

St. John's Lutheran Church, Ruma

Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

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Rev. Randy Fischer, Pastor

2nd Sunday in Lent

8:30 a.m.

March 5, 2023

Divine Service, Setting One, LSB p. 151

Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation: 555 Salvation unto Us Has Come (1-4, 9 & 10)

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

Psalms 105:4-7; antiphon: v. 8

He remembers his covenant forever,

the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

Seek the LORD and his strength;

seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
O offspring of Abraham, his servant,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!
He is the LORD our God;
his judgments are in all the earth.

**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.**

He remembers his covenant forever,
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

Kyrie

LSB 152

Gloria in Excelsis (Omitted during Lent)

LSB 154

Salutation and Collect of the Day

[P] The Lord be with you.

[C] And also with you.

[P] Let us pray.

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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 12:1–9

¹The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you.

²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and

make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 4:1–8, 13–17

¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

⁷“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,
and whose sins are covered;

⁸blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” . . .

¹³For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the

righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse (Omitted during Lent)

LSB 156

Holy Gospel

John 3:1–17

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” ³Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not

understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

[C] Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 587 I Know My Faith Is Founded

Sermon: "Not Merely Existing!"

Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

Stand

Apostles' Creed

Prayer of the Church

Offertory

LSB 159

The Lord's Prayer

LSB Inside Back Cover

Prayer

Benediction

LSB 166

Hymn to Depart: 918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

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- ★ Dawn Ruez, Dorothy Zipfel, Jim Carroll, Becky Carroll, Sarah Kueker, Susan Sochowski, Paul Liefer, Pastor Jansen, Robert Veath, Jace Duncan, Mary Braun, Dorothy Krause
- ★ Jace Duncan (husband of Cassie (Liefer) Duncan), Ryan Nehrt, Ben Boeder (son of Pastor Royal Boeder), 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
- ★ If you'd like to send a card to **Pastor and Becky Jansen**, the address is 9422 Parklind Drive, St. Louis, MO 63126.
- ★ If you'd like to send a card to **Dorothy Krause**, her address is Room 102, Red Bud Regional Care, 350 West South 1st Street, Red Bud, 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.

175th Anniversary Committee Nancy Kruse, Marlene Ling, Jill Phegley, Amanda Roedl, and Diann Scherle

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 (618-363-006 06); Timothy Schrader, elder (618-363-1579).

Church Bulletin: By Wednesday afternoon, send email to stjohnlutheranruma@gmail.com (preferred), text Deb (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 and sermon, a calendar of church activities, information on the 175th Anniversary Project, and links to all things LCMS. Look for us at www.stjohnlutheranrumba.com.

PLEASE CONSIDER SERVING OUR CHURCH FAMILY...

By donating toward our 2023 Lutheran Heritage Foundation Mission Project... The new LHF mission project will focus on Central and South America. Every \$5.00 we collect provides a Child's Garden of Bible Stories in Spanish. **Write Central/South America 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 2023. *Check out Diann's bulletin board display just outside the Fellowship Hall for more information.*

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 donating new or used sheets and pillowcases to be used for backing on quilts that the Ladies Aid/LWML make and donate to the poor. Flat sheets are preferred.

By leaving non-perishable food items in the back of church. The Ladies Aid/LWML members are collecting for area food pantries.

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.

THIS YEAR'S LENTEN SERIES: "The Lord Is My Shepherd"

Perhaps there is no more beloved picture in Scripture than that of the Good Shepherd. In times when we feel alone, afraid, or sad, it is a great comfort to know that our Good Shepherd is near. His staff is in His hand, ever keeping us from straying, and ever protecting us from danger!

The Biblical shepherd spent his time in the worst elements of weather. The life of the shepherd was solitary. The life of the shepherd was also on the line! If a wolf came to make prey of the sheep, the shepherd would place himself between the flock and the possibility of death!

"What punishment so strange is suffered yonder! The Shepherd dies for sheep that love to wander; The master pays the debt His servants owe Him, who would not know Him." [LSB 439 vs. 4]

Come to our Lenten Midweek services this year and learn of the Shepherd who sacrificed Himself for His wayward sheep. Learn of His tender care for us here and in eternity!

St John's Ruma – 6:30 p.m.

February 22 - Ash Wednesday with Communion and Imposition of Ashes – "The Lord is My Shepherd"

March 1 – "He Maketh Me to Lie Down"

March 8 – "He Leadeth Me in the Paths of Righteousness"

St. Peter's Evansville – 6:30 p.m.

March 15 – "I Will Fear No Evil"

March 22 – "Thou Preparest a Table Before Me"

March 29 – "I Will Dwell in the House of the Lord Forever!"

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday School students will meet via Zoom.

TODAY: We recognize all who were baptized in our church. Current members who were baptized here are listed on p.13. A longer list of those who were baptized here but later transferred membership is available in the back of church. Everyone is invited to a sweet treats and coffee reception in the Fellowship Hall after the service.

Wednesday, March 8: Midweek Lenten services continue here at 6:30 p.m. See p. 9 for information on this year's Lenten theme and for the complete schedule.

Friday, March 10: Fish Fry at St. Peter United Church of Christ, Red Bud. Dine-in and curbside pick-up available from 4-7 p.m. See flyer on bulletin board for more information.

Sunday, March 12: St. John's Lutheran, Baldwin, will host their annual fried chicken dinner from 10:30 am – 1:30 pm. Dine-in or carry out. Check the bulletin board for more information.

