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Rev. Randy Fischer, Pastor

First Sunday in Advent

8:30 a.m.

December 1, 2024

Divine Service, Setting One, LSB p. 151

Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation: 341 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

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 25:1–10

¹To you, O LORD,

I lift up my soul.

²O my God, in you I trust;

let me not be put to shame;

let not my enemies exult over me.

³Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
**for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.**

⁶Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
**according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!**

⁸Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

⁹He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.

¹⁰All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Kyrie

LSB 152

Gloria in Excelsis (Omitted during the Advent season)

LSB 154

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 33:14–16

¹⁴“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

⁹What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹²and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

Holy Gospel

Luke 19:28–40

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁸When [Jesus] had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering

you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” ³²So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” ³⁵And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” ³⁹And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” ⁴⁰He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 343 Prepare the Royal Highway

Sermon: No Quiet Event, He Comes!

Luke 19:28-40

Stand

Apostles' Creed

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Prayer of the Church

Offertory

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The Lord's Prayer

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Prayer

Hymn to Depart: 333 Once He Came in Blessing

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR...

- ★ Raylyn Duncan (daughter of Jace and Cassie Liefer Duncan), 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
- ★ 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 church to practice for their Sunday School program.

TODAY: The last day to let Jill know that 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.)

TODAY: The Sunday School students are once again collecting items and money for Life Network of Southern Illinois, a pregnancy care center. Choose an ornament from the Giving Tree in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your gift and leave it under the tree. No need to wrap! Gifts and monetary collections will be taken to the Red Bud office after January 1.

Wednesday, Dec. 4: First Midweek Advent service at St. Peter's. See p. 10 for more information.

Saturday, Dec. 7: COSLHS Christmas Choir Concert at St. Peter's begins at 2 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 7: Breakfast with Baby Jesus is an event is hosted by St. John Lutheran Church, Baldwin, from 9:00 am – 11:00 am in the school gym. They only ask that you please bring at least one canned food item per child. The items will be donated to the Baldwin Food Pantry. This event is for children **8 years old and younger with supervising adult(s)**. Join us in singing, hearing the story of the birth of baby Jesus, and enjoying some donuts, pastries, milk, and orange juice. **Please R.S.V.P. by December 1st** by contacting Jeff Rowald (314) 920-6996 or Clint Reiman (618) 318-1143. See flyer in the Fellowship Hall.

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Saturday, Dec. 7: Open House at St. John's Lutheran Church, Chester from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to celebrate their 175th anniversary. See the decorated church along with a display of nativities, learn about the memorial gifts given in celebration of the church's centennial celebration that are still being used today as well as the changes in the altar area that have been done over the years and many other features and symbols in the sanctuary. Refreshments will be served. Website: <https://www.sjshornets.com/>

Saturday, Dec. 14: Trinity Lutheran Church, Millstadt, annual Christmas Cookie Walk from 9 a.m. to noon. Homemade Christmas Cookies are sold by the pound. Advance orders are welcome. See flyer on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board for more information.

Thank You for Your Donations for Poinsettias

Floyd and Carolyn Schoenbeck family in memory of Fred and Paula Schoenbeck, Omar Schoenbeck, and Janet Cole

Becky Carroll in memory of Jim Carroll and in honor of Sarah Kueker

Pearl May in memory of Norman May

Ryan and Chelsea Wegener family in memory of Don Wegener

Marlene Ling in memory of Rolla and Tillie Ling

Mark and Diann Scherle in memory of Bob and Regina Scherle and Charlie and Aldina Schrader

Brian and Becky Liefer family in memory of Doris Liefer

Dennis and Jill Phegley in honor of the love of family and friends

Pastor and Beth Fischer to the Glory of God

Nancy Kruse in memory of Roger Kruse

Advent, Christmas, and New Year's Eve Worship Schedule

Midweek Advent Vesper Services will be at St. Peter's

This year's theme is "Let Earth Receive Her King."

Hymn Sing begins at 6:15 p.m. each evening.

Worship service begins at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 4: Midweek Advent theme: "Let God's People Receive Their King!" The meditation is based on Matthew 2:3 and John 1:10-12.

Wednesday, Dec. 11: Midweek Advent theme: "Let the Romans Receive Their King." The meditation is based on Revelation 19:16.

Wednesday, Dec. 18: Midweek Advent theme: "Let Today's Earth Receive Her King!" The meditation is based on 1 Timothy 2:5.

Sunday, Dec. 22: Sunday School Christmas Program, **here** at 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight service **here** at 6:30

Tuesday, Dec. 24: St. Peter's Sunday School Christmas Eve program begins at 6:30 p.m. **at St. Peter's**

Wednesday, Dec. 25: Joint Christmas Day service **at St. Peter's** at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 31: Joint New Year's Eve service at 6:30 p.m. **at St. Peter's.**



Christ Our Savior

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

God's Blessings to You and Your Family as we celebrate the Advent Season.

FFA Fundraiser: Our FFA is currently selling Stonie's Snack Sticks. The price is \$1.25 each. Contact an FFA member or call school to get yours.

COS Christmas Choir Concert: Make plans to attend our Christmas Choir Concert at St. Peter's in Evansville on December 7 at 2:00 p.m.

COS Basketball Game: Our first basketball games of the season are at Thomas Jefferson on December 6. The girls will play at 6:30 p.m. and the boys at 8:00 p.m. Our first home games are on December 16.

School Hours: Office hours are Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Registration for second semester 2024-2025 is available! 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. Registration for 2025-2026 will begin in January.

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