

St. John's Lutheran Church, Ruma

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3rd Sunday in Lent

8:30 a.m.

March 12, 2023

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

Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation: 684 Come unto Me, Ye Weary

Stand

Invocation and Exhortation

LSB 203

Confession of Sins

LSB 203

Prayer for Forgiveness

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 84:1–4; antiphon: v. 5

Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

How lovely is your dwelling place,

O LORD of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,

at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessèd are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise!

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.

Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Kyrie

LSB 204

Gloria in Excelsis (Omitted during Lent)

LSB 204

Salutation and Collect of the Day

[P] The Lord be with you.

[C] And also with you.

[P] Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 17:1–7

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and

said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵And the LORD said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 5:1–8

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel*John 4:5–26***P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourth chapter.**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

⁵[Jesus] came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

⁷There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here."

¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will

worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” ²⁶Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

Receive into Membership: Chelsea Wegener

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 571 God Loved the World So That He Gave

Sermon: "From Suffering to Hope and More!"

Romans 5:1-8

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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Sanctus

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

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The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei

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Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymn: 637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

Distribution Hymn: 543 What Wondrous Love Is This

The Dismissal

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

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Post-Communion Collect

Benedicamus and Benediction

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Hymn to Depart: 423 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

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- ★ Dawn Ruez, Dorothy Zipfel, Jim Carroll, Becky Carroll, Sarah Kueker, Susan Sochowski, Paul Liefer, Pastor Jansen, Robert Veath, Jace Duncan, Mary Braun, Dorothy Krause
- ★ Jace Duncan (husband of Cassie (Liefer) Duncan), Ryan Nehrt, Ben Boeder (son of Pastor Royal Boeder), 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
- ★ If you'd like to send a card to **Pastor and Becky Jansen**, the address is 9422 Parklind Drive, St. Louis, MO 63126.
- ★ If you'd like to send a card to **Dorothy Krause**, her address is Room 102, Red Bud Regional Care, 350 West South 1st Street, Red Bud, 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.

175th Anniversary Committee Nancy Kruse, Marlene Ling, Jill Phegley, Amanda Roedl, and Diann Scherle

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 (618-363-0060); Timothy Schrader, elder (618-363-1579).

Church Bulletin: By Wednesday afternoon, send email to stjohnlutheranruma@gmail.com (preferred), text Deb (618-980-7033), or give her a written note at church.

Church Facebook Page: Directly message *StJohnEvLutheranChurchRumaLL*, 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: *StJohnEvLutheranRumaLL* for Sunday School activities and church news updates.

Church Website: Check the website for the week's bulletin and sermon, a calendar of church activities, information on the 175th Anniversary Project, and links to all things LCMS. Look for us at www.stjohnlutheranruma.com.

PLEASE CONSIDER SERVING OUR CHURCH FAMILY...

By donating toward our 2023 Lutheran Heritage Foundation Mission Project... The new LHF mission project will focus on Central and South America. Every \$5.00 we collect provides a Child's Garden of Bible Stories in Spanish. **Write Central/South America 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 2023. *Check out Diann's bulletin board display just outside the Fellowship Hall for more information.*

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 shampoo, dish soap, paper towels, diapers, or other baby items for new Americans. Our Ladies Aid/LWML members will take the donated items to the LWML Spring Zone Renewal gathering on Thursday, April 27. Look for the box in the back of church.

THIS YEAR'S LENTEN SERIES: "The Lord Is My Shepherd"

Perhaps there is no more beloved picture in Scripture than that of the Good Shepherd. In times when we feel alone, afraid, or sad, it is a great comfort to know that our Good Shepherd is near. His staff is in His hand, ever keeping us from straying, and ever protecting us from danger!

The Biblical shepherd spent his time in the worst elements of weather. The life of the shepherd was solitary. The life of the shepherd was also on the line! If a wolf came to make prey of the sheep, the shepherd would place himself between the flock and the possibility of death!

