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Rev. Randy Fischer, Pastor

Last Sunday of the Church Year

8:30 a.m.

November 24, 2024

Divine Service, Setting One with Holy Communion *LSB* p. 151

Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation: 336 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

Stand

Invocation and Exhortation

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Confession of Sins and Absolution

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Service of the Word

Introit

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

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 before you.

And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

My hope is in you.

Deliver me from all my transgressions.

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!

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.

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the home of righteousness.

Kyrie

LSB 152

This Is the Feast

LSB 155

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.

Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 51:4–6

P The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, chapter 51.

⁴“Give attention to me, my people,
and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me,
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵My righteousness draws near,

my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will judge the peoples;
the coastlands hope for me,
and for my arm they wait.
⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Jude 20–25

P The Epistle is from Jude, chapter 1.

²⁰But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; ²¹keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. ²²And have mercy on those who doubt; ²³save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

²⁴Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, ²⁵to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Mark 13:24–37

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

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

²⁴[Jesus said:] “In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— ³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

Sermon: "They Will See!"

Mark 13:24-37

Stand

Nicene Creed

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Prayer of the Church

Offertory

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Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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Sanctus

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

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The Words of Our Lord

Proclamation of Christ

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Lord's Prayer

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Pax Domini

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Agnus Dei

LSB 163

Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymn: 639 Wide Open Stand the Gates

Distribution Hymn: 836 O God of Light

The Dismissal

Stand

Thank the Lord

LSB 164

Post-Communion Collect

Benediction

LSB 166

Hymn to Depart: 663 Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

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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
- ★ 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 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 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. 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.

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.

Thank you to Doris Liefer's family for the beautiful flowers on our altar today.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday School students will meet in church to practice for their Sunday School program.

TODAY: The last day Deb will be collecting money for poinsettias.

Thursday, Nov. 28: St. John's/St. Peter's Joint **Thanksgiving Day** worship service with Holy Communion 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.)

Saturday, Dec. 7: COSLHS Christmas Choir Concert at St. Peter's begins at 2 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 7: Breakfast with Baby Jesus is an event is hosted by St. John Lutheran Church, Baldwin, from 9:00 am – 11:00 am in the school gym. They only ask that you please bring at least one canned food item per child. The items will be donated to the Baldwin Food Pantry. This event is for children **8 years old and younger with supervising adult(s)**. Join us in singing, hearing the story of the birth of baby Jesus, and enjoying some donuts, pastries, milk, and orange juice. **Please R.S.V.P. by December 1st** by contacting Jeff Rowald (314) 920-6996 or Clint Reiman (618) 318-1143. See flyer in the Fellowship Hall.

Saturday, Dec. 7: Open House at St. John's Lutheran Church, Chester from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to celebrate their 175th anniversary. See the decorated church along with a display of nativities, learn about the memorial gifts given in celebration of the church's centennial celebration that are still being used today as well as the changes in the altar area that have been done over the years and many other features and symbols in the sanctuary. Refreshments will be served. Website: <https://www.sjshornets.com/>

Advent, Christmas, and New Year's Eve Worship Schedule

Midweek Advent Vesper Services will be at St. Peter's

This year's theme is "Let Earth Receive Her King."

Hymn Sing begins at 6:15 p.m. each evening.

Worship service begins at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 4: Midweek Advent theme: "Let God's People Receive Their King!" The meditation is based on Matthew 2:3 and John 1:10-12.

Wednesday, Dec. 11: Midweek Advent theme: "Let the Romans Receive Their King." The meditation is based on Revelation 19:16.

Wednesday, Dec. 18: Midweek Advent theme: "Let Today's Earth Receive Her King!" The meditation is based on 1Timothy 2:5.

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

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

Tuesday, Dec. 24: St. Peter's Sunday School Christmas Eve program begins at 6:30 p.m. **at St. Peter's**

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

FFA Fundraiser: Our FFA is currently selling Stonie’s Snack Sticks. The price is \$1.25 each. Contact an FFA member or call school to get yours.

COS Christmas Choir Concert: Make plans to attend our Christmas Choir Concert at St. Peter’s in Evansville on December 7 at 2:00 p.m.

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.

Registration for second semester 2024-2025 is available! If you know a high school student, encourage them to consider Christ Our Savior Lutheran High school. Call 853-7300 to schedule a shadow day or a private tour. Learn more and download a registration form from our website, www.coslhs.org. Registration for 2025-2026 will begin in January.

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