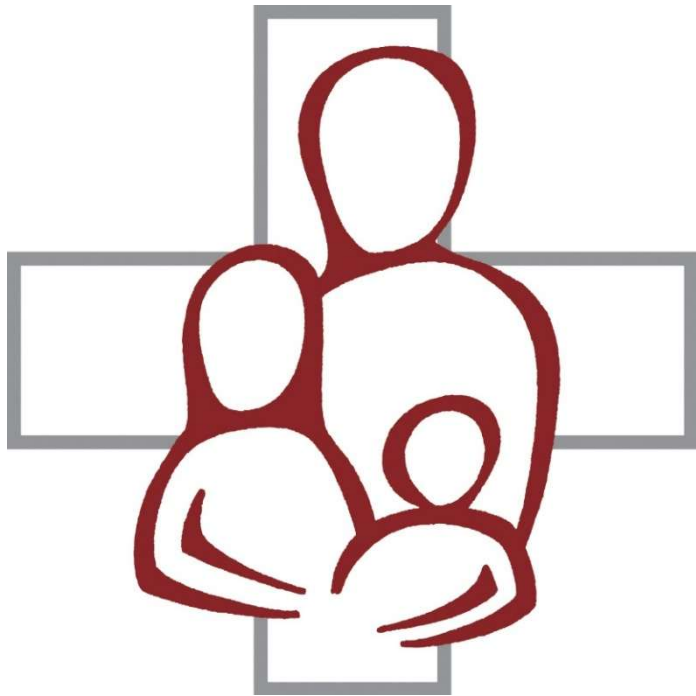




12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 16th, 2026

Opening Hymn: Voices Raised to You We Offer

LSB 795

Divine Service Setting Five

LSB 213

Confession and Absolution

Introit

Psalm 28:1–2, 6–7; antiphon: v. 8



The LORD is the strength of his | people;*
he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.

**To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to me,*
lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down | to the pit.**

Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | you for help,*
when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctu- | ary.

Blessèd | be the LORD!*

For he has heard the voice of my pleas for | mercy.

The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and | I am helped,*
my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to him.

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 the strength of his | people;*
he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.

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.

G **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 56:1, 6–8

¹Thus says the LORD:

"Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed. . . .

⁶"And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,

and to be his servants,
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,
and holds fast my covenant—
⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.”
⁸The Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,
“I will gather yet others to him
besides those already gathered.”

 This is the Word of the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. . . .
¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? . . .
²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

 This is the Word of the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 15:21–28

 The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.

 **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²¹Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” ²⁴He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

 This is the Gospel of the Lord.

 **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children’s Message

Sermon Hymn: When in the Hour of Deepest Need

LSB 615

Sermon

Response Hymn: Entrust Your Days and Burdens

Apostles’ Creed

Offering

Prayer of the Church

Lord’s Prayer

Collect for the Word

Benedicamus and Benediction

Closing Hymn: In Christ There Is No East or West

LSB 754 sts. 1–3, 6

LSB 207

LSB 218

LSB 653

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August 16, 2026 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

The Church Lives Under the Cross of Christ and Prays in the Hope of His Mercy

By her persistent prayer that Jesus would have mercy and help her (Matt. 15:22, 24), and even in the face of His initial silence and apparent rejection (Matt. 15:23–26), the Canaanite woman boldly confessed her faith in Him (Matt. 15:27–28). Her beautiful example encourages us to cling to the words and promises of the Gospel, even in the face of the Law that accuses and condemns us. *“For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable”* (Rom. 11:29), and His Law *“has consigned all to disobedience”* for the very purpose *“that he may have mercy on all”* (Rom. 11:32). Hence, the woman’s faith and hope were not disappointed, but her prayers were answered in the mercy of Christ. Not only does He grant us the crumbs from His table, but He also feeds us with *“the children’s bread”* in the house of His Father (Matt. 15:26–27). He has brought us to His *“holy mountain,”* and He makes us joyful in His house, where He hears our prayers and accepts our sacrifice of praise upon the altar of His cross (Is. 56:7).



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 Pastor Dan and Tricia Kletke.

IN RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE:

08/09/2026 Sunday Service

Attendance

75

Contributions

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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

Carolyn Westlund

Arlene Stolp

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 – AUGUST 16, 2026, 2026- AUGUST 23, 2026

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

Sunday, August 16, 2026

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

Monday, August 17, 2026

*HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY*

Bob & Sherie Huebner

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

Pastor Dan Out of the Office -Circuit Pastors' Meeting

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

Sarah Out of the Office
10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Thursday, August 20, 2026

Sarah Out of the Office

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Friday, August 21, 2026

*HAPPY
BIRTHDAY*

Lynn Dreger

Sunday, August 23, 2026

9:00 a.m. Divine Worship with Holy Communion
10:15 a.m. Fellowship
10:30 a.m. 40th Anniversary Potluck



BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please send any announcements for the August 23rd Bulletin to Sue Poehlein at cspoehlein@gmail.com. Sarah will be out of the office. Thank You!

CHOIR MEMBERS: Choir Members, and anyone who enjoys singing – Please join us in the sanctuary after fellowship from 11:15-11:45 to learn the piece of music for the congregation's 40th anniversary on August 23rd.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE: Gail K. will be updating the congregation's pictorial directory over the next several weeks. She'll add our new members and remove those who have moved. Please contact her if your contact information has changed or if you want an updated picture taken, 720-201-8743. Thank you.

PARISH PAPER: Articles for the September Parish Paper are due TODAY. Please email any articles to Office@StJohnCanonCity.org. Thanks.

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@stjohnncanoncity.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.

Sermon Notes

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