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**Lutheran Church Missouri Synod**  
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**Rev. Randy Fischer, Pastor**

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**Second Sunday After Epiphany**

*8:30 a.m.*

*January 19, 2025*

**Matins, LSB p.219**

**Hymn: 399 The Star Proclaims the King Is Here**

*Stand*

**Common Versicles**

*LSB 219*

***Psalmody***

**Antiphon (Common)**

*LSB 220*

**Venite**

*LSB 220*

**Antiphon (Common)**

*LSB 221*

*Sit*

## Readings

### Reading

*Isaiah 62:1–5*

**P** A reading from Isaiah, chapter 62.

<sup>1</sup>For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,  
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,  
and her salvation as a burning torch.

<sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your righteousness,  
and all the kings your glory,  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

<sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

<sup>4</sup>You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate,  
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married;  
for the LORD delights in you,  
and your land shall be married.

<sup>5</sup>For as a young man marries a young woman,  
so shall your sons marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Reading

*1 Corinthians 12:1–11*

**P** A reading from 1 Corinthians, chapter 12.

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup>You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. <sup>3</sup>Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Reading

*John 2:1–11*

**P** A reading from John, chapter 2.

<sup>1</sup>On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. <sup>3</sup>When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

<sup>6</sup>Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it. <sup>9</sup>When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup>and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.” <sup>11</sup>This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Responsory (Common)**

*LSB 221*

*Sit*

**Sermon Hymn: 395 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright**  
*verses 1-4*

**Sermon: The Joy of Knowing!**

*John 2:1-11*

## *Canticle*

*Stand*

**Te Deum**

*LSB 223*

## *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**

*LSB 228*

*Stand*

**Hymn to Depart: 398 Hail to the Lord’s Anointed**

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

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR...**

- ★ Delbert Wittenauer (uncle of Amanda Roedl and Amy Rahn), Rory (granddaughter of close friend of Beth Fischer), Monica Hussey (daughter of Dorothy Zipfel), Art and Gladys Thies, Linda Schulz, Dianna Wegener, Delbert Kueker, Brian Ruez, Carolyn Fink, Dawn Ruez, Dorothy Zipfel, Sarah Kueker, Susan Sochowski, Paul Liefer, Robert Veath, Jace Duncan, Mary Braun, Dorothy Krause
- ★ Thanksgiving with Teddy Schrader and his family as his surgery was successful and his recovery complete!
- ★ 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 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 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 *StJohnEvLutheranChurchRumaLL*, 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](mailto: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](http://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 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:** 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.

## Thank-You from Pastor and Beth

**Thank you to our dear members!** Beth and I give thanks to God always for our fellow members at St. John's for every blessing as we enter a new year, praying for His grace to abound among us in our Lord Jesus! We also appreciate the prayers, cards, and gifts you have shared with us, including the generous bonus. As the Psalmist proclaimed, so do we: **Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! And His mercy endures forever!**

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**TODAY:** Church Council members will meet immediately after the worship service.

**TODAY:** Bible Presentation by Rev. Terry Grebing, retired, begins at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. See below for more info.

**Sunday, Jan. 26:** Voters' Meeting immediately after the worship service.

**Sunday, Feb. 9:** Installation of officers and council members during the service.

**Mondays, Feb. 10 and 17:** The final two Bible Studies covering the Book of Jonah, including the Sight and Sound videos, will begin at 6 p.m. both evenings at St. Peter's, Evansville.

## *Bible Presentations for 2025*

We are once again joining St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Evansville to host a series of six presentations on the Bible. This year's Bible Presentations will give us a picture of Jesus Christ who is active with His Father and the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament. The sessions will draw upon different passages in the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, primarily in the four Servant Songs of Isaiah which foretell the Ministry of Jesus in the Gospel accounts. Come join us to learn more about the eternal Son of God, sent to earth for our salvation! Light refreshments will be served after each presentation.



**Sunday, January 19:** join us here at 1:30 pm. The topic will be “Isaiah Sees the Glory of Jesus,” presented by Rev. Terry Grebing, Retired.

**Tuesday, January 21:** join us at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church in Evansville at 6 pm. The topic will be “The Servant of the Lord, Song 1,” presented by Rev. Scott Hojnacki, Trinity Lutheran, Red Bud.

**Sunday, January 26:** join us here at 1:30 pm. The topic will be “The Servant of the Lord, Song 2,” presented by Rev. Tony Troup, Retired.

**Tuesday, January 28:** join us at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church in Evansville at 6 pm. The topic will be “The Servant of the Lord, Song 3,” presented by Rev. Rodney Benkendorf, Hanover Lutheran, Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

**Sunday, February 2:** join us here in Ruma at 1:30 pm. The topic will be “The Servant of the Lord, Song 4,” presented by Rev. Stephen Krenz, St. Paul’s Lutheran, Columbia.

**Tuesday, February 4:** join us at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church in Evansville at 6 pm. The topic will be “Jesus Reveals Himself as the Servant of the Lord,” presented by Rev. John Lukomski, Retired.



# Christ Our Savior

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

**Community Blood Drive:** The American Red Cross will hold a community blood drive Tuesday, January 28 from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm in the gymnasium at Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School in Evansville. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter EvansvilleCommunity (zip code 62242) to schedule an appointment.

**COS Basketball:** Our basketball season is coming to a close with two away games. On January 23, we will be playing at Jacob vs. Trinity Christian at 6:00 p.m. On January 30, we will be playing at First Baptist O’Fallon, at 6:00 p.m.

**Registration for 2025-2026 is open!** 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](http://www.coslhs.org).

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

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