

Old Testament Reading:
Jeremiah 15:15–21

- ¹⁵ O Lord, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and take vengeance for me on my
persecutors.
In your forbearance take me not away;
know that for your sake I bear
reproach.
- ¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by your name,
O Lord, God of hosts.
- ¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of revelers,
nor did I rejoice;
I sat alone, because your hand was upon
me,
for you had filled me with indignation.
- ¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail?
- ¹⁹ Therefore thus says the Lord:
“If you return, I will restore you,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not
what is worthless,
you shall be as my mouth.
They shall turn to you,
but you shall not turn to them.”
- ²⁰ And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
declares the Lord.
- ²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the
wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the
ruthless.”

Epistle: Romans 12:9–21

“Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil;
hold fast to what is good. “Love one another
with brotherly affection. Outdo one another
in showing honor. “Do not be slothful

in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.
“Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be
constant in prayer. “Contribute to the needs
of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

“Bless those who persecute you; bless and
do not curse them. “Rejoice with those who
rejoice, weep with those who weep. “Live
in harmony with one another. Do not be
haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never
be conceited. “Repay no one evil for evil, but
give thought to do what is honorable in the
sight of all. “If possible, so far as it depends
on you, live peaceably with all. “Beloved,
never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the
wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance
is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” “To the
contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him;
if he is thirsty, give him something to drink;
for by so doing you will heap burning coals
on his head.” “Do not be overcome by evil,
but overcome evil with good.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:21–28

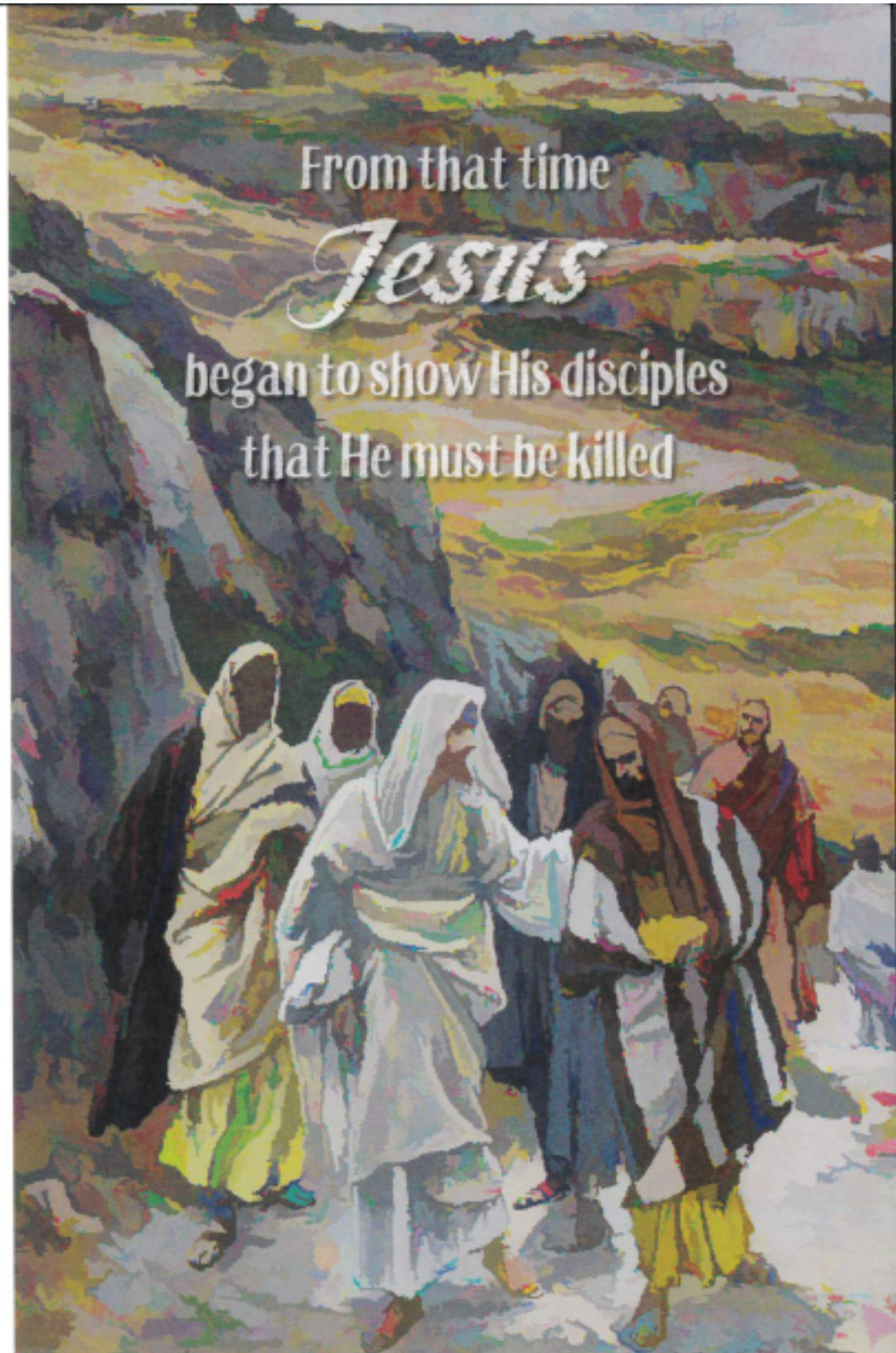
²¹From that time Jesus began to show his
disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and
suffer many things from the elders and chief
priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the
third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him
aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far
be it from you, Lord! This shall never hap-
pen to you.” ²³But he turned and said to Peter,
“Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance
to me. For you are not setting your mind on
the things of God, but on the things of man.”

