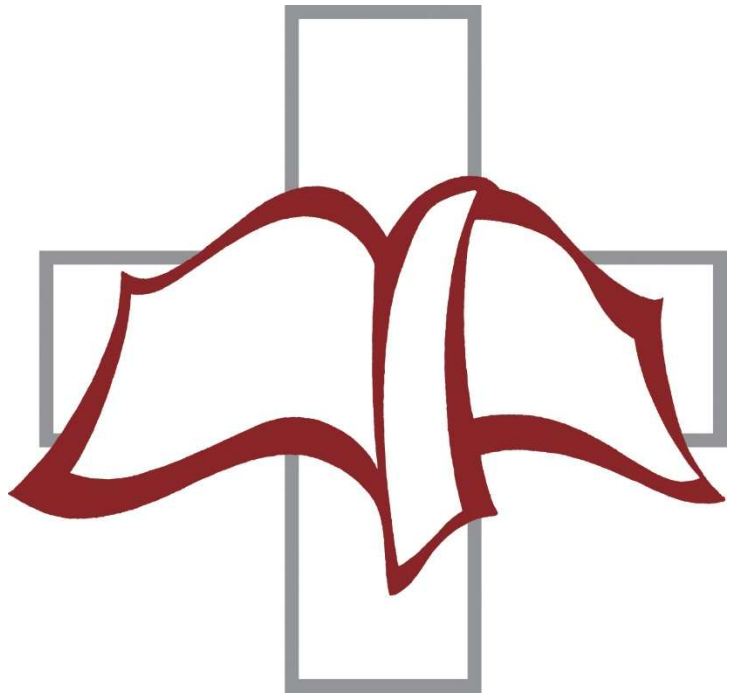




17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 20th, 2026

Opening Hymn: By Grace I'm Saved

LSB 566 sts. 1-3

Divine Service Setting Five

LSB 213

Confession and Absolution

Introit

Psalm 116:12–13, 15–16; antiphon: v. 17



I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanks- | giving*
and call on the name | of the LORD.

What shall I render | to the LORD*
for all his bene- | fits to me?

I will lift up the cup of sal- | vation*
and call on the name | of the LORD.

Precious in the sight | of the LORD*
is the death | of his saints.

O LORD, I am your | servant,*

I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have | loosed my bonds.

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.

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanks- | giving*
and call on the name | of the LORD.

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.

Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; 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 55:6–9

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;

⁷let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.
⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

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

Epistle Reading

Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel,
¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . .
¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.
²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1–16

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

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them,

‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last.”

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

Children’s Message

Sermon Hymn: Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling

LSB 827

Sermon

Response Hymn: Not What These Hands Have Done

LSB 567

Apostles’ Creed

LSB 207

Offering

Prayer of the Church

Lord’s Prayer

Collect for the Word

Benedicamus and Benediction

LSB 218

Closing Hymn: In Christ There Is No East or West

LSB 566 sts. 4-6

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September 20, 2026 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Disciples Live in Their Vocations by Grace through Faith in Christ

Those who are sent as “*laborers for his vineyard*” (Matt. 20:1) depict the wide diversity of vocations to which the disciples of Christ Jesus are called. Whatever our particular stations in life may be, we are called to live and serve by faith in His promises. Our labors do not merit anything before Him, for He is already generous to one and all without partiality. In mercy, He has chosen to bear “*the burden of the day and the scorching heat*” on our behalf, to make us equal to Himself and to give us what belongs to Him, that is, the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 20:12–15). This way of the Lord is foolishness to the world and foreign to our thoughts, but He draws near, so that “*he may be found*” (Is. 55:6), “*have compassion*” and “*abundantly pardon*” (Is. 55:7). So it is that we are found in Christ Jesus, and He is honored in our bodies, “*whether by life or by death*” (Phil. 1:20), by “*fruitful labor*” (Phil. 1:22) or by suffering. It is by faith in His forgiveness that our works are “*worthy of the gospel*” (Phil. 1:27).



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 RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:

09/13/2026 Sunday Service

Attendance

89

Contributions

\$3237.11

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)

Pastor Dan Kletke

Tessa Sandoval

Sue Poehlein

Arlene Stolp

Mary Richardson

Carolyn Westlund

Steve Tabb

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 20, 2026- SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

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

Sunday, September 20, 2026

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



Waylon Thom

Monday, September 21, 2026

- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study



Sonny Zimmerman

Thursday, September 24, 2026

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



Matt Harms

Friday, September 25, 2026



Dietrich Kletke

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN – SEPTEMBER 20, 2026- SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

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

Saturday, September 26, 2026

- 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Congregational Planning Retreat

Sunday, September 27, 2026

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



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.

