

2nd Sunday after Christmas

January 4th, 2026

Opening Hymn: Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

LSB 386

Divine Service Setting 1

LSB 151

Invocation

Confession & Absolution

Introit

Psalm 147:1, 5, 11–12; antiphon: John 1:14



The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his | glory,*
glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of | grace and truth.

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

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

But the LORD takes pleasure in those who | fear him,*
in those who hope in his | steadfast love.

Praise the LORD, O Je- | rusalem!*

Praise your God, O | Zion!

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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Kyrie

LSB 152

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154

Salutation and Collect of the Day

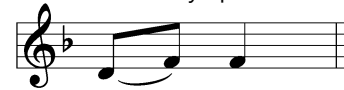
P The Lord be with you.



G And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



G A - men.

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 3:4–15

⁴ The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I shall give you.” ⁶And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?” ¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹And God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.” ¹⁵And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

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

Epistle Reading


Ephesians 1:3–14


³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.


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 **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse
Holy Gospel

LSB 156
Luke 2: 40–52

 The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.



 Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

⁴⁰The child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. ⁴¹Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing him to be in the group they went a day’s journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.” ⁴⁹And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

 This is the Gospel of the Lord.



 Praise to You, O Christ.

Children’s Message

Sermon Hymn: Within the Father’s House	LSB 410
Sermon	
Response Hymn: Christ Be My Leader	LSB 861
Nicene Creed	
Offering & Offertory	LSB 159
Prayer of the Church	
Lord’s Prayer	LSB 162
Collect for the Word	
Benediction	
Closing Hymn: Go Tell It on the Mountain	LSB 388

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January 4, 2026 –Second Sunday after Christmas

The Lord Jesus Is Found in the Temple of His Church

The Lord Jesus “grew and became strong” (Luke 2:40); He “increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man” (Luke 2:52). As His body grew and developed, His mind also increased in knowledge and understanding. For as our brother in the flesh, that we might “have redemption through his blood” (Eph. 1:7), He lived by faith in the Word of His Father. Thus, He was catechized by His parents, who took Him up “to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover” (Luke 2:41); and when He was of age, He gave attention to the Holy Scriptures in His Father’s house (Luke 2:46, 49). Christ Jesus is still found in His Church, in “the word of truth, the gospel,” by which we are adopted by His Father and sealed with His Spirit (Eph. 1:5, 13). Thus do we gain “an understanding mind” to go about our vocations, discerning “between good and evil” (1 Kings 3:9). And so do we also go up to Jerusalem to stand “before the ark of the covenant of the Lord” (1 Kings 3:15), that is, in the Holy Communion of His body and blood.



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 Mary Richardson in loving memory of her husband, Lloyd.

IN RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE:

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
12/24/2025 Christmas Eve Service	86	\$1449.99
12/25/2025 Christmas Day Service	60	\$1139.00
12/28/2025 Sunday Service	60	\$2497.00

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 and Dale Kletke

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

Zoey (Tangkawarow’s Family Member)

Dustin Kletke

Cody Atkinson (Dawn’s son)

Rod Willard

Robert Tangkawarow

Elaine Emery (Snyders’ friend)

Dale Kletke

Mary Richardson

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 – JANUARY 4, 2026- JANUARY 11, 2026

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

Sunday, January 4, 2026

- 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, January 5, 2026

- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

*HAPPY
BIRTHDAY*

*Tedi Tormohlen
Larry Vargas*

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

*HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY*

Joe & Lucy Brown

Thursday, January 8, 2026

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Friday, January 9, 2026

*HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY*

John & Dawn Atkinson

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

Saturday, January 10, 2026

*HAPPY
BIRTHDAY*

*Ethan Urban
Kaitlynn Hairell*

Sunday, January 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.

LWML MEETING: Saturday January 17 @ 9 am. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies of the congregation are invited.

MEMBER NEWS: Please notify newsletter editor Gail Kirkegaard of member activities and accomplishments so we can celebrate them in our monthly publication. E-mail office@stjohncanoncity.org. You can also put information and photos in her church mailbox. Please add your name so she can return photos. Make sure to write: "ATTENTION GAIL" for anything you want added to the newsletter.

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.

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.

Sermon Notes

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