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone
would come after me, let him deny himself
and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For
whoever would save his life will lose it, but
whoever loses his life for my sake will find
it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains
the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what
shall a man give in return for his life? ²⁷For
the Son of Man is going to come with his
angels in the glory of his Father, and then
he will repay each person according to what
he has done. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, there are
some standing here who will not taste death
until they see the Son of Man coming in
his kingdom.”

About the Cover: Jesus was heading to Jerusalem, where He would suffer, be killed, and rise again. Peter attempted to lead Him in another direction, but Jesus directed him and the other disciples to follow Him and take up their own crosses. However, the cross of Jesus was His alone to bear in order to bring us forgiveness. We follow Him by the gift of faith. Following Jesus means dying to ourselves, confessing our sins, and trusting that death in Him means resurrection life.



Pentecost



St. John's Lutheran Church (LCMS)

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August 30, 2026 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

** Divine Service Setting Four (Lutheran Service Book, p. 203)*

Hymn of Invocation 875 Father, We Praise Thee

Invocation and Versicles (p. 203)

Introit *Psalm 37:5-7; antiphon: v. 4* Delight yourself in the Lord,

and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.

He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,

and your justice as the noonday.

**Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; fret not
yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man
who carries out evil devices!**

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.

Delight yourself in the Lord,

and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Kyrie and Gloria in Excelsis (p. 204)

Salutation and Collect of the Day (p. 205)

P Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and
shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take
up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through
the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

Readings (on back of bulletin)

Gradual *Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.* Fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who
fear him lack nothing! **Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the Lord delivers him out of them all.**

Alleluia and Verse (p. 205)

Apostles' Creed (p. 207)

Hymn of the Day 531 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

After each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P ...one God forever.

C Amen.

Presentation of the Offering

Service of the Sacrament (p. 208)

(Please read the statement below before receiving Holy Communion.)

Distribution Hymns

637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

724 If God Himself Be for Me

770 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Nunc Dimittis (p. 211)

Hymn to Depart 756 Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me

Receiving Holy Communion at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church The

Lord's Supper is celebrated at St. John's in the confession and confidence that,
as He says, our Lord Jesus gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but
His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins, to
strengthen our fight against sin and grow in His likeness, to assure us of our
own bodily resurrection on the Last Day, and to increase our unity of love with
Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His
words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He
forgives and loves us, so that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to
their great harm and judgment, and because Holy Communion is a confession of
the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in
doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The
Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, are asked to first speak with the pastor
before receiving the Sacrament.

For further study: Matthew 5:23-24; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor 10:16; 11:17-
34; Acts 2:42; 20:27.

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Hymn Leader: Larry Kane or Bobby Wolfe

Greeter: Janet Bertson

Videographers: Joel Werling, Nicole Nerud, or Heidi Nerud

WE PRAY: Holy Spirit, who initiates and maintains faith by the very Word of God, sustain us in our always tenuous trust, that our lives may count for Christ in times even as we count on Christ for eternity; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Father are one God with dominion over us forever. Amen

WELCOME TO ALL!

We are anxious to share with you the Christ-centered ministry at St. John's. Our Liturgy follows closely the pattern of Word and Lord's Supper handed down from the ancient Church. It is our hope that you will make the Church's life of prayer your own. If you have difficulty following our order of service, please ask someone sitting near you for assistance. We pray that you will receive rich spiritual blessings from your presence here. May the peace and power of our risen Christ be yours all ways.

OFFICE HOURS

Terri Monday—Friday, please call ahead Pastor Tuesday— Friday please call ahead

STREAM SERVICES <https://www.facebook.com/St.Johns.Geneseo/>
and on the website: www.stjohnsgeneseo.org or
YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@StJohnsLutheranChurchGeneseo11>

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Sunday school—3/2 Adult Bible class— Worship —39

OFFERING

Offering last Sunday \$2,708.00 Weekly Budget for 2026 \$4,379.13

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT ST JOHN'S

Today 8:45 am SS/Adult & Youth Bible Study 10:00 am Divine
Worship/Holy Communion Thursday 6:00 pm Elders meeting
Next Sunday 10:00 am Divine Worship/Holy Communion

I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." Psalms 122:1

ALTAR FLOWERS have been given in celebration of the birthday of Kindra Thompson. We praise and thank our Heavenly Father for the years of love, mercy and care of Kindra. May she enjoy many more years of service to her Lord and Savior.

