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**Rev. Randy Fischer, Pastor**

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**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

*8:30 a.m.*

*November 10, 2024*

**Divine Service, Setting Four with Holy Communion, *LSB* p. 203**

***Confession and Absolution***

**Hymn of Invocation: 907 God Himself Is Present**

*Stand*

**Invocation and Exhortation**

*LSB 203*

**Confession of Sins**

*LSB 203*

**Prayer for Forgiveness**

***Service of the Word***

**Introit**

*Psalm 107:1–2, 41–42; antiphon: v. 8*

Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,

**for his wondrous works to the children of men!**

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

**for his steadfast love endures forever!**

Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,

**whom he has redeemed from trouble.**

He raises up the needy out of affliction

**and makes their families like flocks.**  
The upright see it and are glad,  
**and all wickedness shuts its mouth.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,  
**for his wondrous works to the children of men!**

**Kyrie**

*LSB 204*

**Gloria in Excelsis**

*LSB 204*

**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. Grant us so firmly to believe in Your Son Jesus 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.**

*Sit*

**Old Testament Reading**

*1 Kings 17:8–16*

<sup>8</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], <sup>9</sup>“Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” <sup>10</sup>So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” <sup>11</sup>And as she

was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.”<sup>12</sup> And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.”<sup>13</sup> And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son.”<sup>14</sup> For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’”<sup>15</sup> And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days.<sup>16</sup> The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Hebrews 9:24–28*

<sup>24</sup>For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.<sup>25</sup> Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own,<sup>26</sup> for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.<sup>27</sup> And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,<sup>28</sup> so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse**

*LSB 205*

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 12:38–44*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the twelfth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>38</sup>In his teaching [Jesus] said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces <sup>39</sup>and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, <sup>40</sup>who devour widows’ houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

<sup>41</sup>And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup>And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. <sup>43</sup>And he called his disciples to him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. <sup>44</sup>For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

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

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

## Nicene Creed

*LSB 206*

*Sit*

## Hymn of the Day: 787 The Temple Rang with Golden Coins

## Sermon: Thinking Like a Poor Widow?

*Mark 12:38-44*

*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

# *Service of the Sacrament*

## Preface

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## Sanctus

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## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Lord's Prayer**

*LSB 209*

**The Words of Our Lord**

**Pax Domini**

**Agnus Dei**

*LSB 210*

*Sit*

**Distribution**

**Distribution Hymn: 627 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior** *vv.1-5,9-10*

**Distribution Hymn: 738 Lord of All Hopefulness**

**The Dismissal**

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**

*LSB 211*

**Post-Communion Collect**

**Benedicamus and Benediction**

*LSB 212*

**Hymn to Depart: 801 How Great Thou Art**

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**Please place your offerings in the plate at the back of church.**

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR...

- ★ Raylyn Duncan (daughter of Jace and Cassie Liefer Duncan), Monica Hussey (daughter of Dorothy Zipfel), Art and Gladys Thies, Linda Schulz, Dianna Wegener, Delbert Kueker, Teddy Schrader, Brian Ruez, Carolyn Fink, Dawn Ruez, Dorothy Zipfel, Sarah Kueker, Susan Sochowski, Paul Liefer, Robert Veath, Jace Duncan, Mary Braun, Dorothy Krause
- ★ Comfort for family, church family, and friends of Doris Liefer who passed away on November 1
- ★ Comfort for family, church family, and friends of Barb Koester who was laid to rest on October 31
- ★ Thanksgiving for the safe and healthy birth of a son, Frankie Isaac, to Hannah Ruez
- ★ Jace Duncan (husband of Cassie (Liefer) Duncan), Ryan Nehrt, Tanner Valleroy (nephew to Brian Liefer), and all others who are members of the Military, Police, and Firefighters
- ★ If you'd like to send a card to **Mark and Susan Sochowski** and family, the address is 104 Boulder Drive, Red Bud, IL
- ★ **Dorothy Krause** is living in Apartment 9 at Garden Place in Red Bud, but her family asks you to send cards to her in care of Dale Krause, 8311 St. Leo's Road, Evansville, IL 62242. Dale's family will take the cards to her.
- ★ **Dorothy Zipfel** is now living in Freeburg Care Center. The address is 746 Urbana Drive, Freeburg, IL 62243
- ★ **Delbert Kueker** is living at R&R Country Care Senior Living Center, 1026 Janet Drive, Ruma, IL 62278

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR CHURCH

Organist Diann Scherle

### Sunday School Teachers

Amanda Roedl, Sunday School director and 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade;  
Kaley Roedl, pre-school through 4<sup>th</sup> grade; Joy Meyer, handbells.

## **Officers**

Dennis Phegley, chairman; Deb McCutcheon, secretary; Diann Scherle, treasurer; Jill Phegley, assistant treasurer; Brian Liefer, Jonathan Mehring, and Tim Schrader, elders; Matt Roedl, Jeff Schlueter, and Lloyd Schoenbeck, trustees.

