

# **St. John's Lutheran Church, Ruma**

## **Lutheran Church Missouri Synod**

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**Rev. Randy Fischer, Pastor**

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## **The Transfiguration of Our Lord**

**8:30 a.m.**

**March 2, 2025**

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

### ***Confession and Absolution***

**Hymn of Invocation: 537 Beautiful Savior**

*Stand*

**Invocation and Exhortation**

***LSB 151***

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

**Confession of Sins**

***LSB 151***

**Absolution**

***LSB 151***

### ***Service of the Word***

**Introit**

***Psalm 84:1–2, 9, 11; antiphon: v. 4***

Blessèd are those who dwell in your house,

**ever singing your praise!**

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.**

Behold our shield, O God;

**look on the face of your anointed!**

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.

**No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.**

**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 who dwell in your house,

**ever singing your praise!**

**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.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; 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*

## Old Testament Reading

*Deuteronomy 34:1–12*

<sup>1</sup>Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, <sup>2</sup>all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, <sup>3</sup>the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. <sup>4</sup>And the LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, ‘I will give it to your offspring.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there.” <sup>5</sup>So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD, <sup>6</sup>and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. <sup>7</sup>Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. <sup>8</sup>And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.

<sup>9</sup>And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses. <sup>10</sup>And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, <sup>11</sup>none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, <sup>12</sup>and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Hebrews 3:1–6*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, <sup>2</sup>who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God’s house. <sup>3</sup>For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. <sup>4</sup>(For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) <sup>5</sup>Now Moses was faithful in all God’s house as a servant, to testify to the

things that were to be spoken later, <sup>6</sup>but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse**

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**Holy Gospel**

*Luke 9:28–36*

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

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

<sup>28</sup>Now about eight days after these sayings [Jesus] took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, <sup>31</sup>who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup>And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup>As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup>And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!” <sup>36</sup>And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

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

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

*Sit*

## **Baptism Hymn: 605 Father Welcomes**

### **Rite of Holy Baptism**

*LSB 268*

Vivian Rose Vitale is the daughter of Joe Vitale and Jenna Horrell.  
Her godparents are Jared and Candace Horrell.

## **Hymn of the Day: 414 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here**

### **Sermon: Wake Up, For Crying Out Loud!**

*Luke 9:28-36*

*Stand*

### **Apostles' Creed**

*LSB 159*

### **Prayer of the Church**

### **Offertory**

*LSB 159*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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### **Prayer**

### **Benediction**

*LSB 166*

## **Hymn to Depart: 417 Alleluia, Song of Gladness**

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## **THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR...**

- ★ Vivian Rose, our new little sister in Christ, and for her family and godparents

- ★ 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
- ★ 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 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; 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](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.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**CPR and AED classes:** Joy Meyer is willing to lead classes sometime in March. The cost is \$15 for the CPR certification card and booklet. See Joy or Jill for more information. A sign-up sheet is available on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board for those who are interested.



**TODAY:** As part of their 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, **St. John's Lutheran Church, Chester**, will host the Perry County (MO) Lutheran Chorale for a concert at 2 p.m. The choir will also share their themed hymn, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," during the 10 a.m. service. Tyson Wunderlich, chorale director and accomplished organist, will play for the 10 a.m. service. We are invited to join them for an afternoon filled with beautiful music in a beautiful space.

**Wednesday, Mar. 5:** Ladies Aid/LWML will meet at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Wednesday, Mar. 5:** Ash Wednesday service with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion here at 6:30 p.m.

**Friday, Mar. 7:** *COS* Annual Fish & More Dinner from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. Adults \$15, children 5-12 are \$6, under 5 free. Eat-in or carry out, the gym is handicap accessible.

**Sunday, Mar. 9:** "All You Can Eat" (dine in only) Chicken Dinner at St. John's Lutheran, Baldwin. Serving from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Half-chicken dinners with sides available as carry-out. See flyer on bulletin board for more information.

**Sunday, Mar. 9:** Spaghetti Dinner at Trinity Lutheran Church, Millstadt, IL, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 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.

**Bible Presentations:** If you missed any of the six Bible Presentations on the Servant Songs in the Book of Isaiah, you can watch them on our church Facebook page. Also, Jill has placed the handouts each pastor prepared for his presentation on a table in the Fellowship Hall.



# Christ Our Savior

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

**COS Annual Fish & More Dinner** is Friday, March 7 from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. Adults \$15, children 5-12 are \$6, under 5 free. Eat-in or carry out, our gym is handicap accessible. **The FFA Helping Hands Auction** will follow Fish & More at 7:00 p.m.

**DQ Fundraiser:** The DQ in Chester is donating a portion of their sales to *COS* on Monday, March 10 from 4 p.m. – 11 p.m. Enjoy a meal and support *Christ Our Savior* at the same time!

**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](http://www.coslhs.org).

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

**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.**