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**Rev. Randy Fischer, Pastor**

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**22nd Sunday after Pentecost**

**8:30 a.m.**

**October 20, 2024**

**Matins, LSB p.219**

**Hymn: 782 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings**

*Stand*

**Common Versicles**

*LSB 219*

***Psalmody***

**Antiphon (Common)**

*LSB 220*

**Venite**

*LSB 220*

**Antiphon (Common)**

*LSB 221*

*Sit*

## *Readings*

### **Reading**

*Ecclesiastes 5:10–20*

**P** A reading from Ecclesiastes, chapter 5.

<sup>10</sup>He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. <sup>11</sup>When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? <sup>12</sup>Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep.

<sup>13</sup>There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, <sup>14</sup>and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. <sup>15</sup>As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. <sup>16</sup>This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? <sup>17</sup>Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger.

<sup>18</sup>Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. <sup>19</sup>Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. <sup>20</sup>For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Reading**

*Hebrews 4*

**P** A reading from Hebrews, chapter 4.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. <sup>2</sup>For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard

did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. <sup>3</sup>For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said,

“As I swore in my wrath,  
‘They shall not enter my rest,’”

although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. <sup>4</sup>For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.” <sup>5</sup>And again in this passage he said,

“They shall not enter my rest.”

<sup>6</sup>Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, <sup>7</sup>again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted,

“Today, if you hear his voice,  
do not harden your hearts.”

<sup>8</sup>For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. <sup>9</sup>So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, <sup>10</sup>for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

<sup>11</sup>Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. <sup>12</sup>For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

<sup>14</sup>Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

<sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Reading

*Mark 10:23–31*

**P** A reading from Mark, chapter 10.

<sup>23</sup>Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!”

<sup>24</sup>And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup>And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, “Then who can be saved?” <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.” <sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, “See, we have left everything and followed you.” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Responsory

*LSB 221*

*Sit*

**Sermon Hymn: 730 What Is the World to Me**

**Sermon: Possible!**

*Mark 10:23-31*

## *Canticle*

*Stand*

**Te Deum**

*LSB 223*

## *Prayer*

**Kyrie**

*LSB 227*

**Lord's Prayer**

*LSB 227*

**Collects**

**Collect of the Day**

O God, Your divine wisdom sets in order all things in heaven and on earth. Put away from us all things hurtful and give us those things that are beneficial for us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving**

**Collect for Grace**

*Stand*

**Benedicamus and Benediction**

*LSB 228*

**Hymn to Depart: 783 Take My Life and Let It Be**

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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, Dawn Ruez, Dorothy Zipfel, Sarah Kueker, Susan Sochowski, Paul Liefer, Robert Veath, Jace Duncan, Mary Braun, Dorothy Krause
- ★ Eric Braun would like us to join him in giving thanks for answered prayers that he is doing better
- ★ 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.stjohnlutheranruma.com](http://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.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**TODAY:** Sunday School students will meet via Zoom.

**Monday, Oct. 21:** Bible Study at St. Peter's at 6 p.m. will feature Part 2 of a video based on the Gospel of Matthew.

**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.



### **Pastor Out of Town**

**Pastor and Beth will be out of town from Monday, October 28th through Sunday, November 3rd.** There will be a pastor on call for emergencies while pastor is away. Please contact one of the Elders: Brian Liefer (618-570-4958), Jonathan Mehring (618-363-0066), or Timothy Schrader (618-363-1579) to get in touch with the pastor on call.

**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.

**Monday, Oct. 28:** The Bible Study class will not meet.

**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.

**Monday, Nov. 4:** The Bible Study class will not meet.

**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. We have room for a few more. 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 this week. The doors open and the silent auction starts at 4:00 pm. The meal will be served at 6:00 and the live auction begins at 7:15.

**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.

**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!

**Donkey Basketball:** The *COS* FFA will be hosting a donkey basketball game on Nov. 11. We will be recognizing our veterans that evening, and would like veterans to make up one of our teams. If you are a veteran or active duty and would like to participate, please contact Lisa Luebkekmann 618-713-7125.

Tickets for the Donkey basketball game will go on sale soon. Advance tickets will be \$8, at the door \$10. Admission for Veterans is half-price. Watch for more details.

**School Hours:** Office hours are Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

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