



## Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

***September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025***

**Opening Hymn: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

LSB 686

**Divine Service Setting Five**

LSB 213

**Confession and Absolution**

**Introit**

Psalm 30:2–5; antiphon: vv. 11a, 12b



You have turned for me my mourning into | dancing;\*

O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you for- | ever!

**O LORD my God, I cried to | you for help,\*  
and you have | healed me.**

O LORD, you have brought up my soul | from Sheol;\*  
you restored me to life from among those who go down | to the pit.

**Sing praises to the LORD, O | you his saints,\*  
and give thanks to his | holy name.**

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a | lifetime.\*

Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the | morning.

**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.**

You have turned for me my mourning into | dancing;\*

O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you for- | ever!

**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.

Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, without whom nothing is secure. Rescue and preserve us that we may not be lost forever but follow You, rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** **Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading**

Ezekiel 34:11–24

<sup>11</sup>For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will



be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

<sup>17</sup>“As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. <sup>18</sup>Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? <sup>19</sup>And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet? <sup>20</sup>“Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup>I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup>And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.”



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

Epistle Reading1 Timothy 1:5–17

<sup>5</sup>The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. <sup>6</sup>Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, <sup>7</sup>desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions. <sup>8</sup>Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, <sup>9</sup>understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, <sup>10</sup>the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, <sup>11</sup>in accordance with the glorious gospel of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted. <sup>12</sup>I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, <sup>13</sup>though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup>and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup>But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup>To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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 **Thanks be to God.**



Holy GospelLuke 15:1–10

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

<sup>1</sup>Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” <sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does

not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

<sup>8</sup>“Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

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

Sermon Hymn: Chief of Sinners Though I BeLSB 611

Sermon

Apostles’ CreedLSB 207

Prayer of the Church

Offering

OffertoryLSB 781 sts. 1-2

Service of the SacramentLSB 213

Preface

SanctusLSB 507 vs. 1

Lord’s PrayerLSB 217

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

Agnus DeiLSB 210

Distribution Hymn:

Jesus Sinners Doth ReceiveLSB 609

By Grace I’m SavedLSB 566

Post Communion Hymn: O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to TheeLSB 632

Post-Communion CollectLSB 218

Benedicamus and Benediction

Closing Hymn: Immortal, Invisible, God Only WiseLSB 802

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**September 14, 2025 –Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

## ***Jesus Christ Is the Great Shepherd of His Sheep***

*“The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners” (1 Tim. 1:15). As He had mercy on Paul, in order to “display his perfect patience” (1 Tim. 1:16), so also does He seek out His sheep “from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness” (Ezek. 34:12). To deliver His flock, He “will seek the lost, ... bring back the strayed, ... bind up the injured, and ... strengthen the weak” (Ezek. 34:16), and “they shall no longer be a prey” (Ezek. 34:22). He sets over them one great Good Shepherd, the Son of David, who “shall feed them and be their shepherd” (Ezek. 34:23). For Christ Jesus is the one man who, “having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them,” would “leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it” (Luke 15:4). When He finds the lost one and brings it home rejoicing, “the angels of God” and all the company of heaven rejoice with Him, with great joy (Luke 15:7, 10).*



**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 Mary Richardson in loving memory of Lloyd.

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

09/07/2025 Sunday Service

### **Attendance**

99

### **Contributions**

\$5895.75

**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 – SEPTEMBER 14, 2025- SEPTEMBER 21, 2025**

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

**Sunday, September 14, 2025**

- 9:00 a.m. Divine Worship with Holy Communion
- Reader: Allan Tormohlen
- Communion Assistants: Allan Tormohlen, Dave Lehmpuhl, & George Yeatts
- 10:15 a.m. Fellowship
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
- 11:30 a.m. Council Meeting

**Monday, September 15, 2025**

- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation

**Wednesday, September 17, 2025**

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

**Thursday, September 20, 2025**

- LWML Fall Rally

**Sunday, September 21, 2025**

- 9:00 a.m. Divine Worship
- 10:15 a.m. Fellowship
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class



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

**CAR SHOW PROCEEDS:** The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Car show for Missions raised \$1022.00!

**PARISH PAPER:** Articles for the October Parish Paper are due next Sunday. Please email any articles to [Office@StJohnCanonCity.org](mailto:Office@StJohnCanonCity.org). Thanks.

**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](mailto: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@stjohnncanoncity.org](mailto:office@stjohnncanoncity.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.



Here is a schedule of who is preaching and teaching Adult Bible Class while Pastor Dan is away on sabbatical:

Date	Preaching	Sunday School
Sept. 14	Lyle	Nathan
Sept. 21	Dave	Brandon
Sept. 28	Lyle	Brandon
Oct. 5	Bolt	Brandon
Oct. 12	Lyle	Brandon
Oct. 19	Bolt	Curtis
Oct. 26	Lyle	Lyle
Nov. 2	Lyle	Dave
Nov. 9	Lyle	Dave
Nov. 16	Brandon	Dave

## Sermon Notes

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