



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 3rd, 2025

Opening Hymn: **Voices Raised to You We Offer** LSB 795
Divine Service Setting Five LSB 213

Confession and Absolution

Introit



Hear this, all | peoples!*

Give ear, all inhabitants | of the world,

both | low and high,*

rich and poor to- | gether!

Truly no man can ransom an- | other,*

or give to God the price | of his life,

for the ransom of their life is | costly*

and can nev- | er suffice.

This is the path of those who have foolish | confidence;*

yet after them people approve | of their boasts.

Like sheep they are appointed | for Sheol;*

death shall be their | shepherd.

But God will ransom my soul from the power | of Sheol,*

for he will re- | ceive me.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Hear this, all | peoples!*

Give ear, all inhabitants | of the world,

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rich and poor to- | gether!

Kyrie LSB 944

Hymn of Praise: Glory Be to God the Father LSB 506 sts. 1,4

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.
O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26

²Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . . .
¹²I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. ¹⁴I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. . . .
¹⁸I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, ¹⁹and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? ²³For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.
²⁴There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, ²⁵for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? ²⁶For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
G Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Colossians 3:1–17

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.
⁵Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.
¹²Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
G Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 12:13–21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.
G Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” ¹⁶And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ ¹⁸And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
G Praise to You, O Christ.

Children’s Message

Sermon Hymn: Renew Me, O Eternal Light LSB 704

Sermon

Response Hymn: May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill LSB 698

Apostles’ Creed LSB 207

Offering

Offertory LSB 781 sts. 1-2

Prayer of the Church

Lord’s Prayer

Collect for the Word

Benedicamus and Benediction LSB 218

Closing Hymn: God of Grace and God of Glory LSB 850

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Faith in Christ Is Rich Toward God

To live for earthly things “*is vanity and a striving after wind,*” and work that is driven by such vanity “*is an unhappy business*” (Eccl. 1:13–14). The man who lives like that has nothing to show for “*all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun ... all his days are full of sorrow*” (Eccl. 2:22–23). So, too, your “*covetousness, which is idolatry*” (Col. 3:5), makes a god out of that which cannot give you life or happiness. For “*one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions*” (Luke 12:15). But “*Christ who is your life*” (Col. 3:4), in giving you Himself, gives you all the wealth of heaven. Instead of striving to lay up treasures for yourself, be “*rich toward God*” in Him (Luke 12:21).



WE WELCOME ALL who worship today, especially guests and visitors, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Guests are invited to sign our guest register. Please include your phone number and address in the guest book located in the Narthex. Thank you for visiting.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Today’s altar flowers are provided by Dave and Carla Lehmpuhl in celebration of Dave’s birthday.

IN RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE:

07/27/2025 Sunday Service

Attendance

79

Contributions

\$2743.00

MISSIONARIES: Please remember JP and Aimee Cima, the missionaries that our congregation have adopted, asking God to protect them and use them to spread His gospel.

CONGREGATIONAL SHUT-INS: Orgene Reimers.

CONGREGATIONAL SERVICE MEMBERS: Ryan Lehmpuhl and Jake Langley

SITTING AND STANDING IN CHURCH: It is customary to stand during the worship service when we address God directly (*Confession, Prayers, etc.*) or out of respect (*Gospel Reading, Creed, etc.*). These actions have purpose and meaning; but they are not meant to be painful or difficult. In contrast, Psalm 51:17 says, “The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.” If at any time during the service, it is too difficult or painful to stand, please remain seated. Our Lord knows your heart.

SPECIAL PRAYERS: Please call Pastor prior to the Sunday service for special prayers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Sick and/or Recovering:

Ted Schmidt
Debbie Ledbetter
Gordon Holt (Kris’ Brother)
Sharon Martinson
Janet (Lynn Wetters’ sister)
Ron Smith
Lucy Brown
Zoey (Tangkawarow’s Family Member)
Ken Davidson

Rod Willard
Linda Kirkegaard (Bob’s Sister)
Deb Taft
Elaine Emery (Snyders’ friend)
Jeff Snyder
Sharon Snyder
Grant Holdorf (Gail’s Brother)
Jerrico Leason

PRAYER CHAIN: If you have a prayer concern and would like to send it through a prayer chain, we have 2 options.

- To send the prayer through a phone prayer chain, please contact Mary Richardson at 719-269-1426.
- To send the prayer via email, please contact Sue Poehlein at her email address: cspoehlein@gmail.com.

If you would like to join either prayer chain, please contact Mary or Sue respectively. If you would like a Christian greeting card from St. John sent to your loved one listed on the above prayer list, please contact Mary Richardson with the address where it should be sent.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN – AUGUST 3, 2025- AUGUST 10, 2025
Office Hours: Monday through Friday — 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 3, 2025

9:00 a.m. Divine Worship
10:15 a.m. Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class
11:30 a.m. Elder's Meeting



Kerrie Leason

Monday, August 4, 2025

9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School



Brandon & Liv Booth

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School



Rod & Sue Willard

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Office Hours: Monday through Friday — 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 7, 2025

9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School



Liv Booth



*Dan & Tricia Kletke
George & Sandi Yeatts*

Friday, August 8, 2025

9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

Saturday, August 9, 2025



Brianna Jones



Bob & Gail Kirkegaard

Sunday, August 10, 2025

9:00 a.m. Divine Worship with Holy Communion
10:15 a.m. Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class
11:30 a.m. Council Meeting



BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please send all announcements for bulletins to office@StJohnCanonCity.org. Thank You.

LWML MEETING: The first LWML meeting for the 2025-2026 season will be August 16, 2025 at 9 am. We will meet at Angela Bellantoni's home at 448 Greenhorn Drive. This will be the planning meeting for our fall activities and missions. We will be discussing how LWML will assist with the car show, Veteran's Day Sunday, Thanksgiving baskets for shut-ins and brainstorming the mission focus for the Christmas Brunch. All ladies of St. John are welcome to attend.

MEMBER NEWS: Please notify newsletter editor Gail Kirkegaard of member activities and accomplishments so we can celebrate them in our monthly publication. E-mail office@stjohnscanoncity.org, Attention Gail. You can also put information and photos in her church mailbox. Please add your name so she can return photos.

CHURCH NURSERY: Parents may use the nursery in back of the church. Our monitor with remote control has now been installed to watch the service. Changing tables are available in three of our restrooms.

CHURCH PUBLICITY: If you have a meeting or event for the St. John website and / or Facebook page please notify Gail at 720-201-8743 or kirkegauld1998@charter.net. Also let her know if it is changed or canceled so our information is correct. Thank you.

PARKING REQUEST: with an aging congregation, our parking lot is short on handicapped parking spots. If you are able bodied, please park towards Greydene or in the gravel so those who struggle have a shorter distance to walk. Thank you.

Sermon Notes

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