CID SCHOLARSHIP FUND—As is our custom this time year, you are invited to support Christian Education. Please use the available envelopes for your gifts of cash or check and place the envelope in the offering plate or mail yourselves. **Make checks to: CID Scholarship Fund.**



Building Healthy Families: Research conducted recently with college age students in the Midwest found that most of them reported having an important relationship with grandparents or significant elders who influence their values, goals, and life choices and give them a sense of self, roots, and tradition. *Grandparents and older members of our church family, do you realize how important you are?* Make sure the young adults in your family and congregation who have gone off to college or are returning to high school after summer break continue to hear from you. Now, more than ever, they need your love and support – even if they're not asking for it! www.LutheranFamilyService.org

"Great Is the Lord!" is the theme for the LWML Fall Zone Rally to be held on Thursday, Sept. 10th at Zion Lutheran Church, Taylor Ridge. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Chris Hall, CID Lutheran Campus Minister at Western Illinois University in Macomb. Donations will be going to Rockridge Food Pantry and Rockridge High School's "Students in Need". Items needed are: tooth paste, tooth brushes, small bottles of shampoo, deodorant, school supplies, non-perishable food items like fruit cups, fruit snacks, granola or cereal bars, Easy Mac, pasta, canned fruits and vegetables, boxed potatoes, peanut butter and monetary gifts. Make checks payable to St. John's LWML.

If interested in attending, please, contact Marilyn Woods before **Aug. 24** at 309-944-7569. Registration is \$15.00 and



includes a very nice lunch.

COMING SOON!

2027 is the 120th Anniversary of CID and the first 5 Circuits (ours being the Peoria-Rock Island Circuit). It is also the 70th year since the Rock Island Circuit branched off its own. The Rock Island Circuit office administrators are currently working on creating a beautiful wall calendar that will highlight the 12 churches in our Rock Island Circuit. This October, each of the 12 sister congregations will have a copy to view and begin taking orders. We are aiming for a delivery date of December 1. All additional proceeds will be given to our very own Cristo Rey Lutheran Church.

ATTENTION CIRCUIT MEN The next “Brats, Bibles, & Beverages” will be held **TONIGHT** at 5:00pm at St. John's Lutheran Church, East Moline (1450 30th Avenue). Join other men from the Rock Island Circuit for an evening of food, fellowship, and a study of God's Word. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Weather permitting this will be an outdoor event, so bring a lawn chair. If it rains we will move in doors. Please call St. John's 309-792-0755 to RSVP by August 23rd so we can plan accordingly.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Remember God's work through the Synod's church workers as you pray:

MISSION—*Pray that God would keep all Christians from being led astray by false teachings, and instead bring them to a deeper knowledge of Him.*

ST JOHN'S—Mr. & Mrs. Joel Werling—We offer before You our common request for the well-being of Your church throughout the world that it may be so guided and governed by Your good Spirit that all who profess themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth and hold the faith in unity of spirit in the bond of peace, and the righteousness of life. Specifically, we pray for Joel, Jaime, Nicole, and Matthew asking Your blessings on them.

ST. JOHN'S FAMILY—O Lord, You are the great Physician of soul and body. We pray that You would show mercy to Your servants: **Linda Aper Paula Chapa Joyce DeFauw John Erdman Betty Firch Marcia Helke Jessica Johnson Rosalie Jorgensen Larry Kane Linda Lundquist Mary Jayne Nash Aaron Raschke Drew Schillinger Carolyn Werner Carolyn Wildermuth Marilyn Woods**

Jon/Anita Clausung (missionaries in Kenya)
Jodi Martins (daughter of Gary & Darla Johns)
Justin Rittenhouse (grandson of John/Nancy Wickwire) **Marty Cavato** (cousin of Mary Jo Gehn)
Ellen Bauer (grandmother of Joel Werling)
Joline Parrish (sister of Gayla Kroll)
Ann Behrendt (daughter of Carolyn Wildermuth)
Lyall Talarico (niece of Mary Jo Gehn)
Cindy Davenport (cousin of Terri Hock)
Chad Gehn (nephew of Brad Gehn)
Jeff Schreck (cousin of Terri Hock)
Ralph Boney (uncle of Larry Hock)

MILITARY—Pray for our military and their families:

Karl & Hannah Flynn (son/daughter-in-law of Mr/Mrs Paul Flynn)
Rylie Hallendorff (grand-daughter of Carolyn & Dan Werner)
Chase Werling (nephew of Joel Werling)
Carter Martwig (nephew of Joel Werling)

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“Use the biological reality of the word ‘abortion’ to begin discussion to share that message with your unbelieving neighbor. Do so with boldness, but gentleness, please! Use the eternal reality of the word ‘abortion’ to share that message with your fellow believers. Speak the truth in love, please!” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former Executive Director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*