

St. John's Lutheran Church, Ruma
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Second Sunday after Christmas

8:30 a.m.

January 5, 2025

Divine Service, Setting One, *LSB* p. 151

Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation: 376 Once in Royal David's City

Stand

Invocation and Exhortation

LSB 151

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

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Absolution

LSB 151

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 147:1, 5, 11–12; antiphon: John 1:14

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his
glory,

**glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and
truth.**

Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.
Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.
But the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.
Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!
Praise your God, O Zion!

**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.**

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his
glory,
**glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and
truth.**

Kyrie

LSB 152

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light
of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth
in our lives; through the same 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

1 Kings 3:4–15

⁴ The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I shall give you.” ⁶And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?”

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹And God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.”

¹⁵And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Ephesians 1:3–14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Luke 2:40–52

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁰The child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

⁴¹Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did

not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." ⁴⁹And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 410 Within the Father's House

Sermon: The Kid WHO was God!

Luke 2:40-52

Stand

Apostles' Creed

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Prayer of the Church

Offertory

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The Lord's Prayer

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Prayer

Hymn to Depart: 523 O Word of God Incarnate

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR...

- ★ Delbert Wittenauer (uncle of Amanda Roedl and Amy Rahn), Rory (granddaughter of close friend of Beth Fischer), Monica Hussey (daughter of Dorothy Zipfel), Art and Gladys Thies, Linda Schulz, Dianna Wegener, Delbert Kueker, Brian Ruez, Carolyn Fink, Dawn Ruez, Dorothy Zipfel, Sarah Kueker, Susan Sochowski, Paul Liefer, Robert Veath, Jace Duncan, Mary Braun, Dorothy Krause
- ★ Thanksgiving with Teddy Schrader and his family as his surgery was successful and his recovery complete!
- ★ 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 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: 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 for Your Donations for Poinsettias

Lloyd and Carolyn Schoenbeck family in memory of Fred and Paula Schoenbeck, Omer Schoenbeck, and Janet Cole

Becky Carroll in memory of Jim Carroll and in honor of Sarah Kueker

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Ryan and Chelsea Wegener family in memory of Don Wegener

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Mark and Diann Scherle in memory of Bob and Regina Scherle and Charlie and Aldina Schrader

Brian and Becky Liefer family in memory of Doris Liefer

Dennis and Jill Phegley in honor of the love of family and friends

Pastor and Beth Fischer to the Glory of God

Nancy Kruse in memory of Roger Kruse

Thank-You from Pastor and Beth

Thank you to our dear members! Beth and I give thanks to God always for our fellow members at St. John's for every blessing as we enter a new year, praying for His grace to abound among us in our Lord Jesus! We also appreciate the prayers, cards, and gifts you have shared with us, including the generous bonus. As the Psalmist proclaimed, so do we: **Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! And His mercy endures forever!**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

TODAY: Church Council members will meet in the Fellowship Hall immediately after the worship service.

Monday, Jan. 6: Bible Study in the Book of Jonah continues at 6 p.m. at St. Peter's.

Wednesday, Jan. 8: Ladies Aid/LWML will meet at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Members are asked to bring their mite offerings and stocking money to the meeting.

Sunday, Jan. 12: Voters' Meeting immediately after the worship service.

Monday, Jan. 13: Bible Study in the Book of Jonah concludes at St. John's beginning at 6 p.m. Bible Study will resume after Easter.

Bible Presentations for 2025

We are once again joining St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Evansville to host a series of six presentations on the Bible. This year's Bible Presentations will give us a picture of Jesus Christ who is active with His Father and the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament. The sessions will draw upon different passages in the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, primarily in the four Servant Songs of Isaiah which foretell the Ministry of Jesus in the Gospel accounts. Come join us to learn more about the eternal Son of God, sent to earth for our salvation! Light refreshments will be served after each presentation.

Sunday, January 19: join us here at 1:30 pm. The topic will be "Isaiah Sees the Glory of Jesus," presented by Rev. Terry Grebing, Retired.

Tuesday, January 21: join us at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Evansville at 6 pm. The topic will be "The Servant of the Lord, Song 1," presented by Rev. Scott Hojnacki, Trinity Lutheran, Red Bud.

Sunday, January 26: join us here at 1:30 pm. The topic will be “The Servant of the Lord, Song 2,” presented by Rev. Tony Troup, Retired.

Tuesday, January 28: join us at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church in Evansville at 6 pm. The topic will be “The Servant of the Lord, Song 3,” presented by Rev. Rodney Benkendorf, Hanover Lutheran, Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Sunday, February 2: join us here in Ruma at 1:30 pm. The topic will be “The Servant of the Lord, Song 4,” presented by Rev. Stephen Krenz, St. Paul’s Lutheran, Columbia.

Tuesday, February 4: join us at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church in Evansville at 6 pm. The topic will be “Jesus Reveals Himself as the Servant of the Lord,” presented by Rev. John Lukomski, Retired.



Christ Our Savior
LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Merry Christmas and God's Blessings to you and your family in the New Year!

Trivia Night – Save the Date! Our annual trivia night will be Friday, January 17, 2024.

School Hours: Office hours are Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. The school office will have limited hours during our Christmas break, Dec. 23-Jan. 3. Call and leave a message if you need to talk to the office.

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 meeting with our administrator, Mrs. Sherry Prange. Learn more about *COS* 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.