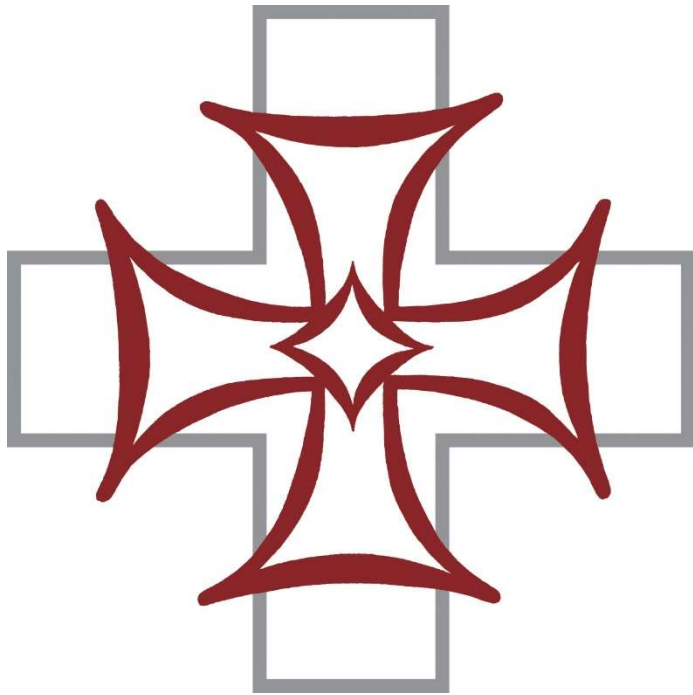




Stewardship Sunday

October 18th, 2026

Opening Hymn: This Is the Day the Lord Has Made

LSB 903

Divine Service Setting Five

LSB 213

Confession and Absolution

Introit

Psalms 121:1–4, 7–8; antiphon: v. 5



The LORD is your | keeper;*
the LORD is your shade on your | right hand.

I lift up my eyes | to the hills.*

From where does my | help come?

My help comes | from the LORD,*
who made | heaven and earth.

He will not let your | foot be moved;*
he who keeps you will not | slumber.

Behold, he who keeps | Israel*
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep.

The LORD will keep you from all | evil;*
he will | keep your life.

The LORD will keep your going out and your | coming in*
from this time forth and for- | evermore.

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 is your | keeper;*
the LORD is your shade on your | right hand.

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, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; 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 45:1–7

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped,

to subdue nations before him
and to loose the belts of kings,
to open doors before him
that gates may not be closed:
²"I will go before you
and level the exalted places,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
³I will give you the treasures of darkness
and the hoards in secret places,
that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I name you, though you do not know me.
⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other,
besides me there is no God;
I equip you, though you do not know me,
⁶that people may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is none besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
⁷I form light and create darkness,
I make well-being and create calamity,
I am the LORD, who does all these things."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.
²We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³remembering
before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus
Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not only
in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved
to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in
much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia
and in Achaia. ⁸For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but
your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹For they themselves report
concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the
living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us
from the wrath to come.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:15–22

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

G Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. ¹⁶And they sent their disciples
to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God
truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then,
what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me
to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said
to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" ²¹They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore
render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard it, they
marveled. And they left him and went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn: Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

LSB 782

Sermon

Blessing of Our Offerings & Pledges

We Praise You, O God

LSB 785

Take My Life and Let It Be

LSB 783

Offering

Offertory: We Give Thee But Thine Own

LSB 781, sts. 1–2

Apostles' Creed

LSB 207

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Collect for the Word

Benedicamus and Benediction

LSB 218

Closing Hymn: Voices Raised to You We Offer

LSB 795

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We Are Recreated in the Image of God by the Cross of Christ

Plotting against Jesus, the Pharisees attempted “to entangle him in his words” by asking about the payment of taxes to Caesar (Matt. 22:15). The Lord pointed to coins required for the tax, and He answered that we should “render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s” (Matt. 22:21). But if coins bearing the image of Caesar should be rendered to him, then man — who is made in the image of God — must be rendered to the Lord. That tax is paid for us by the Lord Jesus, the image of God in the flesh, by His self-offering on the cross. And from His cross, as the Lord’s anointed, He reigns as the true Caesar over all nations “from the rising of the sun and from the west” (Is. 45:6). The Lord once called and anointed Cyrus “to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings” (Is. 45:1). Now by the preaching of the Gospel, “in power and in the Holy Spirit” (1 Thess. 1:5), foreigners from all over the world are “turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God” (1 Thess. 1:9–10).



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 Tabor and Alison Stevens.

IN RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE:

10/11/2026 Sunday Service

Attendance

77

Contributions

\$2491.00

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

Julie Barrett

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 – OCTOBER 18, 2026- OCTOBER 25, 2026

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

Sunday, October 18, 2026

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

*HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY*

Michael & Katherine Dacey

Monday, October 19, 2026

6:30 p.m. Confirmation

*HAPPY
BIRTHDAY*

Robin Burke

Tuesday, October 20, 2026

*HAPPY
BIRTHDAY*

Kathy Walker

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

10:00 a.m. Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Youth Group

Thursday, October 22, 2026

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

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Friday, October 23, 2026

*HAPPY
BIRTHDAY*

Chuck Poehlein

Sunday, October 25, 2026

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

*HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY*

Allan & Tedi Torhohlen



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

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

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.

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.

Sermon Notes

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