



3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 25th, 2026

Opening Hymn: O God of God, O Light of Light

Divine Service Setting Four

Confession and Absolution

Introit



I will tell of your name to my | brothers;*
in the midst of the congregation I will | praise you.

**All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD,*
and all the families of the nations shall worship be- | fore you.**

For kingship belongs | to the LORD,*
and he rules over the | nations.

All the prosperous of the earth eat and | worship;*
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep him- | self alive.

Posterity shall | serve him;*
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming gener- | ation;

**they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people | yet unborn,*
that he has | done it.**

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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in the midst of the congregation I will | praise you.

LSB 810

LSB 203

Psalm 22:27–31; antiphon: v. 22

Kyrie

Gloria in Excelsis

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; 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

LSB 204

Isaiah 9:1–4

¹ There will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;

those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shined.
3You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.
4For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

¹⁰I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹²What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." ¹³Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:12–25

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.
C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹²When [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵"The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,
the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
¹⁶the people dwelling in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death,
on them a light has dawned."

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

¹⁸While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn: O Christ, Who Called the Twelve

LSB 856

Sermon

Apostles' Creed

LSB 207

Offering

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

LSB 208

Preface

LSB 209

Sanctus

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 209

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 210

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei

LSB 839

Distribution Hymns

O Christ, Our True and Only Light

LSB 412

The People That in Darkness Sat

LSB 211

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 212

Post-Communion Collect

LSB 643

Benedicamus & Benediction

Closing Hymn: Sent Forth by God's Blessing

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January 25, 2026 –Third Sunday after Epiphany

The Lord Manifests His Glory through His Office of the Holy Ministry

By His coming in the flesh and by His preaching and miracles, the Lord Jesus shines the light of His Gospel upon “the people who walked in darkness” and “who dwelt in a land of deep darkness” (Is. 9:2). He also has “multiplied the nation” and “increased its joy” (Is. 9:3) by calling disciples to Himself from the ends of the earth. For this purpose, He calls Peter and Andrew, with James and John, to follow Him and be “fishers of men” (Matt. 4:19). As Jesus did, they also go forth “proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people” (Matt. 4:23). They preach the foolishness of the cross of Christ as the very power and wisdom of God. This word and preaching of the cross divides “those who are perishing” from “us who are being saved” (1 Cor. 1:18), but it unites the Church, the one Body of Christ, “in the same mind and the same judgment” (1 Cor. 1:10).



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 Floral Fund.

IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:

01/18/2026 Sunday Service

Attendance

80

Contributions

\$3476.00

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)

Cody Atkinson (Dawn's son)

Pastor Dan Kletke

Rod Willard

Robert Tangkawarow

Elaine Emery (Snyders' friend)

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 25, 2026- FEBRUARY 1, 2026

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

Sunday, January 25, 2026

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

Monday, January 26, 2026

6:30 p.m. Confirmation

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

10:00 a.m. Bible Study



Levi Hairell

Friday, January 30, 2026



Collin Leason

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN – JANUARY 25, 2026- FEBRUARY 1, 2026

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

Saturday, January 31, 2026



Jeff Snyder

Sunday, February 1, 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



Sermon Notes

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please send all announcements for bulletins to 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.

FLORAL CHART: The Floral Chart for 2026 is now posted and has many openings if you would like to sign up. We will be trying something new and keep the flowers out for a two-week period, so we will only need sign-ups every other week. Please contact Sue Tangkawarow if you have any questions – (785)227-5653.

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.