

5th Sunday after Epiphany

February 8th, 2026

Opening Hymn: You Are the Way; through You Alone

Divine Service Setting Four

Confession and Absolution

Introit



Blessèd are you, | O LORD;*
teach me your | statutes!

How can a young man keep his | way pure?*

By guarding it according | to your word.

With my whole heart | seek you;*
let me not wander from your com- | mandments!

I have stored up your word | in my heart,*
that I might not sin a- | gainst you.

Blessèd are you, | O LORD;*
teach me your | statutes!

With my lips | I declare*

all the just decrees | of your mouth.

In the way of your testimonies | I delight*
as much as in all | riches.

I will meditate on your | precepts*
and fix my eyes | on your ways.

I will delight in your | statutes;*
I will not for- | get your word.

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.

Blessèd are you, | O LORD;*
teach me your | statutes!

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.

O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LSB 526

LSB 203

Psalm 119:9–16; antiphon: v. 12

LSB 204

Old Testament Reading

³“Why have we fasted, and you see it not?
Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?’
Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure,
and oppress all your workers.
⁴Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to hit with a wicked fist.
Fasting like yours this day
will not make your voice to be heard on high.
⁵Is such the fast that I choose,
a day for a person to humble himself?
Is it to bow down his head like a reed,
and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him?
Will you call this a fast,
and a day acceptable to the LORD?
⁶Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of wickedness,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover him,
and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?
⁸Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up speedily;
your righteousness shall go before you;
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’”

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

Epistle Reading

¹And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written,

Isaiah 58:3–9a

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the heart of man imagined,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. ¹³And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

¹⁴The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. ¹⁶“For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:13–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³[Jesus said:] “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn: God Has Spoken by His Prophets

LSB 583

Sermon

Apostles' Creed

LSB 207

Offering

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface	LSB 208
Sanctus	LSB 209
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Lord's Prayer	LSB 210
The Words of Our Lord	LSB 620
Pax Domini	LSB 580
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Jesus Comes Today with Healing	LSB 825
The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace	
Nunc Dimitis	
Post-Communion Collect	
Benedicamus & Benediction	
Closing Hymn: Rise, Shine, You People	

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The Righteousness of Christ

Jesus warns that “unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven” (Matt. 5:20), but He also calls His imperfect people “the salt of the earth” and “the light of the world” (Matt. 5:13, 14). That’s because the Lord Jesus came not to abolish the Law or the prophets, “but to fulfill them” (Matt. 5:17) in perfect faith and love. Since He does and teaches all of God’s commandments, He is “called great in the kingdom of heaven” (Matt. 5:19). God manifests His “demonstration of the Spirit and of power” in “Jesus Christ and him crucified” (1 Cor. 2:2–4), and through the preaching of the Gospel He gives His “secret and hidden wisdom” (1 Cor. 2:7). Christ gives this perfect righteousness to His people, and it leads them to true fasting, which is “to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free” (Is. 58:6) and “to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house” (Is. 58:7).



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 Michael and Katherine Dacey.

IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:
02/01/2026 Sunday Service

Attendance
89

Contributions
\$5097.97

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: 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 – FEBRUARY 8, 2026- FEBRUARY 15, 2026

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

Sunday, February 8, 2026

9:00 a.m. Divine Worship with Holy Communion
Reader: Brandon Booth
Communion Assistants: Brandon Booth & Dave Lehmpuhl
10:15 a.m. Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
11:30 a.m. Council Meeting

Monday, February 9, 2026

6:30 p.m. Confirmation

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Pastor Out of the Office -Circuit Pastors' Meeting

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

10:00 a.m. Bible Study



Lenny Williams



Leonard & Brenda Bosse

Thursday, February 12, 2026



Emmanuel Urban

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Saturday, February 14, 2026

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Nate Harms

**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY**

Carroll & Susan Smiley

Sunday, February 15, 2026

9:00 a.m. Divine Worship

10:15 a.m. Fellowship

10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class



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

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

LWML MEETING: Saturday February 21 @ 9 am in the Fellowship Hall.

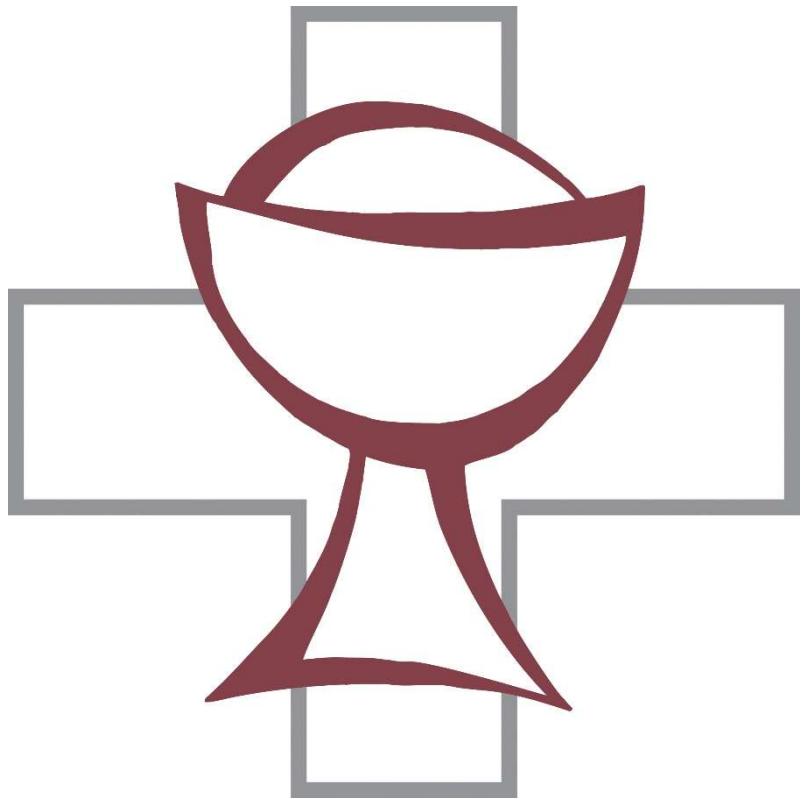
FLORAL CHART: The Floral Chart for 2026 is now posted and has many openings if you would like to sign up. We will be trying something new and keep the flowers out for a two-week period, so we will only need sign-ups every other week. Please contact Sue Tangkawarow if you have any questions – (785)227-5653.

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@stjohn canoncity.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