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St. John Lutheran Church
Cañon City, Colorado
We Rejoice in Christ's Saving Love and Gladly Share It!

Last Sunday of the Church Year

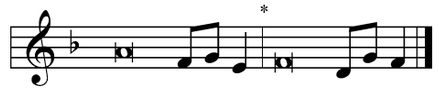
November 22nd, 2026

Opening Hymn: Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment LSB 511

Divine Service Setting Five LSB 213

Confession and Absolution

Introit Psalm 39:4–5a, 7–8, 12; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13 NIV



In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a | new earth,*
the home of | righteousness.
O Lord, make me know my end and what is the measure | of my days;*
let me know how fleeting | I am!
Behold, you have made my days a few | handbreadths,*
and my lifetime is as nothing be- | fore you.
And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait?*
My hope | is in you.
Deliver me from all my trans- | gressions.*
Do not make me the scorn | of the fool!
Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace | at my tears!*
For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my | fathers.
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

℗ The Lord be with you.
℃ **And also with you.**

℗ Let us pray.
Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
℃ **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

11 "For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. 12 As a
shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep,
and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.
13 And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their
own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the

country. [14]I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. [15]I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. [16]I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. . . .

[20]"Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. [21]Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, [22]I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. [23]And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. [24]And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken."

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

Epistle Reading — 1 Corinthians 15:20–28

[20]But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. [21]For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. [22]For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. [23]But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. [24]Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. [25]For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. [26]The last enemy to be destroyed is death. [27]For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. [28]When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

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Holy Gospel — Matthew 25:31–46

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

[31][Jesus said:] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. [32]Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. [33]And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. [34]Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. [35]For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, [36]I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' [37]Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? [38]And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? [39]And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' [40]And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

[41]"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. [42]For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, [43]I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' [44]Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' [45]Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' [46]And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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

Sermon Hymn: Where Charity and Love Prevail — LSB 845
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:
- **Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread** — LSB 625
- **Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence** — LSB 621
- **The Clouds of Judgment Gather** — LSB 513

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: Crown Him with Many Crowns — LSB 525

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November 22, 2026 – Last Sunday of the Church Year

By the Cross of Christ, We Enter the Kingdom of Our God and Father

When the crucified and risen Lord Jesus comes to judge the living and the dead, "*he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats*" (Matt. 25:32). "*To those on his right,*" who have been crucified and raised with Him through repentance and faith in His Gospel, He will grant the blessed kingdom of His Father (Matt. 25:34). Having been justified by His grace, they live unto righteousness in Him (Matt. 25:35–40). But "*those on his left,*" who trust in themselves and despise their neighbor, will depart "*into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels*" (Matt. 25:41). Until that day, the Lord searches for His sheep "*as a shepherd seeks out his flock*" (Ezek. 34:11–12). Through His preaching of repentance, He disciplines the proud sheep and goats, "*the fat and the strong,*" but through the preaching of forgiveness He rescues the lost, binds up the injured, strengthens the weak and feeds "*the lean sheep*" (Ezek. 34:16, 20). In this way, He destroys the power of death in the children of Adam by His cross, so that "*in Christ shall all be made alive*" by His resurrection (1 Cor. 15:20–26).



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.

IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:		Attendance	Contributions
11/15/2026	Sunday Service	80	$15,439.00

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
Curtis Eulert
Hope Kasholo & baby (Sarah Bedford's daughter)
Tom Haynie (Gerri's son)
Steve Tabb
Carroll Smiley
George Yeatts

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

Sunday, November 22, 2026

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9:00 a.m. Divine Worship with Holy Communion
Reader: Dave Lehmpuhl
Communion Assistant: Dave Lehmpuhl
10:15 a.m. Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

Wednesday, November 25, 2026

7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service

Thursday, November 26, 2026

Thanksgiving Day – Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 28, 2026



Ryan Thom



Danny & Kathy Walker

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

ADVENT DEVOTIONS: Advent Devotional books are now available in the narthex.

PARISH PAPER: The December Parish Paper is now available. If you did not receive one in your email inbox, please make sure to pick up a copy in the narthex.

LADIES' CHRISTMAS BRUNCH: will be Saturday, December 12 at 10:00 a.m. Katherine Dacey will make a presentation about the local Bridge Youth Ministry. The holiday fun will be a cookie exchange. Please bring 3 dozen of your favorite Christmas cookie or treat packaged into 6 bags of 6 cookies or treats. All ladies of the congregation are invited. Consider inviting a friend or family member to the fellowship time. Please indicate your intention to attend on the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall

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.

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