



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 31st, 2025

Opening Hymn: God Himself Is Present

LSB 907

Divine Service Setting Five

LSB 213

Confession and Absolution

Introit

Psalm 75:1–2, 6, 9; antiphon: v. 7



It is God who executes | judgment,*
putting down one and lifting up an- | other.
We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your | name is near.*
We recount your | wondrous deeds.
At the set time that | I appoint*
I will judge with | equity.
For not from the east or | from the west*
and not from the wilderness comes | lifting up.
But I will declare it for- | ever;*
I will sing praises to the God of | Jacob.
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.
It is God who executes | judgment,*
putting down one and lifting up an- | other.

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 of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- G** **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 25:2–10

- ²It is the glory of God to conceal things,
but the glory of kings is to search things out.
- ³As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth,
so the heart of kings is unsearchable.
- ⁴Take away the dross from the silver,
and the smith has material for a vessel;

⁵take away the wicked from the presence of the king,
and his throne will be established in righteousness.
⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king’s presence
or stand in the place of the great,
⁷for it is better to be told, “Come up here,”
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.
What your eyes have seen
⁸do not hastily bring into court,
for what will you do in the end,
when your neighbor puts you to shame?
⁹Argue your case with your neighbor himself,
and do not reveal another’s secret,
¹⁰lest he who hears you bring shame upon you,
and your ill repute have no end.

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

Epistle Reading



Hebrews 13:1–17

¹Let brotherly love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” ⁶So we can confidently say,

“The Lord is my helper;
I will not fear;
what can man do to me?”



⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. ¹⁰We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. ¹¹For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹²So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. ¹⁴For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

¹⁷Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

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

Holy Gospel



Luke 14:1–14

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

¹One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ²And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?” ⁴But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵And he said to them, “Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?” ⁶And they could not reply to these things.

⁷Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

¹²He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

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

Sermon Hymn: Lift High the Cross

LSB 837

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:

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

LSB 636

Post Communion Hymn: O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

LSB 632

Post-Communion Collect

LSB 218

Benedicamus and Benediction

Closing Hymn: The Lord, My God, Be Praised

LSB 794

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We Are Humbled and Exalted by the Cross of Christ

“Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled,” Jesus proclaims, but “he who humbles himself will be exalted” (Luke 14:11). For your hope is in the name of the Lord, who humbled Himself unto death on the cross and was exalted in His resurrection. So, are you humbled by His cross, and “at the resurrection of the just,” He will say to you, “Friend, move up higher” (Luke 14:10, 13–14)? By His grace, the King will honor you “in the presence of a noble,” where your eyes will gaze upon the Prince, His dearly beloved Son (Prov. 25:7). As He has dealt so graciously with you, “do not neglect to do good and to share what you have” (Heb. 13:16), and “do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers” (Heb. 13:2). Humble yourself and exalt your neighbor.



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 the Floral Fund

IN RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE:

08/24/2025 Sunday Service

Attendance

92

Contributions

\$7230.25

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.

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 31, 2025- SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

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

Sunday, August 31, 2025

9:00 a.m. Divine Worship with Holy Communion
Reader: Dave Lehmpuhl
Communion Assistants: Dave Lehmpuhl & George Yeatts
10:15 a.m. Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class

Monday, September 1, 2025

Labor Day

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

*HAPPY
BIRTHDAY*

Tricia Kletke

Thursday, September 4, 2025

*HAPPY
BIRTHDAY*

*Joe Brown
Luke Lehmpuhl*

Friday, September 5, 2025

*HAPPY
BIRTHDAY*

Lynn Wetters

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

Saturday, September 6, 2025

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Car Show

*HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY*

*Richard & Nancy Mowers
Larry & Sharleen Vargas*

Sunday, September 7, 2025

9:00 a.m. Divine Worship
10:15 a.m. Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
11:30 a.m. Elders' Meeting

*HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY*

Kris & Lori Holt



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

PARISH PAPER: The September Parish Paper is now available. If you did not receive one in your email inbox, please make sure to pick up a copy in the narthex.

FOOD BANK SUNDAY: Next Sunday is FOOD BANK Sunday. Please remember to bring a can or two of food for the hungry and needy in our community.

E-MAIL ADDRESS CHANGE FOR ARLENE STOLP: Oops! Gail Kirkegaard is sorry for not adding this to the September parish newsletter. Arlene Stolp's new e-mail address is: arlenestolp@outlook.com

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 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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