Beginning in March or April: If you've ever thought you'd like to learn to quilt, now is the time to start making plans! Several of our ladies will begin a quilt sometime in March or April, and they'd love to pass on the art of hand-quilting. All you need is a thimble, but if you don't have one, our quilters have extras.

Not sure you'll like it? There's no commitment. Quilt for an hour or once a month or an entire afternoon every week until a quilt is finished. Please contact Dorothy Ruez or Pearl May if you are interested.

Now through Mar. 31: Direct your 2022 Thrivent Choice Dollars to your choice of over 45,000 organizations. You can direct online (you should get an email from Thrivent with directions) or by calling your representative. If you direct dollars to St. John's, let Jill know the dollar amount and in which fund to put the money.

Wednesday and Thursday, April 26-27: Save the date for Lutheran Older Adult Retreat at Pere Marquette Lodge in Grafton, IL. April 11 is the last day to register. Registration forms and more information is available on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Countdown to November 4, 2023

175th Anniversary Project: Pastor and Becky Jansen worked with Jill Phegley to gather and organize historical information for *The 175th Anniversary Project*, a **history/memory book** telling the story of our first 175 years as a congregation. Jill is now working with Diann Scherle to edit, proof, and prepare information for the book before our anniversary on Nov. 4.

Stop by the **mini-museum** room just inside the front entrance to church to check out congregational memorabilia and artifacts.

Each week we are highlighting, in chronological order, a **tidbit from the minutes of one voters' meeting** from one or more years of our congregation's history, 1848-2023. You can find all of the tidbits in Tidbit Archives at www.stjohnlutheranruma.com.

This week's tidbit comes from 1942 and 1943: In the Jan. 1, 1942 meeting, voters decided that, as an act of patriotism, they would drop the German language for the duration of the war. German Lutheran congregations remembered the pressure and prejudice applied to them by both government and citizen groups during WWI. In 1943, the effects of war rations were felt. The Ladies Aid could not get coffee or sugar for their monthly meetings.

Members of the Anniversary Committee are also working on **special activities for each month** throughout the year.

* The 175th Anniversary **banners in church** are a monthly series of banners being designed and made by Amanda Roedl and her daughter, Kaley. **March's banner:** 175 Years of Baptisms

***In March**, we are celebrating baptisms. All current members who were baptized in our church are listed on the next page. All who were baptized here but transferred their membership are listed on a handout available in the back of church. The 175th Anniversary Committee is hosting a coffee and sweet treats reception immediately after the service for everyone attending today's service. NOTE: Our list of those baptized here is complete *to the best of our knowledge*. Please let us know if anyone was missed.

Current Members Who Were Baptized in Our Church

1938 - Pearl Wilma Wegener
(May)
1943 - Lloyd David Schoenbeck
1947 - Marlene Jean Ling
1949 - Carol Faye Schrader
(Tobin)
1954 - Brian Glen Ruez
1957 - Mark Richard Krause
1957 - Diann Jane Schrader
(Scherle)
1962 - Ricky Dean Walker
1963 - Pamela Sue Deterding
1964 - Keven Roger Kruse
1967 - Linda Kay Hanebutt
1968 - Darrin Lee Walker
1968 - Scott Antony Becker
1972 - Jarrod James Tobin
1976 - Jill Stephanie Tobin
(Wetzel)
1979 - Amy Anita Schoenbeck
(Stellhorn)
1979 - Jeffrey Allen Schlueter
1980 - Jason Roger Paul Kruse
1981 - Melinda Ann Schlueter
(Remick)
1983 - Ryan Arthur Wegener
1983 - Amanda Lynn Kruse
(Roedl)
1983 - Julie Lynn Schoenbeck
(Kloeppe)
1984 - Brandon John Roger
Bergmann
1985 - Amy Nicole Kruse (Rahn)
1985 - Rachel Christine
Chartrand (Mehring)
1985 - Jeremy Ryan Schlueter
1986 - Timothy Dean Schrader
1986 - Ashley Elizabeth Kruse
(Hoeffken)
1990 - Krystal Lin Bergmann
(Craig)

1990 - Reid Michael McCutcheon
1995 - Hannah Dorothy Ruez
1999 - Hannah Marie Wetzel
2000 - Andrew Allen Kueker
2004 - Cody Hesse
2006 - Byron Ivan Schlueter
2008 - Kaley Rosemarie Roedl
2008 - Addison Lena Salger
2008 - Adeline Maria Meyer
2008 - Lucas Oliveira Bergmann
2009 - Lacee Olinda Liefer
2010 - Ryan Wetzel (adult)
2010 - Katelynn Braun
2010 - Lyle Elroy Schlueter
2010 - Nolan Matthew Roedl
2010 - Eva Marie Braun
2010 - Thomas Oliveira
Bergmann
2011 - Brystal Grace Stellhorn
2011 - Brendyn Donald Wegener
2011 - Emily Paige Mehring
2012 - Addelyn Harper Mehring
2012 - Ella Rose Rahn
2012 - William Edwin Braun
2013 - Zacchaeus Edwin Liefer
2013 - Hayven Faith Stellhorn
2015 - Layla Rose Rahn
2015 - Caden James Wegener
2015 - Elliana Kristine Schrader
2017 - Colton Glen Roscow
2019 - Charles Dwain Schrader
2021 - Avery Willow Buch
2021 - Sophia Jane Rahn
2022 - Josie Lynn Kloeppe