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**First Sunday after Christmas**

*10 a.m.*

*December 28, 2025*

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

***Confession and Absolution***

**Hymn of Invocation: 375 Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising**

*Stand*

**Invocation and Exhortation**

*LSB 151*

**Confession of Sins and Absolution**

*LSB 151*

***Service of the Word***

**Introit**

*Jeremiah 31:15–17; antiphon: Hosea 11:1*

When Israel was a child, I loved him,  
**and out of Egypt I called my son.**

Thus says the LORD: “A voice is heard in Ramah,  
**lamentation and bitter weeping.**

Rachel is weeping for her children;

**she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they  
are no more.”**

Thus says the LORD: “Keep your voice from weeping,  
**and your eyes from tears,**

for there is a reward for your work, declares the LORD,  
**and they shall come back from the land of the enemy.**  
 There is hope for your future, declares the LORD,  
**and your children shall come back to their own country.”**  
**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.**  
 When Israel was a child, I loved him,  
**and out of Egypt I called my son.**

**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.

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through 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** *Isaiah 63:7–14*

**P** The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, chapter 63.

<sup>7</sup>I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD,  
 the praises of the LORD,

according to all that the LORD has granted us,  
and the great goodness to the house of Israel  
that he has granted them according to his compassion,  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

<sup>8</sup>For he said, “Surely they are my people,  
children who will not deal falsely.”

And he became their Savior.

<sup>9</sup>In all their affliction he was afflicted,  
and the angel of his presence saved them;  
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;  
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

<sup>10</sup>But they rebelled  
and grieved his Holy Spirit;  
therefore he turned to be their enemy,  
and himself fought against them.

<sup>11</sup>Then he remembered the days of old,  
of Moses and his people.

Where is he who brought them up out of the sea  
with the shepherds of his flock?

Where is he who put in the midst of them  
his Holy Spirit,

<sup>12</sup>who caused his glorious arm  
to go at the right hand of Moses,  
who divided the waters before them  
to make for himself an everlasting name,

<sup>13</sup>who led them through the depths?

Like a horse in the desert,  
they did not stumble.

<sup>14</sup>Like livestock that go down into the valley,  
the Spirit of the LORD gave them rest.

So you led your people,  
to make for yourself a glorious name.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Galatians 4:4–7*

**P** The Epistle is from Galatians, chapter 4.

<sup>4</sup>When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 156*

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 2:13–23*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

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

<sup>13</sup>When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” <sup>14</sup>And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt <sup>15</sup>and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

<sup>16</sup>Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. <sup>17</sup>Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

<sup>18</sup>“A voice was heard in Ramah,  
weeping and loud lamentation,

Rachel weeping for her children;  
she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.”

<sup>19</sup>But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, <sup>20</sup>saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” <sup>21</sup>And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup>But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. <sup>23</sup>And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

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

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

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day: 389 Let All Together Praise Our God**

**Sermon: A Son and Heir of God**

*Galatians 4:4-7*

*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: 374 Gentle Mary Laid Her Child**

**Distribution Hymn: 393 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly**

## **The Dismissal**

*Stand*

**Thank the Lord** *LSB 164*

## **Post-Communion Collect**

**Benediction** *LSB 166*

**Hymn to Depart: 390 Let Us All with Gladsome Voice**

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in memory of Norman May*

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### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

**\*for healing and strength** for Becky, Helen, Cara, David, Elaine, Sarah, Art and Gladys, Linda, Delbert, Brian, Dawn, Susan, Paul, Robert, Jace, Mary, and Dorothy

**\*for thanksgiving** for healing and recovery of Dennis, Jeff, and Carolyn

**\*for all members of the military, police, and firefighters including** Jace and Ryan.

### **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 CONTACT PASTOR WINTERFELDT**

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## **TO SHARE INFORMATION**

**Church Council:** Dennis Phegley, chairman; Brian Liefer, elder; Jonathan Mehring, elder; Timothy Schrader, elder.

**Church Bulletin:** By Wednesday afternoon, send email to church address ([stjohnlutheranruma@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnlutheranruma@gmail.com))

**Church Facebook Page:** Directly message *StJohnEvLutheranChurchRumaLL*, send an email to the church email address (above), or ask Amanda to have your information posted.

## **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, and links to all things LCMS. Look for us at [www.stjohnlutheranruma.com](http://www.stjohnlutheranruma.com).



### **Pastor's YouTube Channel:**

If you are unable to attend services or want to listen again to a particular sermon, go to "jwinterfel" on YouTube where Pastor posts a recording of the week's **Old Testament, Epistle, and Gospel readings, as well as his weekly sermon**. You will also find video and audio of some entire services.

### **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. **The shelves are restocked with fresh apple butter!**

**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:** You are 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 donating toward the Cemetery Fund:** Spring rains washed deep ruts into the entrances to the cemetery. Voters approved the cost of asphaltting the entire cemetery road. The road is finished and should be beautiful and maintenance-free for years! If you would like to help replenish the cost of the road, please put your donation in an envelope marked Cemetery Fund.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**New Year's Eve:** A combined New Year's Eve service with St. Peter's will be held at St. Peter's at 6:30 p.m. Holy Communion will be served.

**Sunday, Jan. 4:** The last day to leave items you purchased for the Giving Tree that is set up in the Fellowship Hall. The Sunday School classes organize this to benefit Life Network of Southern Illinois.

**Sunday, Jan. 4:** Members of the Church Council will meet immediately after the worship service.

**Sunday, Jan. 11:** Voters will meet immediately after the worship service.

#### **Sunday School Christmas Program**

The children's program will be available to watch (as are our services and sermons) on Pastor's YouTube channel. Just go to YouTube and type "jwinterfel" in the search box!