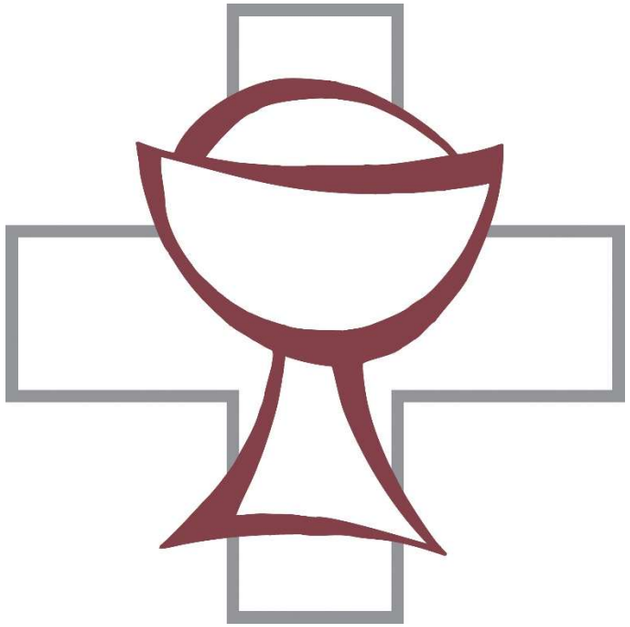
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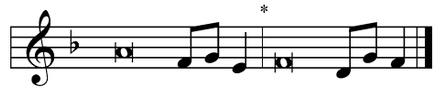
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Opening Hymn: O Lord, How Shall I Meet You LSB 334 sts. 1-3

Divine Service Setting Five LSB 213

Confession and Absolution

Introit Psalm 84:1, 9–12; antiphon: v. 3



Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may | lay her young,*
at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King | and my God.
How lovely is your | dwelling place,*
O | LORD of hosts!
Behold our shield, | O God;*
look on the face of your a- | nointed!
For a day in your courts is better than a thousand | elsewhere.*
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of | wickedness.
For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and | honor.*
No good thing does he withhold from those who walk up- | rightly.
O | LORD of hosts,*
blessèd is the one who | trusts in you!
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 944

Hymn of Praise: All Glory Be to God Alone LSB 948 sts. 1,5

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.
Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading Amos 5:18–24

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why would you have the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, and not light,
19 as if a man fled from a lion,
and a bear met him,
or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,

and a serpent bit him.
[20]Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
[21]"I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
[22]Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,
I will not look upon them.
[23]Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
[24]But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

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

Epistle Reading — 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

[13]But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14]For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. [15]For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. [16]For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. [17]Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. [18]Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

Holy Gospel — Matthew 25:1–13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[1][Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2]Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3]For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4]but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5]As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. [6]But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7]Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. [8]And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9]But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' [10]And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. [11]Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12]But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' [13]Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

Sermon Hymn: The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us — LSB 514
Apostles' Creed — LSB 207
Prayer of the Church
Offering

Service of the Sacrament — LSB 213

Preface
Sanctus — LSB 961
Lord's Prayer — LSB 217
The Words of Our Lord
Pax Domini
Agnus Dei — LSB 963
Distribution Hymns:
Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying — LSB 516
Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray — LSB 663
Post Communion Hymn: Lord, Bid Your Servant Go In Peace — LSB 937 sts 1,3
Post-Communion Collect — LSB 218
Benedicamus and Benediction
Closing Hymn: O Lord, How Shall I Meet You — LSB 334 sts. 4-6

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November 8, 2026 – Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

The Gospel Prepares Us for Our Heavenly Bridegroom's Coming

The Day of the Lord is "*darkness, and not light*" (Amos 5:18, 20) for all who trust in their own righteousness and piety. The Lord will not accept their "*burnt offerings and grain offerings,*" nor will He look upon their "*peace offerings*" (Amos 5:22). Instead, He desires a heart of faith that trusts in Him, which lets "*justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream*" (Amos 5:24) in love for the neighbor. In order for the "lamps" of our lives to burn brightly with such love, we must be filled with the "oil" of forgiveness through faith in our Bridegroom, Jesus Christ (Matt. 25:1–4). Therefore, as we await His coming, wisdom directs us "*to the dealers*" (Matt. 25:9), that is, to the ministers of His Gospel. Thus we wait upon the Lord, and we "*encourage one another with these words*" (1 Thess. 4:18). Waking or sleeping, we are prepared to meet Him when He comes "*with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God,*" and "*we will always be with the Lord*" (1 Thess. 4:16, 17).



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 Dave and Carla Lehmpuhl

IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:	Attendance	Contributions
11/01/2026 Sunday Service	73	$10,305.00

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, June Maw, Joan Foster, and Dale Kletke

CONGREGATIONAL SERVICE MEMBERS: Jake Langley (United States Navy), Jerrico Leason (United States Customs and Border Protection), April Collins (Albuquerque Police Department, and 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
Zoey (Tangkawarow's Family Member)
Pastor Dan Kletke
Tessa Sandoval
Sue Poehlein
Julie Barrett
Mary Richardson
Carolyn Westlund
Steve Tabb
Bob Kirkegaard

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.

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Sunday, November 8, 2026

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Reader: Dave Lehmpuhl
Communion Assistants: Dave Lehmpuhl
10:15 a.m. Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
11:30 a.m. Council Meeting

Monday, November 9, 2026

6:30 p.m. Confirmation

Wednesday, November 11, 2026

Veteran's Day
10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Thursday, November 12, 2026



Ron Smith

Saturday, November 14, 2026

9:00 a.m. Royal Gorge Quilt Council
10:00 a.m. LWML Meeting

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

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

LADIES' SOCIETY LWML MEETING: Saturday, November 14 @ 10 am. We will meet at church. We will be preparing the shut-in food gifts and planning the December Christmas Brunch. All ladies are welcome.

GREETING CARD RACK MISSION: Our dear Mary Richardson has cared for the greeting card rack for many years but is no longer able. Please contact Angela Bellantoni or Toni Davidson if you are interested in this mission.

NEWSLETTER CORRECTION: Gail apologizes for getting the birth date wrong for Alison Stevens. It is actually November 20th.

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@stjohncanoncity.org, attention: 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. Also let her know if it is changed or canceled so our information is correct. Thank you.

Sermon Notes