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**Rev. Randy Fischer, Pastor**

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**Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany**

*8:30 a.m.*

*February 16, 2025*

**Matins, LSB p.219**

**Hymn: 684 Come unto Me, Ye Weary**

*Stand*

**Common Versicles**

*LSB 219*

***Psalmody***

**Antiphon (Common)**

*LSB 220*

**Venite**

*LSB 220*

**Antiphon (Common)**

*LSB 221*

*Sit*

## Readings

### Reading

*Jeremiah 17:5–8*

**P** A reading from Jeremiah, chapter 17.

<sup>5</sup>Thus says the LORD:

“Cursed is the man who trusts in man  
and makes flesh his strength,  
whose heart turns away from the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>He is like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see any good come.

He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD,  
whose trust is the LORD.

<sup>8</sup>He is like a tree planted by water,  
that sends out its roots by the stream,  
and does not fear when heat comes,  
for its leaves remain green,  
and is not anxious in the year of drought,  
for it does not cease to bear fruit.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Reading

*1 Corinthians 15:1–20*

**P** A reading from 1 Corinthians, chapter 15.

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup>and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred

brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

<sup>12</sup>Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. <sup>15</sup>We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup>For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>17</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup>If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Reading

*Luke 6:17–26*

**P** A reading from Luke, chapter 6.

<sup>17</sup>[Jesus] came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, <sup>18</sup>who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup>And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

<sup>20</sup>And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup>“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

<sup>22</sup>“Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup>“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup>“Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

“Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup>“Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Responsory**

*LSB 221*

*Sit*

**Sermon Hymn: 932 Jesus Sat with His Disciples**

**Sermon: Oh, to Touch Him!**

*Luke 6:17-26*

## *Canticle*

*Stand*

**Te Deum**

*LSB 223*

## *Prayer*

**Kyrie**

*LSB 227*

**Lord's Prayer**

## Collects

### Collect of the Day

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; 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: 729 I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

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

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

- ★ Marlene Ling, 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

- ★ 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
- ★ **Art and Gladys Thies** are now living in Apt. 10 at Garden Place in Waterloo, 735 Columbia Ave., Waterloo, IL 62298.

## **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; Jill Phegley, treasurer; Diann Scherle, 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:** *StJohnEvLutheranRumaLL* 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.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**TODAY:** Rev. Mark Winkelman will be installed as the new Senior Pastor at St. John's, Red Bud, in a service at 3 p.m. We are invited to join them in welcoming Pastor Winkelman.

**Monday, Feb. 17:** The final Bible Study session covering the Book of Jonah, including the Sight and Sound video, will begin at 6 p.m. at St. Peter's, Evansville.

**CPR and AED classes:** Joy Meyer is willing to lead classes sometime in March. The cost is \$15 for the CPR certification card and booklet. See Joy or Jill for more information. A sign-up sheet is available on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board for those who are interested.



**Sunday, Mar. 2:** As part of their 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, **St. John's Lutheran Church, Chester**, will host the Perry County (MO) Lutheran Chorale for a concert at 2 p.m. The choir will also share their themed hymn, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," during the 10 a.m. service. Tyson Wunderlich, chorale director and accomplished organist, will play for the 10 a.m. service. We are invited to join them for an afternoon filled with beautiful music in a beautiful space.

**Friday, Mar. 7:** *COS* Annual Fish & More Dinner from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. Adults \$15, children 5-12 are \$6, under 5 free. Eat-in or carry out, the gym is handicap accessible.

**Through Mar. 31:** Now is the time to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars. Eligible clients with membership can choose where Thrivent distributes a portion of its funding each year. See your Thrivent representative for more information. If you choose to direct dollars to St. John's, let Jill know which of our funds you'd like to support.

**Bible Presentations:** If you missed any of the six Bible Presentations on the Servant Songs in the Book of Isaiah, you can watch them on our church Facebook page. Also, Jill has placed the handouts each pastor prepared for his presentation on a table in the Fellowship Hall.

**Special Birthdays:** We think living NINE decades is kind of a big deal, so we are going to share the birthdays of our members who are celebrating 90+ years.

**Dorothy Zipfel** turned **93** on February 13. You can find her address on p. 6 if you'd like to send her a birthday card 😊



# Christ Our Savior

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

**Feel like dancing?** Join us this Friday, February 21 starting at 6:30 p.m. for a dance featuring a live DJ and neon lights. Admission is \$5. Bring your own snacks and beverages. Friends and families are welcome!

**COS Annual Fish & More Dinner** is Friday, March 7 from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. Adults \$15, children 5-12 are \$6, under 5 free. Eat-in or carry out, our gym is handicap accessible.

**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).

**High School Administrator** needed to begin July 1. Administrative certification not required. Call 618-853-7300.

**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.**