RED SOCK MISSION IDEAS: It is time to find a recipient for the mission funds. Please reach out to Toni Davidson or Angela Bellantoni with your ideas. Please provide a contact person or website for the recipient.

LWML FALL RALLY: Saturday October 10 at Falcon's Family of Faith. The rally begins at 9:30. Please contact Toni Davidson if you'd like to attend.

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:720-201-8743).

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.

The LWML Fall Rally is at Family of Faith in Falcon ([6355 East Blaney Road, Falcon, CO 80831](https://www.google.com/maps/place/6355+East+Blaney+Road,+Falcon,+CO+80831/@39.5583333,-106.1166667,15t/data=!3m1!1e3!3m2!1s6355+East+Blaney+Road,+Falcon,+CO+80831+USA!1s0x87c2c0000000000000:0x87c2c0000000000000)). Phone number is [719-367-5303](tel:719-367-5303), October 10, 2026. Toni is planning on going. They are doing an in-gathering for Life Network Thrift Store. Toni would like to take anything our congregation donates up to October 9, 2026, as long as it fits in her car!

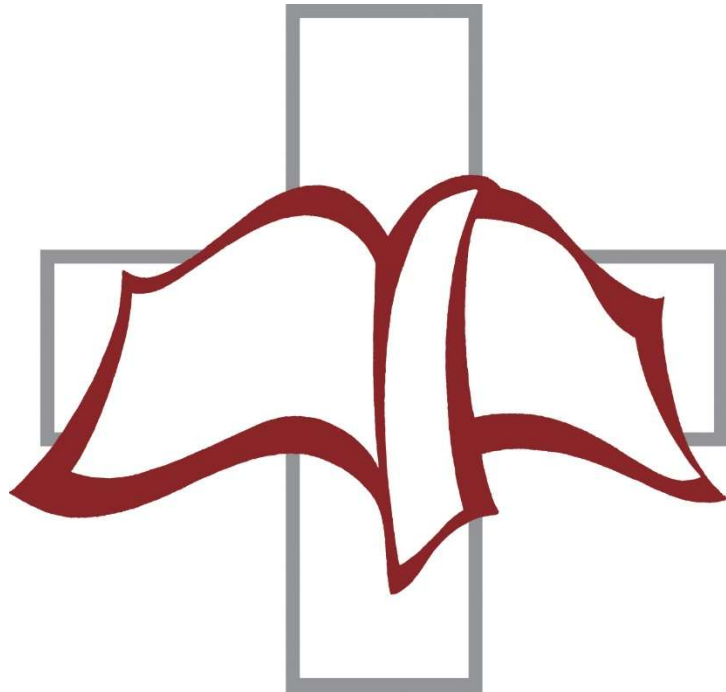
Here is a list of the things they would like to collect.

- Accessories - jewelry, purses, hats, belts, scarves and sunglasses
- Backpacks and suitcases
- Books - paperback, hardback, and audio
- CD's, DVD's
- Clothing - Men's, Women's, Children's and Infants
- Collectibles and antiques
- Dishes - serving ware, glassware, pots and pans , utensils
- Furniture in good condition - tables, dressers, couches, loveseats, chairs, etc.
- Home decor - wall art, mirrors, knick-knacks throw pillows, collectibles
- Housewares - kitchen items and small appliances
- Linens - bed linens, bath/hand towels, sheets, spreads/comforters, table linens
- Shoes - all ages
- Toys - plush animals, puzzles and games

According to Google maps it takes 1.5 hours, to get there. Toni will be at the church at 7:30 to pick up, up to 3 riders. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. with call to order at 9:30. The agenda for the day will include Bible study, report from District President Christina Bean, Young Women Representatives to the RMD convention, election of officers, special Martin Luther presentation in the afternoon and more. Registration will be \$5.00 and free will offering for lunch.

Items they Don't Take

- Any broken, stained or non-functional item
- Bed pillows (unless brand new)
- Car seats, Cribs, Strollers, Diaper Genies
- Chemicals or any flammable liquids (paint, propane canisters, oil etc.; also includes any tools with gasoline still inside)
- Construction materials (esp. chemicals or paint)
- Flooring (tiles, carpet, etc.)
- Furniture that is worn, torn, covered with pet hair or has odors
- Home remodeling items (ceiling lights and fans, window blinds, paneling etc.)
- Ironing boards
- Large appliances or equipment
- Large appliances (stoves, washers, dryers, refrigerators, dishwashers etc.)
- Large office equipment
- Mattresses
- Printers
- Strollers
- Televisions
- Workout equipment (without prior approval)



Sermon Notes

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