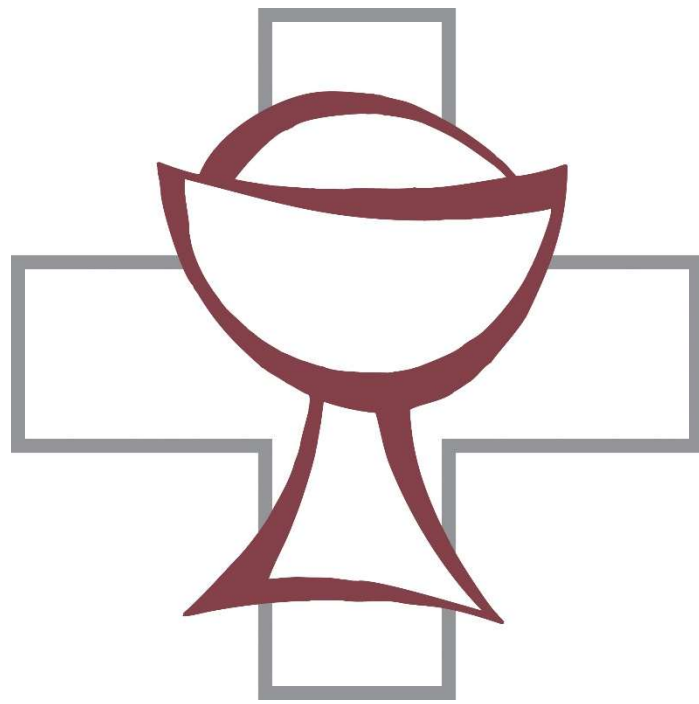




7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 12th, 2026

Opening Hymn: Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

LSB 901

Divine Service Setting Five

LSB 213

Confession and Absolution

Introit

Psalm 103:15–19; antiphon: v. 8



The LORD is merciful and | gracious,*
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

As for man, his days | are like grass;*
he flourishes like a flower | of the field;
for the wind passes over it, and | it is gone,*
and its place knows | it no more.

But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who | fear him,*
and his righteousness to children's | children,
to those who keep his | covenant*
and remember to do his com- | mandments.

The LORD has established his throne in the | heavens,*
and his kingdom rules | over all.

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.

The LORD is merciful and | gracious,*
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

Kyrie

LSB 944

Hymn of Praise: All Glory Be to God Alone

LSB 948 sts. 1,5

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.
Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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

Isaiah 55:10–13

¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,

making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
¹²“For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall make a name for the LORD,
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

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

Epistle Reading Romans 8:12–17

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

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

Holy Gospel Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

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

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear. .
¹⁸“Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it

with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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

Sermon Hymn: Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast LSB 577
Sermon

Apostles’ Creed LSB 207

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Service of the Sacrament LSB 213

Preface

Sanctus LSB 961

Lord’s Prayer LSB 217

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei LSB 963

Distribution Hymns:

O Living Bread from Heaven LSB 642

Preach You the Word LSB 586

Sent Forth by God’s Blessing LSB 643

Post Communion Hymn: Lord, Bid Your Servant Go In Peace LSB 937 sts 1,3

Post-Communion Collect LSB 218

Benedicamus and Benediction

Closing Hymn: On What Has Now Been Sown LSB 921

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July 12, 2026 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

The Preaching of the Word of Christ Bears the Good Fruits of Faith and Love

As “the rain and the snow come down from heaven” and “water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout” (Is. 55:10), so the Word of God accomplishes the purpose for which He speaks it, granting joy and peace through the forgiveness of sins and producing the fruits of faith and love in those who are called by His name. Christ Jesus, the incarnate Word, has established the name of the Lord as “an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off” (Is. 55:13). He opens our ears to hear, our minds to understand and our hearts to believe His Word, lest the evil one come and snatch it away. He thus transforms our rocky hearts into good soil, which clings to the Gospel and “indeed bears fruit” (Matt. 13:23). He is Himself the firstfruits of all who “have received the Spirit of adoption as sons” (Rom. 8:15). Thus being “led by the Spirit of God,” we are not afraid, but we cry out in faith to our Father in heaven (Rom. 8:14–15). For as we suffer with Christ, the beloved Son, so shall we “also be glorified with him” (Rom. 8:17).



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 celebration of her birthday.

IN RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE:

07/05/2026 Sunday Service

Attendance

74

Contributions

\$2926.01

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: Lucy Brown, June Maw, and Dale Kletke

CONGREGATIONAL SERVICE MEMBERS: Jake Langley (United States Navy), Jerrico Leason (United States Customs and Border Protection), April Collins (Albuquerque Police Department, and Dietrich Kletke (Hartsel Fire Department)

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:

Debbie Ledbetter

Zoey (Tangkawarow’s Family Member)

Cody Atkinson (Dawn’s son)

Pastor Dan Kletke

Don Kirkegaard

Bonnie Yeatts (Yeatts’ Sister in law)

Sharon Martinson

Elaine Emery (Snyders’ friend)

Mary Richardson

Toni Davidson

Sue Poehlein

Steve Tabb

Jeff Snyder

Dave Schouweiler

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 – JULY 12, 2026, 2026- JULY 19, 2026
Office Hours: Monday through Friday — 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 12, 2026

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

Monday, July 13, 2026

*HAPPY
BIRTHDAY*

Mary Richardson

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

*HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY*

Myron & Sharon Martinson

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Thursday, July 16, 2026

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

*HAPPY
BIRTHDAY*

*Julie Barrett
George Yeatts*

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Sermon Notes

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

SNAPSHOTS AROUND ST. JOHN: Gail would like all activity leaders to please feel free to send her photos for church newsletters, such as youth group, Sunday School, LWML, men's breakfast, altar guild, fellowship, quilters, and so on. Email her at office@stjohncanoncity.org, attention: Gail. Thank you!

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.

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