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Rev. Randy Fischer, Pastor

Second Sunday in Lent

8:30 a.m.

March 16, 2025

Matins, LSB p.219

Hymn: 728 How Firm a Foundation

Stand

Lent Versicles

LSB 219

Psalmody

Antiphon (Common)

LSB 220

Venite

LSB 220

Antiphon (Common)

LSB 221

Sit

Readings

Reading

Jeremiah 26:8–15

P A reading from Jeremiah, chapter 26.

⁸When Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die! ⁹Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant’?” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

¹⁰When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. ¹¹Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.”

¹²Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. ¹³Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. ¹⁴But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. ¹⁵Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

Philippians 3:17—4:1

P A reading from Philippians, chapter 3.

¹⁷Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many, of whom

I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

¹Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

Luke 13:31–35

P A reading from Luke, chapter 13.

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³²And he said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course.

³³Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’ ³⁴O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! ³⁵Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory (Lent)

LSB 222

Sit

Sermon Hymn: 708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

Canticle

Stand

Te Deum

LSB 223

Prayer

Kyrie

LSB 227

Lord's Prayer

Collects

Collect of the Day

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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

LSB 228

Stand

Benedicamus and Benediction

LSB 228

Hymn to Depart: 727 On Eagles' Wings

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Please place your offerings in the plate at the back of church.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR...

- ★ Marlene Ling, 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
- ★ The family and friends of Carol Tobin who entered her heavenly home on March 6.
- ★ 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
- ★ **Art and Gladys Thies** are now living in Apt. 10 at Garden Place in Waterloo, 735 Columbia Ave., Waterloo, IL 62298.
- ★ **Marlene Ling** is living at R&R Country Care Senior Living Center will she rehabilitates. The address is 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; 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 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Friday, Mar. 28: Fish Fry at St. Peter United Church of Christ, Red Bud. Serving and carry-outs from 4-7 p.m. See flyer on bulletin board for more information.

Through Mar. 31: Now is the time to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars. Eligible clients with membership can choose where Thrivent distributes a portion of its funding each year. See your Thrivent representative for more information. If you choose to direct dollars to St. John's, let Jill know which of our funds you'd like to support.

Through Palm Sunday: Jill will be collecting \$10 for Easter lilies!

Midweek Lent and Holy Week Services

This year's Midweek Lenten Series theme is *The Empty Cross*

All evening services begin at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Mar. 19 at St. John's – Service of Prayer and Preaching
Sermon: "The Occupied Cross" based on Luke 23:26-34

Wednesday, Mar. 26 at St. Peter's – Service of Prayer and Preaching
Sermon: "The Scorned Cross" based on 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Wednesday, April 2 at St. Peter's – Service of Prayer and Preaching
Sermon: "The Empty Cross" based on Acts 2:22-24

Wednesday, April 9 at St. Peter's – Service of Prayer and Preaching
Sermon: "The Glorified Cross" based on Acts 2:29-41

Thursday, April 17 at St. Peter's – Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion. Sermon: "Who Will Be at the Table?" based on Luke 22:7-20

Friday, April 18 at St. John's – Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Sunday, April 20 at St. John's – 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service with Holy Communion. Light breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt after service.

Sunday, April 20 at St. Peter's – 10 a.m. Easter Sunday Service with Holy Communion



Christ Our Savior

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

COS Student Mission Trip: A group of our students are going on a mission service trip to Hendersonville, NC during their spring break. Please pray that they have safe and productive trip helping with hurricane cleanup.

DQ Fundraiser: The DQ in Sparta is donating a portion of their sales to *COS* on Thursday, April 3 from 4 p.m. – 11 p.m. Enjoy a meal and support *Christ Our Savior* at the same time!

COS Track: Our track team will be participating in the Red Bud Track Meet on Monday, March 25 at 4:00 p.m. Come and watch the Soldiers in action!

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.

High School Administrator needed to begin July 1. Administrative certification not required. Call 618-853-7300.

An Athletic Director is needed soon to start arranging the sports schedules for 2025-2026. Call school for details.

School Hours: Office hours are Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Classes are on spring break March 17-21.
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The mission of Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School is to provide a Christ-centered and academically excellent education.