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23rd Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m.

October 27, 2024

Divine Service, Setting One with Holy Communion *LSB* p. 151

Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation: 794 The Lord, My God, Be Praised

Stand

Invocation and Exhortation

LSB 151

Confession of Sins and Absolution

LSB 151

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 34:1-2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]
and shall not be put to shame.

I will bless the LORD at all times;

his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

let the humble hear and be glad.

Come, O children, listen to me;

I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

The LORD redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

**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.**

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]
and shall not be put to shame.

Kyrie *LSB 152*

This Is the Feast *LSB 155*

Salutation and Collect of the Day *LSB 156*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; 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

First Reading *Revelation 14:6–7*

P The Old Testament Reading is from Revelation, chapter 14.

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his

judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 3:19–28

P The Epistle is from Romans, chapter 3.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

Holy Gospel

John 8:31–36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 566 By Grace I’m Saved

Sermon: Paid for with Sprinkled Blood!

Romans 3:19-28

Stand

Nicene Creed

LSB 158

Prayer of the Church

Offertory

LSB 159

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 160

Sanctus

LSB 161

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

The Words of Our Lord

Proclamation of Christ *LSB 162*

Lord's Prayer *LSB 162*

Pax Domini *LSB 163*

Agnus Dei *LSB 163*

Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymn: 623 Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

Distribution Hymn: 744 Amazing Grace

The Dismissal

Stand

Thank the Lord *LSB 164*

Post-Communion Collect

Benediction *LSB 166*

Hymn to Depart: 656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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

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, Dawn Ruez, Dorothy Zipfel, Sarah Kueker, Susan Sochowski, Paul Liefer, Robert Veath, Jace Duncan, Mary Braun, Dorothy Krause
- ★ Eric Braun would like us to join him in giving thanks for answered prayers that he is doing better
- ★ 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 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.

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 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 in the classroom immediately after the worship service.

TODAY: Since it is the 4th Sunday of the month, we will offer Holy Communion from the **Common Cup**. Individual cups will still be available 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.

TODAY: Wurstmarkt and Country Store at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Renault. Serving noon to 5 p.m. Dine-in or carry-out. Cash or check only. Adults \$13. Kids (6-12) \$7. Five and under eat free for dine-in only. Country Store includes fresh meat, apple butter, baked goods, and crafts.

Pastor Out of Town

Pastor and Beth will be out of town from Monday, October 28th through Sunday, November 3rd. There will be a pastor on call for emergencies while pastor is away. Please contact one of the Elders: Brian Liefer (618-570-4958), Jonathan Mehring (618-363-0066), or Timothy Schrader (618-363-1579) to get in touch with the pastor on call.

Now through Sunday, Nov. 3: Order Fresh Evergreens to support our Tuition Fund! Greenery will be ready for pickup/delivery before Thanksgiving. See flyer for more information.

Monday, Oct. 28: The Bible Study class will not meet.

Sunday, Nov. 3: Joint Council meeting at St. Peter's after their worship service (approximately 11 a.m.)

Sunday, Nov. 3: The Ladies Aid at Zion Lutheran Church will host a Bazaar with soup, sandwiches, and desserts. Festivities begin at 11 a.m. and continue through 2 p.m. See flyer for more information

Sunday, Nov. 3: Members of our congregation are invited to wish Pastor Terry Grebing and his wife, Diane, a happy retirement at a celebration from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Renault.

Monday, Nov. 4: The Bible Study class will not meet.

Wednesday, Nov. 6: Ladies Aid/LWML members will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 1 p.m. Pearl May will serve dessert.

Thursday, Nov. 7: LWML Lower Kaskaskia Zone Fall Fellowship at Holy Cross, Renault. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Opening devotion is at 9 a.m. The guest speaker will be from Sleep in Heavenly Peace, a non-profit dedicated to providing beds to children in need. See www.shpbeds.org for more information about the organization.

Monday, Nov. 11: The Bible Study class will resume here in the Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m. Our new topic: the Old Testament book of Jonah.

Now through Sunday, Dec. 1: Let Jill know if you would like to purchase a subscription to The Lutheran Witness for 2025. The cost is \$27.85 for 11 issues (June and July are combined.)



Christ Our Savior LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Annual Dinner Auction: We are looking forward to seeing you next Saturday, Nov. 2 for our Dinner Auction. The doors open and the silent auction starts at 4:00 pm. The meal will be served at 6:00 and the live auction begins at 7:15.

DQ Fundraiser: The DQ in Sparta is donating a portion of their sales to *COS* on Monday, Thursday, Nov. 7, from 4 p.m. – 11 p.m. Enjoy a meal and support *Christ Our Savior* at the same time!

Donkey Basketball: The *COS* FFA will be hosting a donkey basketball game on Nov. 11. We will be recognizing our veterans that evening, and would like veterans to make up one of our teams. If you are a veteran or active duty and would like to participate, please contact Lisa Luebkekmann 618-713-7125.

Tickets for the Donkey basketball game will go on sale soon. Advance tickets will be \$8, at the door \$10. Admission for Veterans is half-price. Watch for more details.

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.