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**ST. JOHN
LUTHERAN CHURCH**
CAÑON CITY, COLORADO
WE REJOICE IN CHRIST'S SAVING LOVE AND GLADLY SHARE



October 4th, 2026

Opening Hymn: Serve the Lord with Gladness

Tune of "Onward Christian Soldiers"

1. "Serve the Lord with gladness!" It is He alone
Who redeemed us sinners, Guides us as His own
To enjoy the blessings Of His love and grace,
Will at last in glory Meet us face to face.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
"Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name!
2. "Serve the Lord with gladness!" He gave us command
To proclaim His Gospel Now in every land
So that fellow sinners May, like us, be blest.
Leading them to Jesus, We can serve Him best.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
"Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name!
3. "Serve the Lord with gladness!" There's no greater joy
Than to serve the master, work in His employ.
As we build His kingdom Angels, too, rejoice
Over every sinner Brought to hear His voice.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
"Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name!

Divine Service Setting 1

LSB 151

Invocation

Confession & Absolution

Introit

Psalm 100



¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth!*

²Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with | singing!

³Know that the LORD, | he is God!*

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his | pasture.

⁴Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!*

Give thanks to him; | bless his name!

⁵For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures for- | ever,*

and his faithfulness to all generations.

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.

¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth!*

²Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with | singing!

P The Lord be with you.



G And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious God, You want all to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Magnify the power of the Gospel in the hearts of Your faithful people that Your Church may spread the good news of salvation. Protect, encourage, and bless all missionaries who proclaim the saving cross that Christ, being lifted up, may draw all people to Himself, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



G A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 11:10–30

- ¹⁰When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices,
and when the wicked perish there are shouts of gladness.

¹¹By the blessing of the upright a city is exalted,
but by the mouth of the wicked it is overthrown.

¹²Whoever belittles his neighbor lacks sense,
but a man of understanding remains silent.

¹³Whoever goes about slandering reveals secrets,
but he who is trustworthy in spirit keeps a thing covered.

¹⁴Where there is no guidance, a people falls,
but in an abundance of counselors there is safety.

¹⁵Whoever puts up security for a stranger will surely suffer harm,
but he who hates striking hands in pledge is secure.

¹⁶A gracious woman gets honor,
and violent men get riches.

¹⁷A man who is kind benefits himself,
but a cruel man hurts himself.

¹⁸The wicked earns deceptive wages,
but one who sows righteousness gets a sure reward.

¹⁹Whoever is steadfast in righteousness will live,
but he who pursues evil will die.

²⁰Those of crooked heart are an abomination to the LORD,
but those of blameless ways are his delight.

²¹Be assured, an evil person will not go unpunished,
but the offspring of the righteous will be delivered.

²²Like a gold ring in a pig’s snout
is a beautiful woman without discretion.

- ²³The desire of the righteous ends only in good;
the expectation of the wicked in wrath.

²⁴One gives freely, yet grows all the richer;
another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want.

²⁵Whoever brings blessing will be enriched,
and one who waters will himself be watered.

²⁶The people curse him who holds back grain,
but a blessing is on the head of him who sells it.

²⁷Whoever diligently seeks good seeks favor,
but evil comes to him who searches for it.

²⁸Whoever trusts in his riches will fall,
but the righteous will flourish like a green leaf.

²⁹Whoever troubles his own household will inherit the wind,
and the fool will be servant to the wise of heart.

³⁰The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life,
and whoever captures souls is wise.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

LWML Pledge

- P** In fervent gratitude for the Savior’s dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption

G we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have;

P and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields,

G we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us.

