

# Last Sunday of the Church Year

**November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**

**Opening Hymn: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**  
**Divine Service Setting Five**

LSB 549 sts. 1-2,6-7  
LSB 213

**Confession and Absolution**

**Introit**

Psalm 134; antiphon: Psalm 33:8



Let all the earth | fear the LORD;\*  
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in | awe of him!  
**Come, bless the LORD, all you servants | of the LORD,\***  
**who stand by night in the house | of the LORD!**  
Lift up your hands to the | holy place\*  
and | bless the LORD!  
**May the LORD bless you from | Zion,\***  
**he who made | heaven and earth!**  
**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.**  
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let all the inhabitants of the world stand in | awe of him!

**Kyrie**

LSB 944

**Hymn of Praise: Glory Be to God the Father**

LSB 506 sts. 1,4



**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.  
Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading**

Malachi 3:13–18

<sup>13</sup>"Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, 'How have we spoken against you?'  
<sup>14</sup>You have said, 'It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts?' <sup>15</sup>And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape."  
<sup>16</sup>Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. <sup>17</sup>"They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. <sup>18</sup>Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him."



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

**Epistle Reading** Colossians 1:13–20



<sup>13</sup>He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,  
<sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.  
<sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup>For by him all things were created, in  
heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were  
created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>And he is the  
head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be  
preeminent. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him to reconcile to himself all  
things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

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**Holy Gospel** Luke 23:27–43

 The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.  
 **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>27</sup>And there followed [Jesus] a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and  
lamenting for him. <sup>28</sup>But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for  
yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup>For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and  
the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ <sup>30</sup>Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall  
on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ <sup>31</sup>For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is  
dry?”  
<sup>32</sup>Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. <sup>33</sup>And when they came to the  
place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>And  
Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. <sup>35</sup>And  
the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is  
the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup>and  
saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of  
the Jews.”  
<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and  
us!” <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of  
condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done  
nothing wrong.” <sup>42</sup>And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup>And he said to him,  
“Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

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

**Sermon Hymn: Christ Is Surely Coming** LSB 509

**Sermon**

**Apostles’ Creed** LSB 207

**Prayer of the Church**

**Offering**

**Offertory** LSB 781 sts. 1-2

**Service of the Sacrament** LSB 213

**Preface**

**Sanctus** LSB 507 vs. 1

**Lord’s Prayer** LSB 217

**The Words of Our Lord**

**Pax Domini**

**Agnus Dei** LSB 210

**Distribution Hymn:**

**Jesus Comes Today with Healing** LSB 620

**The Day Is Surely Drawing Near** LSB 508

**Post Communion Hymn: O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee** LSB 632

**Post-Communion Collect** LSB 218

**Benedicamus and Benediction**

**Closing Hymn: Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor** LSB 534

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November 23, 2025 – Last Sunday of the Church Year

## Jesus Christ Reigns, Enduring the Cross — Its Scorn and Shame

The Lord Jesus reigns in love among those who are baptized in His name. *“They shall be mine,”* He says, *“and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him”* (Mal. 3:17). Jesus’ service through crucifixion for sinful men anchors us in new life. In the proclamation of His Son, God makes His justice clear, defining *“the distinction between the righteous and the wicked”* (Mal. 3:18). He truly is *“the King of the Jews”* (Luke 23:38), who governs His Church with all authority in heaven and on earth. He has come into His kingdom by His cross, and He graciously remembers us in paradise. Therefore, do not weep for Him, but with repentant faith *“weep for yourselves and for your children”* (Luke 23:28). Then the mountains and hills of Jerusalem, His holy Church, shall cover you with His righteousness and peace. For He *“is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation”* (Col. 1:15). *“All things were created through him and for him”* (Col. 1:16), and *“all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell”* bodily in Him, reconciling all things to Himself *“by the blood of his cross”* (Col. 1:19–20).



**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.

### **IN RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE:**

11/16/2025 Sunday Service

### **Attendance**

86

### **Contributions**

\$4472.00

**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:** Orgene Reimers.

**CONGREGATIONAL SERVICE MEMBERS:** Ryan Lehmpuhl and Jake Langley

**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

Sharon Martinson

Lucy Brown

Zoey (Tangkawarow’s Family Member)

Ken Davidson

Evie Langley

Cody Atkinson (Dawn’s son)

Rod Willard

Linda Kirkegaard (Bob’s Sister)

Deb Taft

Elaine Emery (Snyders’ friend)

Nancy Mowers

Jerrico Leason

Bob Huebner

**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 – NOVEMBER 23, 2025- NOVEMBER 30, 2025**

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

**Sunday, November 23, 2025**

9:00 a.m. Divine Worship with Holy Communion  
Reader: Curtis Eulert  
Communion Assistants: Curtis Eulert & Allan Tormohlen  
10:15 a.m. Fellowship  
10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

**Wednesday, November 26, 2025**

7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service

**Thursday, November 27, 2025**

Thanksgiving -Office Closed



**Friday, November 28, 2025**

**HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY**

*Danny & Kathy Walker*

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## Sermon Notes

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

**DECEMBER NEWSLETTER:** Please send your articles to [office@stjohnncanoncity.org](mailto:office@stjohnncanoncity.org)  
Attn: Gail ON TIME for the December newsletter. With Thanksgiving this week we need to  
print it on Tuesday or Wednesday. If you have any announcements, events, or council  
news, please send by Sunday evening, November 23rd. Thank you! Gail

**LWML CHRISTMAS BRUNCH:** Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway to the Fellowship Hall. All ladies are invited. Each lady, please bring a wrapped re-gifted, white-elephant gift. No tags please. And no gift bags.

**CONDOLENCES:** Please keep the Kletke family in prayer. Tricia's father passed away on Tuesday.

**DECORATING CHURCH:** Please join us on Saturday, November 29th at 9am to decorate the church for Christmas! Any and Everyone's help would be appreciated.

**ADVENT DEVOTIONALS:** Now available in the Narthex. Please pick one up today!

**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](mailto: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.

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