



## 17th Sunday after Pentecost

***September 24th, 2023***

**Opening Hymn: When Morning Gilds the Skies**

LSB 807

**Divine Service Setting Four**

LSB 203

**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 204

**Gloria in Excelsis**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **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.

**C** **Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading**



Isaiah 55:6–9

<sup>6</sup>“Seek the LORD while he may be found;  
call upon him while he is near;

<sup>7</sup>let 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.



<sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.  
<sup>9</sup>For 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



<sup>12</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel,  
<sup>13</sup>so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. <sup>14</sup>And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . .  
<sup>19</sup>for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, <sup>20</sup>as 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. <sup>21</sup>For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. <sup>24</sup>But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. <sup>25</sup>Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup>so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.  
<sup>27</sup>Only 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, <sup>28</sup>and 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. <sup>29</sup>For 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, <sup>30</sup>engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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 **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1–16

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

<sup>1</sup>[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. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup>and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ <sup>5</sup>So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ <sup>8</sup>And 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.’ <sup>9</sup>And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. <sup>10</sup>Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup>And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, <sup>12</sup>saying, ‘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.’ <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first last.”

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

Sermon Hymn: For Me to Live Is Jesus	LSB 742
Sermon	
Apostles’ Creed	LSB 207
Offering	
Prayer of the Church	
Service of the Sacrament	
Preface	LSB 208
Sanctus	
Prayer of Thanksgiving	LSB 209
Lord’s Prayer	
The Words of Our Lord	LSB 217
Pax Domini	
Agnus Dei	LSB 210
Distribution Hymns	
Jesus Comes Today with Healing	LSB 620
Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense	LSB 741
Nunc Dimittis	LSB 211
Post-Communion Collect	LSB 212
Benedicamus & Benediction	
Closing Hymn: The Saints in Christ Are One in Every Place	LSB 838

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**September 24, 2023 – 17th 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 Doris Cunningham in loving memory of her husband, Richard.

## **IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:**

09/17/2023 Sunday Services

## **Attendance**

110

## **Contributions**

\$2591.00

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR:** Did you know that we sponsor *The Lutheran Hour* locally? As you are getting ready for church or if you are unable to attend worship, consider tuning in to *The Lutheran Hour*. It can be found on KRLN 1400AM at 8:00am Sunday mornings.



**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:** Orgene Reimers and Ada Pendarvis

**CONGREGATIONAL SERVICE MEMBERS:** Ryan Lehmpuhl

**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 call Pastor prior to the Sunday service for special prayers.

**NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?** If you or another member who you know needs transportation to church on Sundays, please call Ken Davidson at 719-429-4919.



## **PLEASE PRAY FOR: Sick and/or Recovering:**

Carolyn Westlund

Doris Cunningham

Zoe Ward (family member of Chris

Pushchak)

Took Blanchard

Pat Schuch

Kay Pape

Rod Willard

Justin Jones

John Flory (Sue Willard's brother)

Barbara Bilderback (Bev Kane's mother)

Jake Whiteley (Pat Schuch's Son)

**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](mailto: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 24, 2023-OCTOBER 1, 2023**

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

**Sunday, September 24, 2023**

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



*Matt Harms*

**Monday, September 25, 2023**

- 4:00 p.m. Canon City Youth Choirs
- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation



*Dietrich Kletke*

**Wednesday, September 27, 2023**

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group

**Thursday, September 28, 2023**

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Quilters
- Sarah Out of the Office



*Leif Booth*

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**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Please send all announcements for bulletins to [office@StJohnCanonCity.org](mailto:office@StJohnCanonCity.org). Thank You.

**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.

**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 CALENDAR:** If you have an event or meeting for the calendar please notify Gail, our website and Facebook administrator, so it is posted as necessary. Also, please notify her if it is canceled or changed.  
Thank you. Gail (720) 201-8743, call / text, or [kirkegaard1998@charter.net](mailto:kirkegaard1998@charter.net).

# Sermon Notes

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