doubt by commanding to move beyond it.

Wednesday 9.3 "Appearance and Ascension" Luke 24:44-53

The final words of words of Luke. Jesus gives the disciples a recap of the past weeks, showing where they have all been together through crucifixion, death, resurrection, and now ascension. He does not command them to go, but rather to stay. "See, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city (Jerusalem) until you have been clothed with power from on high." They were being equipped for what was about to happen.

Thursday 9.4 "Jesus and Peter" John 21:20-25

The final words of John. The story of Jesus reclaiming Peter comes to a close with Peter comparing himself to "the disciple whom Jesus loved." saying to Jesus, "Lord, what about him?" And Jesus replied, "What is that to you? Follow me!" Jesus was not just speaking to one disciple, he was speaking to all of us. We are today still instructed to pay attention to our own faith journey, not trying to be like others.

Friday 9.5 "Paul in Rome" Acts 28:23-30

The final words of Acts. Paul was under house arrest in Rome and was visited by some of the Jewish leadership. Eventually, he was to be not released but rather executed by the Romans. But in the time in which he waited for something to happen, he was very active communicating with those who were Jewish as well as some of the earliest Christians in Rome. Verse 24: "Some were convinced by what Paul had said, while others refused to believe." Again, we see this issue of doubt rising up. Paul says good-bye to the Jewish leaders AND to all of us by quoting Isaiah and promising to spread the word to the gentile world.

Saturday 9.6 "Final Instructions" Romans 16:17-27

The final words of Romans. Written by Paul, his last message to the people around that city were first of all "nuts and bolts" words that reminded them of what it meant on a day-by-day basis to be a church living with each other together. And then he ends with a blessing for them and for us. The disciples are equipped for the journey that lies ahead.



Sermon Notes
