

## Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

***August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025***

**Opening Hymn: Today Your Mercy Calls Us**

LSB 915

**Divine Service Setting Five**

LSB 213

**Confession and Absolution**

**Introit**

Psalm 117; antiphon: Psalm 96:6a; 115:18



Splendor and majesty are be- | fore him;\*  
we will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. | Praise the LORD!

**Praise the LORD, all | nations!\***

**Extol him, all | peoples!**

For great is his steadfast | love toward us,\*  
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. | Praise the LORD!

**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.**

Splendor and majesty are be- | fore him;\*  
we will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. | Praise the LORD!

**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.

**G** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, You have called us to enter Your kingdom through the narrow door. Guide us by Your Word and Spirit, and lead us now and always into the feast of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** **Amen.**



**Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 66:18–23

<sup>18</sup>For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, <sup>19</sup>and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. <sup>20</sup>And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. <sup>21</sup>And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD.

<sup>22</sup>For as the new heavens and the new earth  
that I make



shall remain before me, says the LORD,  
so shall your offspring and your name remain.  
<sup>23</sup>From new moon to new moon,  
and from Sabbath to Sabbath,  
all flesh shall come to worship before me,  
declares the LORD.”

 This is the Word of the Lord.  
 **Thanks be to God.**



Epistle ReadingHebrews 12:4–24

<sup>4</sup>In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. <sup>5</sup>And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?  
“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,  
nor be weary when reproved by him.  
<sup>6</sup>For the Lord disciplines the one he loves,  
and chastises every son whom he receives.”



<sup>7</sup>It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? <sup>8</sup>If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. <sup>9</sup>Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? <sup>10</sup>For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. <sup>11</sup>For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.  
<sup>12</sup>Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, <sup>13</sup>and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. <sup>14</sup>Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. <sup>15</sup>See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; <sup>16</sup>that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. <sup>17</sup>For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.  
<sup>18</sup>For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest <sup>19</sup>and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup>For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” <sup>21</sup>Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” <sup>22</sup>But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup>and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup>and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

 This is the Word of the Lord.  
 **Thanks be to God.**

Holy GospelLuke 13:22–30

 The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.  
 **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. <sup>23</sup>And someone said to him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And he said to them, <sup>24</sup>“Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. <sup>25</sup>When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ <sup>26</sup>Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ <sup>27</sup>But he will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!’ <sup>28</sup>In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. <sup>29</sup>And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. <sup>30</sup>And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

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

Sermon Hymn: Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me	LSB 756
Sermon	
Apostles’ Creed	LSB 207
Prayer of the Church	
Offering	
Offertory	LSB 781 sts. 1-2
Service of the Sacrament	LSB 213
Preface	
Sanctus	LSB 507 vs. 1
Lord’s Prayer	LSB 217
The Words of Our Lord	
Pax Domini	
Agnus Dei	LSB 210
Distribution Hymn:	
Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray	LSB 623
What God Ordains Is Always Good	LSB 760
Post Communion Hymn: O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee	LSB 632
Post-Communion Collect	LSB 218
Benedicamus and Benediction	
Closing Hymn: Before You, Lord, We Bow	

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**August 24, 2025 –Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

## ***The Cross of Christ Is the Way into the Kingdom of God***

With the cross of Christ, the time has come “*to gather all nations and tongues*” (Is. 66:18). The sign of the cross is set forth in the preaching of the Gospel, the declaration of the Lord's glory “*among the nations*” (Is. 66:19). Many “*will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God*” (Luke 13:29), but only by the narrow way of the cross. Those who refuse to follow Christ crucified will ultimately find only “*weeping and gnashing of teeth*” (Luke 13:28), whereas Christ's disciples, called from all the nations, will eat and drink with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of God. They will come into “*the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem*” (Heb. 12:22).



**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 Robert and Sue Tangkawarow in loving memory of their parents.

### **IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:**

08/17/2025 Sunday Service

### **Attendance**

89

### **Contributions**

\$2114.00

**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 talk to the 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  
Lucy Brown  
Zoey (Tangkawarow's Family Member)  
Ken Davidson

Rod Willard  
Linda Kirkegaard (Bob's Sister)  
Deb Taft  
Elaine Emery (Snyders' friend)  
Nancy Mowers  
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](mailto: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 24, 2025- AUGUST 31, 2025**

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

**Sunday, August 24, 2025**

9:00 a.m.     Divine Worship with Holy Communion  
Reader:     Curtis Eulert  
Communion Assistants:     Curtis Eulert & Brandon Booth  
10:15 a.m.     Fellowship  
10:30 a.m.     Adult Bible Class

**Tuesday, August 26, 2025**

*HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY*

*Sharon Martinson*

**Thursday, August 28, 2025**

7:00 a.m.     Men's Breakfast

*HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY*

*Ron & Sandy Smith*

**Friday, August 29, 2025**

*HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY*

*Curtis Eulert*

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**Saturday, August 30, 2025**

*HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY*

*Sue Willard*

**Sunday, August 31, 2025**

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



# Sermon Notes

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Please send all announcements for bulletins to [office@StJohnCanonCity.org](mailto:office@StJohnCanonCity.org). Thank You.

**THANK YOU:** I got so much love at church last Sunday after the announcement of my brother Grant's passing. I can't count how many people hugged and spoke sympathy to me. It is such comfort to be surrounded by brothers and sisters in Christ at St. John. Thank you all so very much. Gail Kirkegaard.

**CONDOLENCES:** Please keep the families of Lynn Wetters and Gail Kirkegaard in your thoughts and prayers. Lynn's sister, Janet, passed away and Gail also lost her brother, Grant.

**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](mailto: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 [kirkegaard1998@charter.net](mailto: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.

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