



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 7th, 2025

Opening Hymn: Rise, Shine, You People

Divine Service Setting Five

Confession and Declaration of Grace

LSB 825

LSB 213

Introit

Psalm 119:28–32; antiphon: v. 27

Make me understand the way of your | precepts,*
and I will meditate on your | wondrous works.

My soul melts away for | sorrow,*
strengthen me according | to your word!

Put false ways | far from me*
and graciously teach | me your law!

I have chosen the way of | faithfulness,*
I set your just decrees be- | fore me.

I cling to your testimonies, | O LORD;*
let me not be | put to shame!

I will run in the way of your com- | mandments*
when you en- | large my heart!

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.

Make me understand the way of your | precepts,*
and I will meditate on your | wondrous works.


Kyrie


Hymn of Praise: Glory Be to God the Father


LSB 944

LSB 506 sts. 1,4


Salutation and Collect of the Day

 The Lord be with you.

 **And also with you.**

 Let us pray.

O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.


 **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

¹⁵“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose

life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

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

Epistle Reading



Philemon 1–21

¹Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ²and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:
³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
⁴I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, ⁶and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.
⁸Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹yet for love’s sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— ¹⁰I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. ¹¹(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹²I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. ¹⁵For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.
¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.
²¹Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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 **Thanks be to God.**



Holy Gospel

Luke 14:25–35

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

²⁵Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to encounter another king

in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. ³⁴“Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

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

Children’s Message

Sermon Hymn: How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

LSB 853

Sermon

Response Hymn: Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

LSB 474

Apostles’ Creed

LSB 207

Offering

Offertory

LSB 781 sts. 1-2

Prayer of the Church

Lord’s Prayer

Collect for the Word

Benedicamus and Blessing

LSB 267

Closing Hymn: The Saints in Christ Are One in Every Place

LSB 838

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Christ Jesus Has Paid the Cost of Discipleship for You

A disciple of Jesus Christ will “bear his own cross” (Luke 14:27) and follow the Lord through death into life. Discipleship is costly because it crucifies the old man with “all that he has” (Luke 14:33), in order to raise up the new man in Christ. The disciple disavows “his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life” (Luke 14:26), in deference to Christ. That way of the cross is impossible, except that Christ Jesus has already paid the cost. His cross is set before you as “life and good, death and evil” (Deut. 30:15). Taking up His cross is to “choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him” (Deut. 30:19–20). To live that life in Christ is also to bear His cross in love, “that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord” (Philemon 14).



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 Kris and Lori Holt in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary.

<u>IN RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE:</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
08/31/2025 Sunday Service	81	\$3122.00

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	Rod Willard
Debbie Ledbetter	Linda Kirkegaard (Bob’s Sister)
Gordon Holt (Kris’ Brother)	Deb Taft
Sharon Martinson	Elaine Emery (Snyders’ friend)
Lucy Brown	Nancy Mowers
Zoey (Tangkawarow’s Family Member)	Jerrico Leason
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 – SEPTEMBER 7, 2025- SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

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

Sunday, September 7, 2025

- 9:00 a.m. Divine Worship
- Reader: Kris Holt
- 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

Monday, September 8, 2025

- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Thursday, September 11, 2025

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sunday, September 14, 2025

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



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

LWML FALL RALLY IS SEPTEMBER 20: The Fall Rally will be held in Woodland Park. We will meet at church at 8 am to carpool. Anyone interested in attending, please talk to Angela or Toni.

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@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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