"What punishment so strange is suffered yonder! The Shepherd dies for sheep that love to wander; The master pays the debt His servants owe Him, who would not know Him." [LSB 439 vs. 4]

Come to our Lenten Midweek services this year and learn of the Shepherd who sacrificed Himself for His wayward sheep. Learn of His tender care for us here and in eternity!

St John's Ruma – 6:30 p.m.

February 22 - Ash Wednesday with Communion and Imposition of Ashes – "The Lord is My Shepherd"

March 1 – "He Maketh Me to Lie Down"

March 8 – "He Leadeth Me in the Paths of Righteousness"

St. Peter's Evansville – 6:30 p.m.

March 15 – "I Will Fear No Evil"

March 22 – "Thou Preparest a Table Before Me"

March 29 – "I Will Dwell in the House of the Lord Forever!"

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday School students will meet via Zoom.

TODAY: St. John's Lutheran, Baldwin, will host their annual fried chicken dinner from 10:30 am – 1:30 pm. Dine-in or carry out. Check the bulletin board for more information.

Monday, March 13: Last day to order puff pastries from the Student Council at COSLHS. Call the school to order: 618-853-7300.

Wednesday, March 15: Midweek Lenten services move to St. Peter's, Evansville, at 6:30 p.m. See p.10 for information on this year's Lenten theme and for the complete schedule.

Friday and Saturday, March 24-25: COSLHS drama students will perform in *Order Up* at 7:00 each evening. Adults, \$10; students, \$5; under 5, \$0.

Friday, March 31: Last day to direct your 2022 Thrivent Choice Dollars to your choice of over 45,000 organizations. Go to your Thrivent account online or call your representative. If you direct dollars to St. John's, let Jill know the dollar amount and in which fund to put the money.

Now through April 2: Jill will be collecting memorial information and donations and for Easter lilies.

Wednesday, April 12: If you'd like to learn to quilt, several of our most experienced quilters will be working on a new quilt from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and would love to teach you the craft. If you have a thimble, bring one. You can stay for as long or as short a time as you like. If you plan to spend the day, bring your lunch. Quilters meet weekly until a quilt is finished. Please contact Dorothy Ruez or Pearl May if you are interested.

Countdown to November 4, 2023

175th Anniversary Project: Pastor and Becky Jansen worked with Jill Phegley to gather and organize historical information for *The 175th Anniversary Project*, a **history/memory book** telling the story of our first 175 years as a congregation. Jill is now working with Diann Scherle to edit, proof, and prepare information for the book before our anniversary on Nov. 4.

Stop by the **mini-museum** room just inside the front entrance to church to check out congregational memorabilia and artifacts.

Each week we highlight, in chronological order, a **tidbit from the minutes of one voters' meeting** from one or more years of our congregation's history, 1848-2023. You can find all of the tidbits in Tidbit Archives at www.stjohnlutheranruma.com.

This week's tidbits come from 1944 and 1945: In 1944, Edwin Kruse's janitorial duties included building the fire, cleaning the church, cutting the grass, and ringing the first bell prior to a service. In 1945 at the October 4 meeting of the Ladies Aid, Pastor Friedrichsmeyer spoke of the need for a hall or recreation room by making a basement under the church. Twenty-two years later, the current fellowship hall was built and dedicated.

Members of the Anniversary Committee are also working on **special activities for each month** throughout the year.

* The 175th Anniversary **banners in church** are a monthly series of banners being designed and made by Amanda Roedl and her daughter, Kaley. **March's banner:** 175 Years of Baptisms

***In March**, we are celebrating baptisms here at St. John's. All current members who were baptized in our church are listed on the next page. All who were baptized here but who transferred their membership are added to the list on a handout available in the back of church. The 175th Anniversary Committee hosted a coffee and sweet treats reception after the March 5 service. NOTE: Our list of those baptized here is complete *to the best of our knowledge*. Please let us know if anyone was missed.