P We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him,

G our feet to go on His errands,

P our voice to sing His praises,

G our lips to proclaim His redeeming love,

P our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom,

G our will to do His will,

P and every power of our life

G to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

Epistle Reading

1 Peter 4:1–12

¹Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, ²so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God. ³The time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry. ⁴With respect to this they are surprised when you do not join them in the same flood of debauchery, and they malign you; ⁵but they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. ⁶For this is why the gospel was preached even to those who are dead, that though judged in the flesh the way people are, they might live in the spirit the way God does. ⁷The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. ⁸Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: ¹¹whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the

strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:10-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

¹³“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children’s Message

Sermon Hymn: Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling

LSB 827

Sermon

Response Hymn: Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

LSB 660

Apostles’ Creed

Offering & Offertory

LSB 159

Prayer of the Church

Lord’s Prayer

LSB 162

Collect for the Word

Benediction

Closing Hymn: Go, My Children, with My Blessing

LSB 922

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October 4, 2026 – LWML Sunday

The True Vine Redeems the Vineyard of the LORD of Hosts

“The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel” (Is. 5:7), which He planted “on a very fertile hill” (Is. 5:1). He did everything for His vineyard, not only clearing it of stones and planting it with “choice vines,” but also building the “watchtower” of His prophets and hewing out the “wine vat” of His priesthood in its midst (Is. 5:2). But when “he looked for it to yield grapes,” there were only “wild grapes” of bloodshed and unrighteousness (Is. 5:2, 7). The Lord Jesus likewise described the unfaithfulness of those who were called to care for His vineyard (Matt. 21:33–35). But in this He also describes His cross and Passion (Matt. 21:38–39), by which He has redeemed the vineyard for Himself. He is the true Vine, planted by death into the ground, and in His resurrection He brings forth “the fruits in their seasons” (Matt. 21:41). Among those good grapes of the true Vine is the apostle Paul. Once a zealous persecutor of the Church, he “suffered the loss of all things” in order to “gain Christ and be found in him,” to “know him and the power of his resurrection” (Phil. 3:8–10).



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 the ladies of LWML.

<u>IN RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE:</u>		<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
09/27/2026	Sunday Service	94	\$2451.00

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:

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| Debbie Ledbetter | Arlene Stolp |
| Zoey (Tangkawarow's Family Member) | Mary Richardson |
| Pastor Dan Kletke | Carolyn Westlund |
| Tessa Sandoval | Steve Tabb |
| Sue Poehlein | |

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 – OCTOBER 4, 2026- OCTOBER 11, 2026

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

Sunday, October 4, 2026

- LWML Sunday
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| 9:00 a.m. | Divine Worship |
| 10:15 a.m. | Fellowship |
| 10:30 a.m. | Sunday School & Adult Bible Class |
| 11:30 a.m. | Elder's Meeting |

Monday, October 5, 2026

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| 6:30 p.m. | Confirmation |
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Wednesday, October 7, 2026

*HAPPY
BIRTHDAY*

Angela Bellantoni

Thursday, October 8, 2026

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| 7:00 a.m. | Men's Breakfast |
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Friday, October 9, 2026

*HAPPY
BIRTHDAY*

Ken Davidson

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN – OCTOBER 4, 2026- OCTOBER 11, 2026
Office Hours: Monday through Friday — 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 10, 2026

9:00 a.m. Royal Gorge Quilt Council

Sunday, October 11, 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



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

YOUTH GROUP: Alana and Connie will be starting up a middle school youth group as well as continuing the high school youth group. The middle school youth group will meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm. The high school youth Group will meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30. Both the middle school and high school youth groups will have a combined night on the 5th Wednesday of the month at 6:30.

CLEAN UP DAY: We will be meeting Saturday, Oct. 10th at 10:00 am to clean up the garden in front of the church. Volunteers needed! See insert in the bulletin for more information.

MEMBERS WITH BUSINESSES: We're adding a member business section in the upcoming pictorial directory. Please contact Gail K. if you want to have your business listed. (720) 201-8743.

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.

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.

The LWML Fall Rally is at Family of Faith in Falcon ([6355 East Blaney Road, Falcon, CO 80831](#). Phone number is [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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