

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026**

**Opening Hymn: Evening and Morning**

LSB 726

**Divine Service Setting 1**

LSB 151

**Invocation**

**Confession & Absolution**

**Introit**

Psalm 30:1–5; antiphon: Psalm 149:1



Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a | new song,\*  
his praise in the assembly of the | godly!

**I will extol you, O LORD, for you have | drawn me up\*  
and have not let my foes rejoice | over me.**

O LORD my God, I cried to | you for help,\*  
and you have | healed me.

**O LORD, you have brought up my soul | from Sheol;\*  
you restored me to life from among those who go down | to the pit.**

Sing praises to the LORD, O | you his saints,\*  
and give thanks to his | holy name.

**For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a | lifetime.\***

**Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the | morning.**

**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.**

Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a | new song,\*  
his praise in the assembly of the | godly!

**Kyrie**

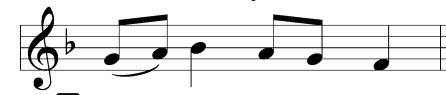
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**This is the Feast**

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**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

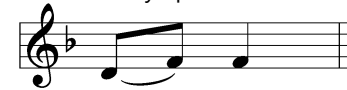
**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## First Reading

Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60

<sup>1</sup>Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. <sup>2</sup>And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. <sup>3</sup>Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. <sup>4</sup>But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” <sup>5</sup>And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. <sup>6</sup>These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

<sup>7</sup>And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

<sup>8</sup>And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. <sup>9</sup>Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. . . .

<sup>2</sup>And Stephen said:

“Brothers and fathers, hear me. . . .

<sup>51</sup>You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. <sup>52</sup>Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, <sup>53</sup>you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.”

<sup>54</sup>Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup>But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” <sup>57</sup>But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. <sup>58</sup>Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup>And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle Reading

1 Peter 2:2–10

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— <sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup>you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious,  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup>So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone,”

<sup>8</sup>and

“A stone of stumbling,  
and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia and Verse

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## Holy Gospel

John 14:1–14

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.



**G** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?”

<sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

<sup>12</sup>“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Children’s Message

**Sermon Hymn: You Are the Way; through You Alone**

LSB 526

## Sermon

**Response Hymn: Christ Be My Leader**

LSB 861

Nicene Creed  
Offering & Offertory  
Prayer of the Church  
Lord's Prayer  
Collect for the Word  
Benediction  
Closing Hymn: Christ the Eternal Lord

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LSB 829

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**May 3, 2026 –Fifth Sunday of Easter**

***The Lord Jesus Christ Is the Way, the Truth and the Life***

The risen Lord Jesus alone is “the way, and the truth, and the life,” and we come “to the Father” only through Him (John 14:6). God is thus “glorified in the Son,” and those who believe in Him will do the works of Christ because He goes to the Father for us (John 14:12–14). Stephen, “a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 6:5) and “doing great wonders and signs among the people” (Acts 6:8), did the works of Christ. When he was falsely accused and put to death, he “gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God” (Acts 7:55). Fixing his hope there, he commended his spirit to the Lord Jesus and prayed for his murderers. In the same way, all the baptized are called to follow the example of Christ Jesus by faith. Though He was “rejected by men” in the sight of God, He is “chosen and precious” (1 Peter 2:4). He is the chief cornerstone of the Father’s “spiritual house,” and we are built upon Him as “living stones” (1 Peter 2:5).



**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 Chuck and Sue Poehlein in celebration of their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and Sue’s birthday.

<b><u>IN RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE:</u></b>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
04/26/2026 Sunday Service	90	\$2586.00

**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:** Jake Langley (United States Navy), Jerrico Leason (United States Customs and Border Protection), and April Collins (Albuquerque Police Department), Dietrich Kletke (Hartsel Fire Department)

**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	Elaine Emery (Snyders' friend)
Zoey (Tangkawarow's Family Member)	Mary Richardson
Cody Atkinson (Dawn's son)	Toni Davidson
Pastor Dan Kletke	Lenny Williams
Don Kirkegaard	Donna Heldt
Steve Tabb	Lucy Brown

**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 – MAY 3, 2026, 2026- MAY 10, 2026**

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

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### **Sunday, May 3, 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.	Elders' Meeting

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### **Monday, May 4, 2026**

Pastor Dan Out of the Office – Tri-Circuit Conference

*HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY*

*Elias Urban*

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### **Tuesday, May 5, 2026**

Pastor Dan Out of the Office – Tri-Circuit Conference

*HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY*

*Rob and Sharon Godwin*

*HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY*

*Ean Urban*

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### **Wednesday, May 6, 2026**

Pastor Dan Out of the Office – Tri-Circuit Conference

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### **Thursday, May 7, 2026**

*HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY*

*Chuck & Sue Poehlein*

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**Friday, May 8, 2026**

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

*Dale Kletke  
Nathan Pegors  
Bill Pushchak*

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**Saturday, May 9, 2026**

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

*Sue Poehlein  
Carol Skoda*

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**Sunday, May 10, 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

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

**ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL GARAGE SALE:** This year's sale dates are Friday, June 12th from 8am – 2pm and Saturday, June 13th from 8am – 1pm. Drop off items ahead of the sale are on Wednesday, June 10th from 9am – 1pm or Thursday, June 11th from 1pm -5pm. Volunteers will be needed. Please watch for a sign-up sheet soon.

**ST. JOHN TRAIL MIX:** Hikers can find a folder of hike sign-up sheets on the counter by the church mailboxes. Hikes are from a half mile to about six miles. Thumb through them and sign up for those that interest you. Call Gail K. at 720-201-8743 to discuss alternative dates or to suggest other trails you would like to hike.

**SNAPSHOTS AROUND ST. JOHN:** Gail would like all activity leaders to please feel free to send her photos for church newsletters, such as youth group, Sunday School, LWML, men's breakfast, altar guild, fellowship, quilters, and so on. Email her at [office@stjohnncanoncity.org](mailto:office@stjohnncanoncity.org), attn: Gail. Thank you!

**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.

