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The 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

10:00 a.m.

January 25, 2026

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

Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation: 810 O God of God, O Light of Light

Stand

Invocation and Exhortation

LSB 151

Confession of Sins and Absolution

LSB 151

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 22:27–31; antiphon: v. 22

I will tell of your name to my brothers;

in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,

and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

For kingship belongs to the LORD,

and he rules over the nations.

All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;

before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.

Posterity shall serve him;

it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;
they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet
unborn,
that he has done it.

**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 tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

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 everlasting God, mercifully look upon our
infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal
and defend us; 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 *Isaiah 9:1–4*

P The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, chapter 9.

¹ There will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the
former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the
land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the
way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shined.
³You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.
⁴For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:10–18

P The Epistle is from 1 Corinthians, chapter 1.

¹⁰I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹²What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." ¹³Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. ¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:12–25

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

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

¹²When [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵“The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,
the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the
Gentiles—

¹⁶the people dwelling in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death,
on them a light has dawned.”

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

¹⁸While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the

sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 839 O Christ, Our True and Only Light

Sermon: Ordinary Discipleship

Matthew 4:12-25

Stand

Nicene Creed

LSB 158

Prayer of the Church

Offertory

LSB 159

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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Sanctus

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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: 400 Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

Distribution Hymn: 396 Arise and Shine in Splendor

The Dismissal

Stand

Thank the Lord

LSB 164

Post-Communion Collect

Benediction

LSB 166

Hymn to Depart: 412 The People That in Darkness Sat

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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

***for comfort** for Jonathan and his family as they mourn the death of his grandfather, Dennis Fischer

***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 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 Byron Schlueter, 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.

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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).

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

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.

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 Lutheran Heritage Foundation Mission Project for 2026... This year's project will once again project will once again 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 2026. *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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday School students will meet immediately after the service.

TODAY: Please join us as we host the third of our Bible presentations in church at 1:30. More information on p. 10 and 11..

TODAY: We are invited to a hymn festival commemorating the liturgical Festival of the Conversion of St. Paul beginning at 3p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Troy. Four SID churches named St. Paul will join together for the festival: St. Paul's Columbia, St. Paul Hamel, St. Paul's Troy, and St. Paul Wood River. Hymn commentaries will be provided by pastors of the four churches. Singers and instrumentalists from all four church will also participate. In the spirit of St. Paul, a mission offering will be collected for the

Seminario Concordia El Reformador in the Dominican Republic (a mission partner of the SID). For more information, see the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Tuesday, Jan. 27: The fourth Bible presentation will begin at 6 p.m. at St. Peter's.

Sunday, Feb. 22: Pastor Winterfeldt will be installed in a service here at St. John's at 3 p.m. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Fellowship Hall. Finger foods and desserts will be much appreciated for our celebration and fellowship with Pastor and his family and friends.

--see page 10 and 11 for more information and news

BIBLE PRESENTATIONS 2026

St. John's Lutheran Church in Ruma and St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Evansville are once again hosting a series of six presentations on the Bible. This year's Bible Presentations will focus on Hebrews 11 and its list of great Old Testament men and women who lived by the faith worked in them by God, their Father. Light refreshments will be served after each presentation.

All presentations are live-streamed and remain available for viewing on our church Facebook page for 30 days after the event. Go to [StJohnEvLutheranRumaLL](#) on Facebook.

Sunday, January 18, join us here at St. John's at 1:30 pm. The topic will be an introduction to Hebrews 11 and God's working faith in those who believe in the Genesis account of Creation. The presentation will be by Pastor Winterfeldt.

Tuesday, January 20, join us at St. Peter's at 6 pm. The topic will be the faith of "Cain and Abel, Enoch, and Noah." The presentation will be by Rev. Scott Hojnacki, Trinity Lutheran, Red Bud.

Sunday, January 25, join us here at 1:30 pm. The topic will be the faith of “Abraham and Sarah” presented by Rev. Tony Troup, Retired.

Tuesday, January 27, join us at St. Peter’s at 6 pm. The topic will be the faith of “Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph” presented by Rev. John Lukowski, Retired.

Sunday, February 1, join us here at 1:30 pm. The topic will be the faith of “Moses and the Exodus” presented by Rev. Randy Fischer, Retired.

Tuesday, February 3, join us at St. Peter’s at 6 pm. The topic will be the faith of “The Rest and Conclusion” presented by Rev. Rodney Benkendorf, Hanover Lutheran, Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

What’s New?

Council members from Trinity Lutheran Church, Red Bud, have asked all former COSLHS association congregations to consider donating at least half of what they would have paid in association fees while the COS was open to help pay teacher salaries at Trinity Lutheran School. The letter is available to read on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

At our voter’s meeting last Sunday, voters approved donating \$1040 dollars for this school year. If you would like an additional donation, please put it in an envelope marked for Trinity Lutheran School and leave it in the collection plate. Jill and Diann will see that donations are forwarded to Trinity Lutheran School.