

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

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**The 4th Sunday after the Epiphany**

*10:00 a.m.*

*February 1, 2026*

Divine Service, Setting One without Holy Communion, *LSB* p. 151

***Confession and Absolution***

**Hymn of Invocation: 395 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright**

*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 1:1–5; antiphon: v. 6*

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,

**but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Blessèd is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

**nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of  
scoffers;**

but his delight is in the law of the LORD,

**and on his law he meditates day and night.**

He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.

**In all that he does, he prospers.**

The wicked are not so,

**but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

**nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.**

**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.**

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,

**but the way of the wicked will perish.**

**Kyrie**

*LSB 152*

**Gloria in Excelsis**

*LSB 154*

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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**

*Micah 6:1–8*

<sup>1</sup>Hear what the LORD says:

Arise, plead your case before the mountains,

and let the hills hear your voice.

<sup>2</sup>Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth,  
for the LORD has an indictment against his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

<sup>3</sup>“O my people, what have I done to you?  
How have I wearied you? Answer me!

<sup>4</sup>For I brought you up from the land of Egypt  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,  
and I sent before you Moses,  
Aaron, and Miriam.

<sup>5</sup>O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised,  
and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

<sup>6</sup>“With what shall I come before the LORD,  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?

<sup>7</sup>Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

<sup>8</sup>He has told you, O man, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 1:18–31*

<sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

<sup>26</sup>For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

<sup>31</sup>Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse**

*LSB 156*

**Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 5:1–12*

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

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

<sup>1</sup>Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

<sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

<sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

<sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day: 842 Son of God, Eternal Savior**

**Sermon: Any Christian's Foolish Wisdom**

*1 Corinthians 1:18-31*

*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**

**Benediction**

*LSB 166*

**Hymn to Depart: 924 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing**

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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 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](mailto: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**

**TODAY:** Sunday School students will meet via Zoom.

**TODAY:** Please join us as we host our Bible presentation in church at 1:30. Pastor Fischer will be back to present today! More information on p. 11.

**Tuesday, Feb. 3:** The Bible presentation will begin at 6 p.m. at St. Peter's. See p. 10.

**Wednesday, Feb. 4:** The Ladies Aid/LWML members will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 1 p.m. Dianna will serve dessert. All ladies are welcome.

**The Sunday, Jan. 25 and Tuesday, Jan. 27 Bible Presentations have been rescheduled for Sunday, Feb. 8 and Tuesday, Feb. 10. See p. 10.**

**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.

**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, presentation rescheduled for Feb. 8.**

**Tuesday, January 27, presentation rescheduled for Feb. 10.**

**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.

**Sunday, February 8, join us here at 1:30 pm.** The topic will be the faith of "Abraham and Sarah" presented by Rev. Tony Troup, Retired.

**Tuesday, February 10, 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.

## **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.