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St. John Lutheran Church

Cañon City, Colorado

We Rejoice in Christ's Saving Love and Gladly Share It!

25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 15th, 2026

Opening Hymn: The Day Is Surely Drawing Near LSB 508 sts. 1-4

Divine Service Setting Five LSB 213

Confession and Absolution

Introit



Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!*
In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!
Enter not into judgment with your | servant,*
for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.
I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that | you have done;*
I ponder the work | of your hands.
I stretch out my | hands to you;*
my soul thirsts for you like a | parched land.
Teach me to do your will, for you | are my God!*
Let your good Spirit lead me on | level ground!
For your name's sake, O LORD, pre- | serve my life!*
In your righteousness bring my soul out of | trouble!
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.
Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!*
In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!

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.

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; 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 Zephaniah 1:7–16

7 Be silent before the Lord GOD!
For the day of the LORD is near;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice
and consecrated his guests.
8 And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—

"I will punish the officials and the king's sons
and all who array themselves in foreign attire.
9On that day I will punish
everyone who leaps over the threshold,
and those who fill their master's house
with violence and fraud.
10"On that day," declares the LORD,
"a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,
a wail from the Second Quarter,
a loud crash from the hills.
11Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!
For all the traders are no more;
all who weigh out silver are cut off.
12At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the men
who are complacent,
those who say in their hearts,
'The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do ill.'
13Their goods shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them."
14The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;
the mighty man cries aloud there.
15A day of wrath is that day,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
16a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

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

Epistle Reading — 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

1Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. 2For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. 4But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. 5For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. 6So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. 7For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. 8But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. 11Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

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

Holy Gospel — Matthew 25:14–30

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

14[Jesus said:] "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. 15To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. 17So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. 18But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. 19Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' 21His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' 22And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' 23His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' 24He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, 25so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? 27Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. 28So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. 29For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. 30And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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

Children's Message
Sermon Hymn: How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord — LSB 853
Sermon
Response Hymn: Spread the Reign of God the Lord — LSB 830
Apostles' Creed — LSB 207
Offering
Prayer of the Church
Lord's Prayer
Collect for the Word
Benedicamus and Benediction — LSB 218
Closing Hymn: The Day Is Surely Drawing Near — LSB 508 sts. 5-7

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November 15, 2026 – Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

God's Gift of Forgiveness Engenders Our Forgiveness of Others

The Day of the Lord is "*near and hastening fast,*" and it will be "*a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation*" (Zeph. 1:14, 15). The Lord will search out and punish "*the men who are complacent*" concerning His Word, "*who fill their master's house with violence and fraud*" (Zeph. 1:9, 12). Then all their works and efforts will be for nothing: "*Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them*" (Zeph. 1:13). But those who fear, love and trust in the Lord are "*good and faithful*" stewards of His property (Matt. 25:21). They live by faith in His free gift of forgiveness, and they multiply His goods in the loving forgiveness of their neighbor, and "*the master of those servants*" settles His accounts with them by the gracious reckoning of His Gospel (Matt. 25:19). Likewise, "*God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ*" (1 Thess. 5:9). Therefore, let us also "*put on the breastplate of faith and love*" in our dealings with one another (1 Thess. 5:8).



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
11/08/2026	Sunday Service	88	$5476.00

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
Bob Kirkegaard
Helen Wallin
Hope Kasholo & baby (Sarah Bedford's daughter)
Tom Haynie (Gerri's son)
Steve Tabb
Carol Smiley

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 – NOVEMBER 15, 2026- NOVEMBER 22, 2026

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

Sunday, November 15, 2026

9:00 a.m. Divine Worship
Reader: Donna Heldt
10:15 a.m. Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Voters' Meeting

Monday, November 16, 2026

6:30 p.m. Confirmation



Nichole Harms
Allan Tormohlen

Tuesday, November 17, 2026



Gene & Joan Foster



Mona Appel

Wednesday, November 18, 2026

10:00 a.m. Bible Study
6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group

Thursday, November 19, 2026

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

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Friday, November 20, 2026



John Trujillo
Alison Stevens

Saturday, November 21, 2026

10:30a.m. Memorial Service for James Baugh

Sunday, November 22, 2026

9:00 a.m. Divine Worship with Holy Communion
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 December Parish Paper are due TODAY. Please email any articles to Office@StJohnCanonCity.org. Thanks.

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