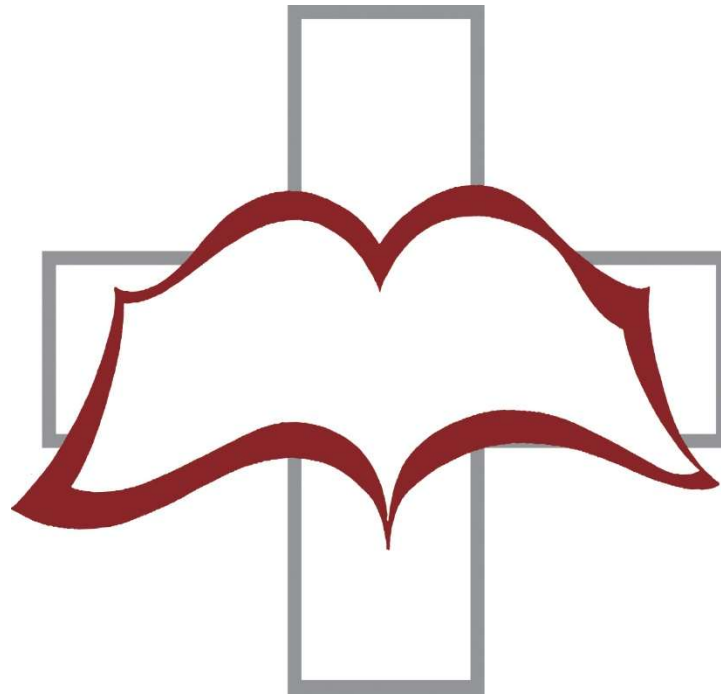


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CAÑON CITY, COLORADO
WE REJOICE IN CHRIST'S SAVING LOVE AND GLADLY SHARE IT!

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15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 6th, 2026

LSB 902

LSB 213

Psalm 92:1–4; antiphon: v. 5

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Your thoughts are | very deep!

For you, O LORD, have made me glad | by your work;*
at the works of your hands I | sing for joy.

and to the Holy | Spirit;

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Your thoughts are | very deep!

LSB 944

LSB 948 sts. 1,5

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Ezekiel 33:7–9

7" So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. 8 If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his

blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”

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

Epistle Reading

Romans 13:1–10

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. ⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:1–20

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

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. ⁷“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire. ¹⁰“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹¹For the Son of Man came to save the lost. ¹²What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. ¹⁵“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens

to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

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

Children’s Message	
Sermon Hymn: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing	LSB 686
Sermon	
Response Hymn: Children of the Heavenly Father	LSB 725
Apostles’ Creed	LSB 207
Offering	
Prayer of the Church	
Lord’s Prayer	
Collect for the Word	
Benedicamus and Benediction	LSB 218
Closing Hymn: O God of Mercy, God of Might	LSB 852

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September 6, 2026 – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Living as Humble Little Children of the Father

True greatness is not self-sufficient strength, but humility like that of a little child. The greatness of childlike faith receives all good things as gracious gifts from our Father in heaven. Apart from such faith, “*you will never enter the kingdom of heaven*,” but whoever is humbled like a little child will be “*the greatest in the kingdom of heaven*” (Matt. 18:3–4). Though in our sin we deserve to be “*drowned in the depth of the sea*” (Matt. 18:6), we have instead been drowned (“buried”) with Christ in Baptism and then raised to the new, humble life of a child of God. The Lord sends His watchman to warn us with a word from His mouth, in order that we may not die in our iniquity but be turned from our pride and selfishness to live (Ezek. 33:7–9). Thus, we live in humility and faith before God as well as in love for our neighbor, which “*is the fulfilling of the law*” (Rom. 13:10). In the reverent fear of God, we do no harm to our neighbor, but we “*pay to all what is owed to them*” (Rom. 13:7) and we “*owe no one anything, except to love each other*” (Rom. 13:8).



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 Richard and Nancy Mowers in celebration of their 58th wedding anniversary.

IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:

08/30/2026 Sunday Service

Attendance

80

Contributions

\$3683.00

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: Lucy Brown, June Maw, Joan Foster, 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

Tessa Sandoval

Arlene Stolp

Mary Richardson

Carolyn Westlund

Sue Poehlein

Steve Tabb

Jeff Snyder

Dave Schouweiler

Heidi Sundell

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 6, 2026- SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

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

Sunday, September 6, 2026

9:00 a.m. Divine Worship
Reader: Donna Heldt
10:15 a.m. Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
11:30 a.m. Elder's Meeting

*HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY*

*Richard & Nancy Mowers
Larry & Sharleen Vargas*

Monday, September 7, 2026

*HAPPY
BIRTHDAY*

Dylan Thom

*HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY*

Kris & Lori Holt

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

Pastor Dan Out of the Office -Circuit Pastors' Meeting

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

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

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

Thursday, September 10, 2026

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
Sarah Out of the Office

*HAPPY
BIRTHDAY*

Natalee Thom

Saturday, September 12, 2026

9:00 a.m. Royal Gorge Quilt Council
9:00 a.m. LWML Meeting

*HAPPY
BIRTHDAY*

Landon Thom

Sunday, September 13, 2026

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



Sermon Notes

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

NAME BADGES: If anyone is in need of a name tag, we will gladly make them one. We have clip badges or magnetic - whatever works better. Let Pastor Dan know or send Sarah an email at ***office@StJohnCanonCity.org***.

LWML MEETING: September 12 @ 9 am. We will meet at church in the room at the back of the sanctuary.

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.

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.

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