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**Rev. Randy Fischer, Pastor**

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**20th Sunday after Pentecost**

**8:30 a.m.**

**October 6, 2024**

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

***Confession and Absolution***

**Hymn of Invocation: 605 Father Welcomes**

*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 127:3–5; antiphon: v. 1a*

Unless the LORD builds the house,

**those who build it labor in vain.**

Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,

**the fruit of the womb a reward.**

Like arrows in the hand of a warrior

**are the children of one's youth.**

Blessèd is the man who fills his quiver with them!

**He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.**

**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.**

Unless the LORD builds the house,  
**those who build it labor in vain.**

**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.

Merciful Father, Your patience and loving-kindness toward us have no end. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may always think and do those things that are pleasing in Your sight; 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**

*Genesis 2:18–25*

<sup>18</sup>Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living

creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. <sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
she shall be called Woman,  
because she was taken out of Man.”

<sup>24</sup>Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. <sup>25</sup>And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Hebrews 2:1–13*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. <sup>2</sup>For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, <sup>3</sup>how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, <sup>4</sup>while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

<sup>5</sup>Now it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. <sup>6</sup>It has been testified somewhere,

“What is man, that you are mindful of him,  
or the son of man, that you care for him?”

<sup>7</sup>You made him for a little while lower than the angels;  
you have crowned him with glory and honor,  
<sup>8</sup>putting everything in subjection under his feet.”

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. <sup>9</sup>But we see him who for a little while was made

lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

<sup>10</sup>For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. <sup>11</sup>For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, <sup>12</sup>saying,

“I will tell of your name to my brothers;  
in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.”

<sup>13</sup>And again,

“I will put my trust in him.”

And again,

“Behold, I and the children God has given me.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse**

*LSB 156*

**Holy Gospel**

*Mark 10:2–16*

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

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

<sup>2</sup>Pharisees came up and in order to test [Jesus] asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” <sup>3</sup>He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” <sup>4</sup>They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away.” <sup>5</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ <sup>7</sup>‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and they shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”

<sup>10</sup>And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup>And he said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, <sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

<sup>13</sup>And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. <sup>15</sup>Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” <sup>16</sup>And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

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

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

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day: 863 Our Father, by Whose Name**

**Sermon: Held, Blessed and Handled!**

*Mark 10:13-16*

*Stand*

**Apostles' Creed**

*LSB 159*

**Prayer of the Church**

**Offertory**

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**The Lord's Prayer**

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**Prayer**

**Benediction**

*LSB 166*

**Hymn to Depart: 869 With the Lord Begin Your Task**

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

- ★ Monica Hussey (daughter of Dorothy Zipfel), 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
- ★ For Brian Liefer and others whose work with the repair of a giant sink hole is very dangerous
- ★ 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 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.*

**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**

**TODAY:** Sunday School students will meet via Zoom.

**TODAY:** Spaghetti Dinner at Trinity Lutheran School, Prairie, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Spaghetti, meat sauce, salad, garlic bread, dessert, and drink - \$12 for adults, \$6 for kids 4-12. Carry-outs available.



**Monday, Oct. 7:** There will be no Bible Study.

**Mondays, Oct. 14 and 21:** Bible Study will resume at St. Peter's at 6 p.m. We will watch a video based on the Gospel of Matthew both nights.

**Sunday, Oct. 27:** We will offer Holy Communion from the **Common Cup** on the **fourth Sunday** of each month. Individual cups will still be available on the fourth Sunday for anyone who prefers that method of receiving the blessing of Holy Communion. Pastor will offer individual cups first. Then, he will offer the Common Cup.



**Annual Dinner Auction:** Reservations for the Dinner Auction on Saturday, November 2 are \$35 ea. or \$245 for a table of 8. Please send in your reservations by October 15. You can email your reservation to [auction@coslhs.org](mailto:auction@coslhs.org). Our mail has been delayed at times, emailing your reservation will ensure that we receive it by the 15<sup>th</sup>. We are still collecting items for the silent and live auction. Drop your items off at school or call to arrange for someone to pick up your donation.

**Boys and Girls Basketball Coaches needed.** If you know of someone who would be willing to coach our boys or girls teams, please contact Lisa Luebkeermann.

**Cross Country:** We will have a runner at the Red Bud meet on October 7.

**Volleyball:** We have a home game on October 8 at 6:00 p.m. against a homeschool group. On October 10, we have an away game at Providence at 6:00 p.m.

**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.**