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**Lutheran Church Missouri Synod**  
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**Rev. Randy Fischer, Pastor**

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**21st Sunday after Pentecost**

**8:30 a.m.**

**October 13, 2024**

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

***Confession and Absolution***

**Hymn of Invocation: 915 Today Your Mercy Calls Us**

*Stand*

**Invocation and Exhortation**

*LSB 203*

**Confession of Sins**

*LSB 203*

**Prayer for Forgiveness**

***Service of the Word***

**Introit**

*Psalm 112:3–6; antiphon: v. 1*

Praise the LORD! Blessèd is the man who fears the LORD,

**who greatly delights in his commandments!**

Wealth and riches are in his house,

**and his righteousness endures forever.**

Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;

**he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

It is well with the man who deals generously and lends;

**who conducts his affairs with justice.**

For the righteous will never be moved;  
**he will be remembered forever.**

**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.**

Praise the LORD! Blessèd is the man who fears the LORD,  
**who greatly delights in his commandments!**

**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.

Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us, help us to forsake all trust in earthly gain and to find in You our heavenly treasure; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

**Old Testament Reading**

*Amos 5:6–7, 10–15*

<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD and live,  
lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph,  
and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel,

<sup>7</sup>O you who turn justice to wormwood  
and cast down righteousness to the earth! . . .

<sup>10</sup>They hate him who reproves in the gate,  
and they abhor him who speaks the truth.

<sup>11</sup>Therefore because you trample on the poor  
and you exact taxes of grain from him,  
you have built houses of hewn stone,  
but you shall not dwell in them;  
you have planted pleasant vineyards,  
but you shall not drink their wine.

<sup>12</sup>For I know how many are your transgressions  
and how great are your sins—  
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,  
and turn aside the needy in the gate.

<sup>13</sup>Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time,  
for it is an evil time.

<sup>14</sup>Seek good, and not evil,  
that you may live;  
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,  
as you have said.

<sup>15</sup>Hate evil, and love good,  
and establish justice in the gate;  
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,  
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Hebrews 3:12–19*

<sup>12</sup>Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil,  
unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God.

<sup>13</sup>But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,”  
that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. <sup>14</sup>For  
we share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm  
to the end. <sup>15</sup>As it is said,

“Today, if you hear his voice,  
do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”

<sup>16</sup>For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all  
those who left Egypt led by Moses? <sup>17</sup>And with whom was he  
provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose  
bodies fell in the wilderness? <sup>18</sup>And to whom did he swear that

they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient?  
<sup>19</sup>So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse**

*LSB 205*

**Holy Gospel**

*Mark 10:17–22*

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

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

<sup>17</sup>As [Jesus] was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>18</sup>And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’” <sup>20</sup>And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.” <sup>21</sup>And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” <sup>22</sup>Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

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

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

**Nicene Creed**

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day: 555 Salvation unto Us Has Come**

*vs 1-4, 9-10*

**Sermon: Love Involves Giving-up and Giving!**

*Mark 10:17-22*

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

*Service of the Sacrament*

**Preface** *LSB 208*

**Sanctus** *LSB 208*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Lord's Prayer** *LSB 209*

**The Words of Our Lord**

**Pax Domini**

**Agnus Dei** *LSB 210*

*Sit*

**Distribution**

**Distribution Hymn: 631 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face**

**Distribution Hymn: 712 Seek Ye First**

**The Dismissal**

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis** *LSB 211*

**Post-Communion Collect**

**Benedicamus and Benediction** *LSB 212*

**Hymn to Depart: 694 Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower**

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

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

- ★ Monica Hussey (daughter of Dorothy Zipfel), Art and Gladys Thies, Linda Schulz, Dianna Wegener, Delbert Kueker, Teddy Schrader, Brian Ruez, Carolyn Fink, Eric Braun, Dawn Ruez, Dorothy Zipfel, Sarah Kueker, Susan Sochowski, Paul Liefer, Robert Veath, Jace Duncan, Mary Braun, Dorothy Krause
- ★ Thanksgiving that Brian Liefer and all working to repair the dangerous sink hole in Alton have secured most of the affected areas and are now able to work in relative safety
- ★ 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.stjohnlutheranrumba.com](http://www.stjohnlutheranrumba.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 immediately after the worship service.

**Mondays, Oct. 14 and 21:** Bible Study will resume at St. Peter's at 6 p.m. We will watch a video based on the Gospel of Matthew both nights.

**Sunday, Oct. 27:** We will offer Holy Communion from the **Common Cup** on the **fourth Sunday** of each month. Individual cups will still be available on the fourth Sunday for anyone who prefers that method of receiving the blessing of Holy Communion. Pastor will offer individual cups first. Then, he will offer the Common Cup.

**Now through Sunday, Nov. 3:** Order Fresh Evergreens to support our Tuition Fund! Greenery will be ready for pickup/delivery before Thanksgiving. See flyer for more information.

**Sunday, Nov. 3:** The Ladies Aid at Zion Lutheran Church will host a Bazaar with soup, sandwiches, and desserts. Festivities begin at 11 a.m. and continue through 2 p.m. See flyer for more information

**Sunday, Nov. 3:** Members of our congregation are invited to wish Pastor Terry Grebing and his wife, Diane, a happy retirement at a celebration from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Renault.

**Thursday, Nov. 7:** LWML Lower Kaskaskia Zone Fall Fellowship at Holy Cross, Renault. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Opening devotion is at 9 a.m. The guest speaker will be from Sleep in Heavenly Peace, a non-profit dedicated to providing beds to children in need. See [www.shpbeds.org](http://www.shpbeds.org) for more information about the organization.

**Now through Sunday, Dec. 1:** Let Jill know if 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.)



# Christ Our Savior

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

**Annual Dinner Auction:** Reservations for the Dinner Auction on Saturday, November 2 are \$35 ea. or \$245 for a table of 8. Please send in your reservations by October 15. You can email your reservation to [auction@coslhs.org](mailto:auction@coslhs.org). Our mail has been delayed at times, emailing your reservation will ensure that we receive it by the 15<sup>th</sup>. We are still collecting items for the silent and live auction. Drop your items off at school or call to arrange for someone to pick up your donation.

**Boys and Girls Basketball Coaches needed.** If you know of someone who would be willing to coach our boys or girls teams, please contact Lisa Luebkekmann.

**Volleyball:** We have a home game on October 17 at 6:00 p.m. against Christian Outreach. On October 18, we will be playing the *COS* Alumni for Senior Night at 6:00 p.m. Come cheer for the Soldiers!

**Trap:** October 19 and 20 the COS Trap Team will be participating at WRSC.

**DQ Fundraiser:** The DQ in Sparta is donating a portion of their sales to *COS* on Monday, Thursday, Nov. 7, from 4 p.m. – 11 p.m. Enjoy a meal and support *Christ Our Savior* at the same time!

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