**Stewardship Committee** (responsible for the Bible presentation series) Rachel Mehring and Jill Phegley from St. John's; Troy Birch and Nathan Koester from St. Peter's.

## **TO SHARE INFORMATION**

**Church Council:** Dennis Phegley, chairman (282-2985); Brian Liefer, elder (618-570-4958); Jonathan Mehring, elder (618-363-0066); Timothy Schrader, elder (618-363-1579).

**Church Bulletin:** By Wednesday afternoon, send email to Deb at church address (stjohnlutheranruma@gmail.com), text her at 618.980.7033, or give her a written note at church.

**Church Facebook Page:** Directly message *StJohnEvLutheranChurchRumaIL*, send an email to the church email address (above), or text Deb (above) and ask to have your information posted.

## **TO CONTACT PASTOR FISCHER**

Call him at 618.670.7736 or email him at [rjfischer92@yahoo.com](mailto:rjfischer92@yahoo.com). Pastor is, in most cases, in the Ruma area at least one day a week besides Sunday and is happy to make an appointment to speak with you in person.

## **FOR MORE ONLINE INFORMATION**

**Church Facebook Page:** *StJohnEvLutheranRumaIL* for Sunday School activities and church news updates.

**Church Website:** Check the website for the week's bulletin, a calendar of church activities, and links to all things LCMS. Look for us at [www.stjohnlutheranruma.com](http://www.stjohnlutheranruma.com).

## **PLEASE CONSIDER SERVING OUR CHURCH FAMILY...**

**By purchasing our Ladies Aid Apple Butter for only \$5 a pint or \$8 a quart:** The Ladies Aid uses the money to buy items for our church and for area food pantries. They also donate to COSHLS and LWML. See Pearl May or Marlene Ling to buy a jar.

**By working with the Sochowski family** as Susan recovers from a stroke. At our request, Mark has provided a list of concrete ways we can help. A copy of the list is available on the pew in back of church.

**By leaving non-perishable food items** in the back of church. The Ladies Aid/LWML members are collecting for area food pantries.

**By donating toward our new 2024 Lutheran Heritage Foundation Mission Project for 2024...** The new LHF mission project will focus on children in West Africa. Every \$5.00 donation provides a beautiful hardcover Bible storybook for children in languages like Kpelle, Bassa, or Kono. **Write West Africa in the memo line of your check or on an envelope with cash.** We will send collected money to LHF at the end of each quarter in 2024. *Check out Diann's bulletin board display just outside the Fellowship Hall for more information.*

**By bringing altar flowers:** We have purchased live Peace Lilies for the altar, but you are still welcome to provide fresh flowers for a special occasion or just because. Check the sign-up list in the Fellowship Hall to see what months are available. Please let Deb know by Wednesday afternoon so she can acknowledge the gift and occasion in the bulletin.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**TODAY:** Sunday School students will meet in their classroom after the worship service.

**Today through Nov. 24:** Deb will collect money for poinsettias.

**Monday, Nov. 11:** Bible Study will resume here in the Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m. Our new topic: the Old Testament book of Jonah.



**Sunday, Nov. 17 – Sunday, Dec. 22:** Sunday School students will meet each Sunday after the worship service to practice for their Christmas program.

**Monday, Nov. 18:** Bible Study will be held at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This will be the last session until Monday, Jan. 6.

**Thursday, Nov. 28:** St. John's/St. Peter's Joint **Thanksgiving Day** worship service begins at 8:30 a.m. **here.**

**Sunday, Dec. 1:** The last day to let Jill know that you would like to purchase a subscription to The Lutheran Witness for 2025. The cost is \$27.85 for 11 issues (June and July are combined.)

**Wednesdays, Dec. 4, 11, and 18:** Midweek Advent Services at St. Peter's. Hymn Sing begins at 6:15 p.m. Worship service begins at 6:30 p.m. More information on this year's Advent worship theme next week.

**Sunday, Dec. 22:** Sunday School Christmas Program, 4 p.m.

**Tuesday, Dec. 24:** Christmas Eve Candlelight service here at 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Dec. 25:** Joint Christmas Day service at St. Peter's at 8:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, Dec. 31:** Joint New Year's Eve service at 6:30 p.m. at St. Peter's.



# Christ Our Savior

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

**Donkey Basketball:** The *COS* FFA will be hosting a donkey basketball game on Nov. 11 at 6:30 p.m. We will be recognizing our veterans that evening, and would like veterans to make up one of our teams. If you are a veteran or active duty and would like to participate, please contact Lisa Luebkekmann 618-713-7125.

To receive the advance ticket price of \$8 call 618-853-7300, at the door it will be \$10. Admission for veterans and military is half-price.

***COS* Basketball Games** for both the boys and girls teams will start in December.

**School Hours:** Office hours are Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

**The mission of Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School is to provide a Christ-centered and academically excellent education.**