



18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 27th, 2026

Opening Hymn: Father, We Praise Thee

LSB 875

Divine Service Setting Five

LSB 213

Confession and Absolution

Introit

Psalm 147:1–5; antiphon: v. 6



The LORD lifts up the | humble;*
he casts the wicked | to the ground.

Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises | to our God;*
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is | fitting.

The LORD builds up Je- | rusalem;*
he gathers the outcasts of | Israel.

He heals the broken- | hearted*
and binds | up their wounds.

He determines the number | of the stars;*
he gives to all of | them their names.

Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power;*
his understanding is beyond | measure.

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 lifts up the | humble;*
he casts the wicked | to the ground.

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 God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²“What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? ³As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. . . .

²⁵“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷Again, when a wicked person turns away from the

wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

³⁰“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord God; so turn, and live.”

 This is the Word of the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

Philippians 2:1–4, 14–18

¹If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. . . .

¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or questioning, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

 This is the Word of the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:23–32

 The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

 **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

²⁸“What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went. ³⁰And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.”

 This is the Gospel of the Lord.

 **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon Hymn: Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go

LSB 854

sung to the tune of LSB 405

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:

Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling

LSB 630 sts. 1-4

Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng

LSB 813

Post Communion Hymn: Lord, Bid Your Servant Go In Peace

LSB 937 sts 1,3

Post-Communion Collect

LSB 218

Farewell & Godspeed for Booth Family

Benedicamus and Benediction

Closing Hymn: Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

LSB 924

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September 27, 2026 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Cross of Christ Opens to Us the Way of Repentance to Life with God

The way of the Lord is righteous and just: *“The soul who sins shall die”* (Ezek. 18:4). However, because the Lord has *“no pleasure in the death of anyone”* (Ezek. 18:32), He calls sinners to repentance and faith in His gracious forgiveness of sins. The man who is thus turned away from his wickedness, who henceforth lives by the grace of God, *“shall surely live; he shall not die”* (Ezek. 18:28). This way of repentance has been opened for us by the cross of Christ. In the righteousness of faith and love, *“he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death”* (Phil. 2:8), and He was vindicated in His resurrection from the dead. Indeed, *“God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name”* (Phil. 2:9). He has given us this name in our Baptism into Christ, in whom we now *“shine as lights in the world”* (Phil. 2:15). He uses the authority that He has received from His Father (Matt. 21:23–27) to preach a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, by which even *“the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God”* (Matt. 21:31–32).



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:

09/20/2026 Sunday Service

Attendance

90

Contributions

\$3022.00

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)

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 27, 2026- OCTOBER 4, 2026

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

Sunday, September 27, 2026

9:00 a.m. Divine Worship with Holy Communion
Reader: Dave Lehmpuhl
Communion Assistants: Dave Lehmpuhl & Allan Tormohlen
Acolytes: Elias Urban & Ethan Urban
10:15 a.m. Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

Monday, September 28, 2026

6:30 p.m. Confirmation

*HAPPY
BIRTHDAY*

Leif Booth

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Friday, October 2, 2026

*HAPPY
BIRTHDAY*

Cody Harms

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10:15 a.m. Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
11:30 a.m. Elder's Meeting



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

PARISH PAPER: The October Parish Paper is now available. If you did not receive one in your email inbox, please make sure to pick up a copy in the narthex.

CAR SHOW PROCEEDS: Thanks to all who helped with our annual car show last weekend. We raised \$1276.00 for Missions!

FOOD BANK SUNDAY: Next Sunday is FOOD BANK Sunday. Please remember to bring a can or two of food for the hungry and needy in our community.

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.

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,-106.1166667,15z)). 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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