



16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 13th, 2026

Opening Hymn: I Lay My Sins on Jesus

LSB 606

Divine Service Setting Five

LSB 213

Confession and Absolution

Introit

Psalm 143:1–2; antiphon: v. 9



Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD!*

I have fled to you for | refuge!

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!*

In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!

Enter not into judgment with your | servant,*

for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.

Glorify 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.

Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD!*

I have fled to you for | refuge!

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.

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 50:15–21

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

Romans 14:1–12

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall confess to God.”

¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

 This is the Word of the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:21–35

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

 **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

²³“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

 This is the Gospel of the Lord.

 **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon Hymn: “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

LSB 843

sung to the tune of LSB 418

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:

Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

LSB 623

O Bless the Lord, My Soul

LSB 814

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

LSB 816

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: Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way

LSB 857

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

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September 13, 2026 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Forgiving as the Lord Forgives Us

In settling His accounts with us, our Lord acts not with anger, but with compassion. He does not imprison us as we deserve, but He forgives all our debts and releases us (Matt. 18:23–27). Therefore, our Lord bids each of us to have “*mercy on your fellow servant*” and “*forgive your brother from your heart*” (Matt. 18:33, 35). By the Lord’s forgiveness of our sins, we are free to forgive those who sin against us, because He has been handed over to the jailers in our stead and He has paid our entire debt with His lifeblood. Whether we live or die, we “*are the Lord’s*” (Rom. 14:8). Since we all will “*stand before the judgment seat of God,*” we are not to despise our brother (Rom. 14:10), but gladly forgive him. By the grace of God, our brother also “*will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand*” (Rom. 14:4). Though we daily sin against each other, the Lord intends “*to bring it about that many people should be kept alive*” (Gen. 50:20). Jesus speaks kindly by His Gospel and promises: “*I will provide for you and your little ones*” (Gen. 50:21).



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 Robert and Sue Tangkawarow.

IN RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE:

09/06/2026 Sunday Service

Attendance

74

Contributions

\$4358.00

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	Arlene Stolp
Zoey (Tangkawarow’s Family Member)	Mary Richardson
Cody Atkinson (Dawn’s son)	Carolyn Westlund
Pastor Dan Kletke	Sue Poehlein
Don Kirkegaard	Steve Tabb
Bonnie Yeatts (Yeatts’ Sister in law)	Jeff Snyder
Sharon Martinson	Dave Schouweiler
Tessa Sandoval	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 13, 2026- SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

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

Sunday, September 13, 2026

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

Monday, September 14, 2026

6:30 p.m. Confirmation

*HAPPY
BIRTHDAY*

Rowan Thom

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

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

*HAPPY
BIRTHDAY*

Madelynn Thom

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

Saturday, September 19, 2026

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. 12th Annual Car Show

Sunday, September 20, 2026

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

*HAPPY
BIRTHDAY*

Waylon Thom



Sermon Notes

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

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

MANITOU INCLINE HIKE SIGN-UP: Short - But Very Steep, popular Challenge! Less than one mile up, with almost 2,000 feet elevation gain, with almost no shade. Bring plenty of water. Return down switchbacks of the partly shady Barr Trail. About 4.5 miles roundtrip. FREE but must register in advance. Sign up so we know you plan to join St. John Trail Mix. We will meet at church early to carpool to Manitou. Gail has done this twice. Let's go! Gail K. [720 - 201 -- 8743](tel:7202018743).

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**.

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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