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Rev. Jonathan Winterfeldt, Pastor

Reformation Sunday

10:00 a.m.

October 26, 2025

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

Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation: 578 Thy Strong Word

Stand

Invocation and Exhortation

LSB 151

Confession of Sins and Absolution

LSB 151

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 34:1–2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,
and shall not be put to shame.

I will bless the LORD at all times;

his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

glad let the humble hear and be.

Come, O children, listen to me;

I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

The LORD redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

**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.**

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]
and shall not be put to shame.

Kyrie *LSB 152*

This Is the Feast *LSB 155*

Salutation and Collect of the Day *LSB 156*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; 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

First Reading *Revelation 14:6–7*

P The Old Testament Reading is from Revelation, chapter 14.

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his

judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 3:19–28

P The Epistle is from Romans, chapter 3.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

Holy Gospel

John 8:31–36

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

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

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Sermon: Be Still and Be Gladdened

Psalm 46

Stand

Nicene Creed

LSB 158

Prayer of the Church

Offertory

LSB 159

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 160

Sanctus

LSB 161

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

The Words of Our Lord

Proclamation of Christ *LSB 162*

Lord's Prayer *LSB 162*

Pax Domini *LSB 163*

Agnus Dei *LSB 163*

Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymn: 645 Built on the Rock

Distribution Hymn: 655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

The Dismissal

Stand

Thank the Lord *LSB 164*

Post-Communion Collect

Benediction *LSB 166*

Hymn to Depart: 582 God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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

***of thanksgiving** with Pastor and Cathy for Cathy's renewed health

***for comfort** for the family and friends of Frank Rogers, Cathy Winterfeldt's cousin. Frank passed away October 12

***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; Jill Phegley, treasurer; Diann Scherle, 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 CONTACT PASTOR WINTERFELDT

Call or text: (618) 830-6762. Email: jwinterfel@aol.com

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 Deb at church address (stjohnlutheranruma@gmail.com) or give her 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 the week's **Old Testament, Epistle, and Gospel readings, as well as his weekly sermon**. You will also find video and audio of some entire services.

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 NEW Lutheran Heritage Foundation Mission Project FOR 2025... The new LHF mission project will 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 2024. *Check out Diann's bulletin board display just outside the Fellowship Hall for more information.*

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.

By donating toward the Cemetery Fund: Spring rains washed deep ruts into the entrances to the cemetery. Voters approved the cost of asphaltting the entire cemetery road. The road is finished and should be beautiful and maintenance-free for years! If you would like to help replenish the cost of the road, please put your donation in an envelope marked Cemetery Fund.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, Oct. 26: Wartburg Glow Games and Campfire from 5-8 pm. 6th graders through high school seniors are invited to join Immanuel Lutheran Youth Group for faith, fun, and fellowship with glow in the dark field games, pizza, music, and s'mores. Please contact Jennifer Janssen for more information and to RSVP at 817.437.3668. See flyers on the bulletin board for more information on activities they hope to share with young people in area congregations.

Sunday, Nov. 2: Sunday School will meet via Zoom. See Amanda for details.

Sunday, Nov. 2: Orders are due for our Christmas Evergreens Tuition Fundraiser. Order forms are available in the back of church. Orders will be ready for pick-up Nov. 17-26. The list of items has been simplified this year: 28" Mixed Evergreen Wreath, 22" Noble Fir Wreath, and 10' lengths of Western Cedar Garland.

Sunday, Nov. 2: Wurstmart and Country Store at St. Mark's, Steeleville, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Carry-outs available. See flyer in the Fellowship Hall for more information

Sunday, Nov. 2: Martin Ott Pipe Organ 40th Anniversary Concert at 3 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Waterloo. Guest Organists are Sarah Koester and Justin Tayon. There will also be bell and vocal choirs. A light reception will follow the concert.

Sunday, Nov. 9: Sunday School students will meet for class in the Fellowship Hall at 9 a.m.

Sunday, Nov. 9: Joint Council members will meet in the Fellowship Hall immediately after the worship service.

Sunday, Nov. 9: "Surviving the Holidays," is a special free GriefShare event for those grieving the loss of loved ones at Zion Lutheran Church, Bethalto, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Adults and teens are invited to hear a presentation about resources, strategies and tools for coping with grief during the holiday season. For more information, call the church office at 618-377-8314. To find more details and register for the event, go to <https://www.griefshare.org/events/275474>

Sunday, Nov. 30: The last day to let Jill know you want a subscription to the Lutheran Witness for 2026. The cost is \$27.85 for the year. The payment is not due until January.

Available Now: Western Egyptian Economic Opportunity Council administers the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program in Randolph, Monroe, Jackson, and Perry counties. Applications are being taken now for **assistance with home heating bills**. Please see the flyers on the bulletin board for more information.

Planning for the Future:

We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. To work on your Christian Estate Plan today, you must decide if you are more controlled by past goals or future desires. What does your family look like today? How does that compare to what it looked like twenty years ago? You might have more children, or the presence of grandchildren. God may have called some family members home. Marriage may have changed circumstances of family. Some family might be facing a health crisis, a financial crisis or mental health challenge that wasn't present before. Your estate plans may need to change as a result. Your **LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor** can help you begin taking account of these changes, helping you to begin thinking of modifications needed for your estate plan. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfnf.org