

**St. John's Lutheran Church, Ruma**  
**Lutheran Church Missouri Synod**

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**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany**

*10:00 a.m.*

*January 18, 2026*

**Matins with Confession and Absolution**

**Hymn: 394 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise**

*Stand*

***Confession and Absolution, LSB 151***

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*LSB 151*

***Matins, LSB 219***

**Common Versicles**

*LSB 219*

***Psalmody***

**Antiphon (Common)**

*LSB 220*

**Venite**

*LSB 220*

**Antiphon (Common)**

*LSB 221*

*Sit*

## *Readings*

### **Reading**

*Isaiah 49:1–7*

**P** A reading from Isaiah, chapter 49.

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, O coastlands,  
and give attention, you peoples from afar.  
The LORD called me from the womb,  
from the body of my mother he named my name.  
<sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword;  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow;  
in his quiver he hid me away.  
<sup>3</sup>And he said to me, “You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”  
<sup>4</sup>But I said, “I have labored in vain;  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my right is with the LORD,  
and my recompense with my God.”  
<sup>5</sup>And now the LORD says,  
he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him;  
and that Israel might be gathered to him—  
for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD,  
and my God has become my strength—  
<sup>6</sup>he says:  
“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;  
I will make you as a light for the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”  
<sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation,  
the servant of rulers:  
“Kings shall see and arise;  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves;

because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Reading

*1 Corinthians 1:1–9*

**P** A reading from 1 Corinthians, chapter 1.

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus,  
and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in  
Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in  
every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their  
Lord and ours:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus  
Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of  
God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>that in every way you  
were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—<sup>6</sup>even as  
the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—<sup>7</sup>so that  
you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the  
revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup>who will sustain you to the  
end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful,  
by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus  
Christ our Lord.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Reading

*John 1:29–42a*

**P** A reading from John, chapter 1.

<sup>29</sup>The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said,  
“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

<sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks  
before me, because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know  
him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he  
might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup>And John bore witness: “I saw the

Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup>And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

<sup>35</sup>The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” <sup>39</sup>He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). <sup>42</sup>He brought him to Jesus.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **Responsory**

*LSB 221*

*Sit*

## **Sermon Hymn: 401 From God the Father, Virgin-Born**

**Sermon: Called Saints**

*1 Corinthians 1:1-9*

## *Canticle*

*Stand*

**Te Deum**

*LSB 223*

**Installation of Officers**

# *Prayer*

**Kyrie**

*LSB 227*

**Lord's Prayer**

*LSB 227*

**Collects**

**Collect of the Day**

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving**

**Collect for Grace**

*Stand*

**Benedicamus and Benediction**

*LSB 228*

**Hymn to Depart: 404 Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered**

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

## **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 Mehring 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 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; 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.

## **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).

**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](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 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**

**Sunday, Jan. 18:** Sunday School students will meet via Zoom.

**Sunday, Jan.18:** We will host the first of our Bible presentations in church at 1:30. More information below.

**Tuesday, Jan. 20:** The second Bible presentation will begin at 6 p.m. at St. Peter's.

**Sunday, Jan. 25:** 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.

**Sunday, Feb. 22:** Pastor Winterfeldt will be installed in a service here at St. John's at 2 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.

## **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.

**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 Lukomski, 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 envelop 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.