

St. John's Lutheran Church, Ruma

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3rd Sunday in Lent

10:00 a.m.

March 8, 2026

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

Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation: 435 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

Stand

Invocation

Exhortation

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Confession of Sins

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Prayer for Forgiveness

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 84:1-4; antiphon: v. 5

Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.
How lovely is your dwelling place,

O LORD of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;

my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

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.

Blessèd are those who dwell in your house,

ever singing your praise!

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.

Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,

in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis (Omitted during Lent)

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

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P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 17:1–7

P The Old Testament Reading is from Exodus, chapter 17.

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵And the LORD said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 5:1–8

P The Epistle is from Romans, chapter 5.

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person— though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

John 4:5–26

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁵[Jesus] came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob’s well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

⁷There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” ⁸(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” ¹¹The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.” ¹³Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” ¹⁵The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”

¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.”
¹⁷The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.” ¹⁹The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.” ²¹Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” ²⁶Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

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

Nicene Creed

LSB 206

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 609 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

verses 1-5

Sermon: Water in the Wilderness

Exodus 17:1-7

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS

***for healing and strength** for Mark, Becky, Helen and Paul, Cara, David, Elaine, Sarah, Art and Gladys, Linda, Delbert, Brian, Dawn, Susan, Robert, Jace, Mary, and Dorothy

***for all members of the military, police, and firefighters including** Jace and Ryan.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR CHURCH

Organist Diann Scherle

Sunday School Teachers

Amanda Roedl, Sunday School director and 5th through 8th grade;
Kaley Roedl, pre-school through 4th 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 Byron Schlueter, trustees.

TO CONTACT PASTOR WINTERFELDT

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TO SHARE INFORMATION

Church Council: Dennis Phegley, chairman; Brian Liefer, elder; Jonathan Mehring, elder; Timothy Schrader, elder.

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

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

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.

Pastor's YouTube Channel:

If you are unable to attend services or want to listen again to a particular sermon, go to "jwinterfel" on YouTube where Pastor posts a recording of each week's service. You will also find video recordings of each of the six Bible Presentations for 2026.

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. **The shelves are restocked with fresh apple butter!**

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 Lutheran Heritage Foundation Mission Project for 2026... This year's project will once again project will once again focus on children in Ghana. Every \$5.00 donation provides a beautiful hardcover Bible storybook for children in the Kusaal language. **Write Ghana 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 2026. *Check out Diann's bulletin board display just outside the Fellowship Hall for more information.*

By donating to Trinity Lutheran School to help pay teacher salaries. A letter from Trinity explaining the need is posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. You can mail your donation directly or put it in an envelope marked Trinity Lutheran School and leave the envelope in our collection plate. Jill and Diann will forward the money.

By bringing altar flowers: You are 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 service.

TODAY: St. John's Lutheran, Baldwin, "All You Can Eat" Chicken Dinner from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. 1/2 chicken dinners with sides available for carry-outs. Proceeds will benefit the Lutheran schools in Red Bud, Prairie, Steepleville, and Chester. See flyer in the Fellowship Hall for more information.

TODAY: Trinity Lutheran, Millstadt, is hosting an all-you-can-eat Spaghetti Dinner from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. See the flyer in the Fellowship Hall for more information.

Wednesday, Mar. 11: Midweek Lent worship moves here at St. John's at 6:30p.m.

Friday, Mar. 13: St. Peter United Church of Christ, Red Bud, Fish Fry from 4-7 p.m. Indoor dining and indoor pick-up. The elevator is in service. See the flyer in the Fellowship Hall for more information.

Thursday, Mar. 26: LWML Spring Renewal at Immanuel Lutheran Church, West Point. Registration begins at 8:30. Devotions begin at 9 a.m. "Compassion, Forgiveness, and Mercy" is the theme.

Tuesday, Mar. 31: The last day to direct your Thrivent Choice dollars to the charity or charities of your choice. You can direct dollars online or by calling your Thrivent representative. If you direct dollars to our church, let Jill know which account you want your dollars to benefit.