



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 17th, 2025

Opening Hymn: Fight the Good Fight LSB 664
Divine Service Setting Five LSB 213

Confession and Absolution

Introit Psalm 55:1, 12–14, 16; antiphon: v. 22



Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sus- | tain you;*
he will never permit the righteous to | be moved.

Give ear to my prayer, | O God,*
and hide not yourself from my plea for | mercy!

For it is not an enemy who taunts me—then I could | bear it;*
it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me—then I could | hide from him.

But it is you, a man, my | equal,*
my companion, my fa- | miliar friend.

We used to take sweet counsel to- | gether;*
within God’s house we walked | in the throng.

But I | call to God,*
and the LORD will | save 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.

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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.
Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; through the same 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

Jeremiah 23:16–29

¹⁶Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. ¹⁷They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’”

¹⁸For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened?

¹⁹Behold, the storm of the LORD! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

²⁰The anger of the LORD will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

²¹“I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied.

²²But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds.

²³“Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? ²⁴Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ ²⁶How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 11:17—12:3

¹⁷By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ¹⁹He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. ²⁰By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. ²¹By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. ²²By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

²³By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the

child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king’s edict. ²⁴By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, ²⁵choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. ²⁷By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. ²⁸By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

²⁹By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

³²And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— ³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated— ³⁸of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

³⁹And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

³Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 12:49–56

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁹[Jesus said:] “I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. ⁵²For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. ⁵³They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, ‘A shower is coming.’ And so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Children’s Message	
Sermon Hymn: We Are Called to Stand Together	LSB 828
Sermon	
Response Hymn: The Son of God Goes Forth to War	LSB 661
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: Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing	LSB 924


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Christ's Suffering and Death Bring Division

The Lord Jesus causes fear and trembling and division because His Word is “*like fire ... and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces*” (Jer. 23:29). His Law puts us all to death, whereas only His Gospel can bring us to life. He has fulfilled that Word for us by His cross and in His resurrection from the dead. He undergoes such a distressing baptism, accomplished by His death, in order to open the way for us through our Holy Baptism into His cross and resurrection. So, then, if we are able “*to interpret the appearance of earth and sky*” (Luke 12:56), let us mark this sign of His cross — recognizing that this world is subject to death, but knowing that Christ Jesus also has conquered death and obtained life everlasting for us. Let us fix our eyes on “*Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,*” and “*run with endurance the race that is set before us*” (Heb. 12:1–2).



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 given by Jeff & Sharon Snyder in honor and remembrance of their parents.

<u>IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
08/10/2025 Sunday Service	77	\$3,666.40

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 talk to the Pastor prior to the Sunday service for special prayers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: *Sick and/or Recovering:*

Ted Schmidt	Rod Willard
Debbie Ledbetter	Linda Kirkegaard (Bob's Sister)
Gordon Holt (Kris' Brother)	Deb Taft
Sharon Martinson	Elaine Emery (Snyders' friend)
Janet (Lynn Wetters' sister)	Grant Holdorf (Gail's Brother)
Lucy Brown	Jerrico Leason
Zoey (Tangkawarow's Family Member)	Nancy Mowers
Ken Davidson	

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 17, 2025- AUGUST 24, 2025
Office Hours: Monday through Friday — 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 17, 2025

9:00 a.m.	Divine Worship
10:15 a.m.	Fellowship
10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Class

*HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY*

Bob & Sherie Huebner

Monday, August 18, 2025

Pastor Dan Begins 3 month Sabbatical

*HAPPY
BIRTHDAY*

Heather Pegors

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

Sarah Out of the Office

Thursday, August 21, 2025

*HAPPY
BIRTHDAY*

Lynn Dreger

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Sunday, August 24, 2025

- 9:00 a.m. Divine Worship with Holy Communion
 - 10:15 a.m. Fellowship
 - 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class
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BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please send all announcements for bulletins to office@StJohnCanonCity.org. Thank You.

PARISH PAPER: Articles for the September Parish Paper are due TODAY. Please email any articles to Office@StJohnCanonCity.org. Thanks.

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@stjohncanoncity.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 kirkegaard1998@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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