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**Rev. Randy Fischer, Pastor**

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**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

**8:30 a.m.**

**July 14, 2024**

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

***Confession and Absolution***

**Hymn of Invocation: 743 Jesus, Priceless Treasure** *verses 1-4*

*Stand*

**Invocation and Exhortation** *LSB 203*

**Confession of Sins** *LSB 203*

**Prayer for Forgiveness**

***Service of the Word***

**Introit**

*Psalm 143:1-2, 8a; antiphon: v. 11*

For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!

**In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!**

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

**In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!**

Enter not into judgment with your servant,

**for no one living is righteous before you.**

Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love,  
**for in you I trust.**

**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.**

For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!  
**In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!**

**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.

O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; 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**

*Amos 7:7–15*

<sup>7</sup>This is what [the Lord God] showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said,

“Behold, I am setting a plumb line  
in the midst of my people Israel;  
I will never again pass by them;

<sup>9</sup>the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,  
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,  
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the  
sword.”

<sup>10</sup>Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup>For thus Amos has said,

“Jeroboam shall die by the sword,  
and Israel must go into exile  
away from his land.”

<sup>12</sup>And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, <sup>13</sup>but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

<sup>14</sup>Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, “I was no prophet, nor a prophet’s son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. <sup>15</sup>But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Ephesians 1:3–14*

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup>which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

<sup>11</sup>In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup>so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup>who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse**

*LSB 205*

**Holy Gospel**

*Mark 6:14–29*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

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

<sup>14</sup>King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup>But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." <sup>17</sup>For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. <sup>18</sup>For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup>And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

<sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you."

<sup>23</sup>And he vowed to her, “Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom.” <sup>24</sup>And she went out and said to her mother, “For what should I ask?” And she said, “The head of John the Baptist.” <sup>25</sup>And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, “I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.” <sup>26</sup>And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. <sup>27</sup>And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John’s head. He went and beheaded him in the prison <sup>28</sup>and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

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

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

**Nicene Creed**

*LSB 203*

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day: 346 When All the World Was Cursed**

**Sermon: Life Taken, Life Given!**

*Mark 6:14-29*

*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**

**Distribution Hymn: 746 Through Jesus' Blood and Merit**

**Distribution Hymn: 639 Wide Open Stand the Gates**

### **The Dismissal**

*Stand*

### **Nunc Dimittis**

*LSB 211*

### **Post-Communion Collect**

### **Benedicamus and Benediction**

*LSB 212*

**Hymn to Depart: 686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

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

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

- ★ Art and Gladys Thies, Linda Schulz, Dianna Wegener, Delbert Kueker, Teddy Schrader, Brian Ruez, Carolyn Fink, Eric Braun, 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

## 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.

**Altar Flowers** Thanks to Nancy Kruse and Jason Kruse for the altar flowers this month in memory of Roger Kruse.

## **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 *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](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:** *StJohnEvLutheranRumaLL* for Sunday School activities and church news updates.

**Church Website:** Check the website for the week's bulletin, a calendar of church activities, information on our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 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 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.

**By leaving non-perishable food items** in the back of church. The Ladies Aid/LWML members are collecting for area food pantries.

## **NEW LHF MISSION PROJECT**

**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.*

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**TODAY:** Someone is celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday today, and we'd like to help. Pssst... it's Dorothy Ruez. She doesn't want a fuss, but we're making one anyway ;-)) Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service for coffee and sweet treats.

**Monday, July 15:** There will be no Bible Study this week.

**Pastor Out of Town** – Pastor and Beth will be out of town from **Monday, July 15, through Saturday, July 20**. There will be a pastor on call for emergencies while Pastor Fischer is away. Please contact one of the Elders: Brian Liefer (618-570-4958), Jonathan Mehring (618-363-0066), or Timothy Schrader (618-363-1579) if you need to get in touch with the pastor on call.

**Friday and Saturday, July 19-20:** Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School annual rummage and bake sale. See p. 11 for more information.

**Saturday, Aug. 3:** Pastor Ron Jansen’s memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. in Resurrection Lutheran Church, 9907 Sappington, St. Louis, MO 63128. Pastor Jansen passed away on January 27, 2024, at his home.



**Annual Rummage Sale:** Our annual rummage sale will be July 19 and 20. We are looking for clean, saleable items. Anyone who is interested in volunteering, please contact the school office. **Last day to bring donated items is Monday, July 15.**

Returning by popular demand is our *COS* Bake Sale! If you like to bake and would be interested in helping *COS* at our Rummage Sale, you can bring in your delicious, baked items on Thursday, July 18; 9am-3pm or 4-7pm.

Rummage Sale and Bake Sale Hours will be 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. July 19 and 7:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. on July 20.

**Summer Office Hours:** July office hours are 9:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. Monday to Thursday and 9:00 a.m. – noon on Fridays.

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