

**St. John's Lutheran Church, Ruma**  
**Lutheran Church Missouri Synod**

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**Rev. Randy Fischer, Pastor**

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**Baptism of Our Lord**

*8:30 a.m.*

*January 12, 2025*

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

***Confession and Absolution***

**Hymn of Invocation: 405 To Jordan's River Came Our Lord**

*Stand*

**Invocation and Exhortation**

*LSB 203*

**Confession of Sins**

*LSB 203*

**Prayer for Forgiveness**

***Service of the Word***

**Introit**

*Psalm 2:7–11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a*

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
**my chosen, in whom my soul delights.**

I will tell of the decree:

**The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.**

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,  
**and the ends of the earth your possession.**

You shall break them with a rod of iron

**and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.”**

Now therefore, O kings, be wise;

**be warned, O rulers of the earth.**

Serve the LORD with fear,

**and rejoice with trembling,**

for his wrath is quickly kindled.

**Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.**

**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.**

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,

**my chosen, in whom my soul delights.**

**Kyrie**

*LSB 204*

**Gloria in Excelsis**

*LSB 204*

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River  
You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him  
with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name  
faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with  
Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our  
Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

<sup>1</sup>But now thus says the LORD,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
<sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.  
<sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.  
<sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my eyes,  
and honored, and I love you,  
I give men in return for you,  
peoples in exchange for your life.  
<sup>5</sup>Fear not, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you.  
<sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, Give up,  
and to the south, Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from afar  
and my daughters from the end of the earth,  
<sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 6:1-11

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as

Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse**

*LSB 205*

**Holy Gospel**

*Luke 3:15–22*

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

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

<sup>15</sup>As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, <sup>16</sup>John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

<sup>18</sup>So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. <sup>19</sup>But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother’s wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, <sup>20</sup>added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened,

<sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Nicene Creed**

*LSB 203*

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day: 590 Baptized into Your Name Most Holy**

**Sermon: Dead, Yet Alive!**

*Romans 6:1-11*

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

## *Service of the Sacrament*

**Preface**

*LSB 208*

**Sanctus**

*LSB 208*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Lord’s Prayer**

*LSB 209*

**The Words of Our Lord**

**Pax Domini**

**Agnus Dei**

*LSB 210*

*Sit*

**Distribution**

## **The Dismissal**

**Distribution Hymn: 617 O Lord, We Praise Thee**

**Distribution Hymn: 594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It**

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**

*LSB 211*

**Post-Communion Collect**

**Benedicamus and Benediction**

*LSB 212*

**Hymn to Depart: 394 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise**

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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 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 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

Pearl May in memory of Norman May

Ryan and Chelsea Wegener family in memory of Don Wegener

Marlene Ling in memory of Rolla and Tillie Ling

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

**Sunday, Jan. 19:** Church Council members will meet immediately after the worship service.

**Sunday, Jan. 19:** Bible Presentation by Rev. Terry Grebing, retired, begins at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. See below for more info.

**Sunday, Jan. 26:** Voters' Meeting immediately after the worship service.

**Sunday, Feb. 9:** Installation of officers and council members during the service.

## *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.



**Cartoon Character Trivia Night** Friday, January 17, 2025 at *Christ Our Savior*. The Trivia Night will benefit our prom and post-prom. A silent auction will support the 2025 mission trip. The doors open at 6:15 and trivia starts at 7:00 p.m. Adults \$15, students \$10 with a limit of eight per table. Reserve your spot by calling 618-853-7300 or online at [bit.ly/COSTrivia2025](https://bit.ly/COSTrivia2025) Prizes will be given for the best costume and for the best decorated table.

**Community Blood Drive:** The American Red Cross will hold a community blood drive Tuesday, January 28 from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm in the gymnasium at Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School in Evansville. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter EvansvilleCommunity (zip code 62242) to schedule an appointment.

**Registration for 2025-2026 is open!** 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](https://www.coslhs.org).

**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.**