

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 21st, 2025

Opening Hymn: This Is the Day the Lord Has Made LSB 903
Divine Service Setting Five LSB 213

Confession and Absolution

Introit Psalm 119:137–140, 142; antiphon: v. 144

Your testimonies are righteous for- | ever;*
give me understanding that | I may live.
Righteous are you, | O LORD,*
and right are your | just decrees.
You have appointed your testimonies in | righteousness*
and in all | faithfulness.
My zeal con- | sumes me,*
because my foes for- | get your words.
Your promise is | well tried,*
and your servant | loves it.
Your righteousness is righteous for- | ever,*
and your | law is true.
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.
Your testimonies are righteous for- | ever;*
give me understanding that | I may live.

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.
O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through 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 Amos 8:4–7

⁴Hear this, you who trample on the needy
and bring the poor of the land to an end,
⁵saying, "When will the new moon be over,
that we may sell grain?
And the Sabbath,
that we may offer wheat for sale,
that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great

and deal deceitfully with false balances,
⁶that we may buy the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals
and sell the chaff of the wheat?”
⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
“Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.”



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

Epistle Reading 1 Timothy 2:1–15

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people,
²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every
way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to
come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the
man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷For this I
was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith
and truth.
⁸I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling;
⁹likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with
braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, ¹⁰but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with
good works. ¹¹Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. ¹²I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise
authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. ¹³For Adam was formed first, then Eve; ¹⁴and Adam was not
deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. ¹⁵Yet she will be saved through childbearing—
if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.



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 **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel Luke 16:1–15

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

¹[Jesus] also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to
him that this man was wasting his possessions. ²And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about
you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ ³And the manager said to
himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to
dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people
may receive me into their houses.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How
much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down
quickly and write fifty.’ ⁷Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of
wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ ⁸The master commended the dishonest manager for his
shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.
⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive

you into the eternal dwellings.
¹⁰“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also
dishonest in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true
riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own?
¹³No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the
one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”
¹⁴The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. ¹⁵And he said to
them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among
men is an abomination in the sight of God.”

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

Children’s Message	
Sermon Hymn: In Holy Conversation	LSB 772
Sermon	
Response Hymn: Hear Us, Father, When We Pray	LSB 773
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: Come, My Soul, with Every Care	LSB 779

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The Lord Is Rich in His Grace and Mercy

Because God, our Savior, “desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Tim. 2:4), He urges “that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people” (1 Tim. 2:1). Christians should so pray “without anger or quarreling,” but “adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control” (1 Tim. 2:8, 9). For the Lord does not forget “the poor of the land” (Amos 8:4). He remembers them according to the foolishness of the cross. “For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God” (Luke 16:15). Though we try to justify ourselves “before men,” God knows our sinful hearts and calls us to repentance (Luke 16:15). Though we are “not strong enough to dig,” and we are “ashamed to beg” (Luke 16:3), He justifies us by His grace and welcomes us into His “eternal dwellings” (Luke 16:9). More shrewd than even “the sons of this world” (Luke 16:8), He requires His stewards of the Gospel to bestow forgiveness freely.



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 in celebration of Autumn.

IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:

09/14/2025 Sunday Service

Attendance

94

Contributions

\$2112.00

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.

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 21, 2025- SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

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

Sunday, September 21, 2025

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

Monday, September 22, 2025

- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

*HAPPY
BIRTHDAY*

Matt Harms

Thursday, September 25, 2025

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

*HAPPY
BIRTHDAY*

Dietrich Kletke

Sunday, September 28, 2025

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

*HAPPY
BIRTHDAY*

Leif Booth



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

PARISH PAPER: Articles for the October Parish Paper are due TODAY. Please email any articles to 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

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. You can also put information and photos in her church mailbox. Please add your name so she can return photos. **Make sure to write: "ATTENTION GAIL" for anything you want added to the newsletter.**

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.



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. 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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