

Old Testament Reading:
Jeremiah 28:5–9

⁵Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. ⁷Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

Epistle: Romans 7:1–13

¹Do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? ²Thus a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. ³Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.

⁴Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. ⁵For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. ⁶But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit.

⁷What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin.

I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet." ⁸But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law, sin lies dead. ⁹I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. ¹⁰The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. ¹¹For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. ¹²So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

¹³Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 10:34–42

³⁴[Jesus said:] "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. ³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

⁴⁰"Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. ⁴¹The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. ⁴²And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."

About the Cover: God's Law, written in stone and given through Moses, is "holy and righteous and good" (Romans 7:12). Sinners living under this Law deserve the death that lies under every tombstone. Yet, for the Christian, death with Christ is a different matter. He who is holy and righteous and good willingly took our trespasses against God's Commandments upon Himself, died on the cross, and rose from the dead to forgive us and rescue us from eternal death. The promise of eternal life in Him is rock solid.

THE COMMANDMENT

is holy and righteous and good

ROMANS 7:12



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** Office of Matins (Lutheran Service Book, pg. 219)*

Hymn of Invocation 568 If Your Beloved Son, O

God Opening Versicles (Common, p. 219)

***Venite* (p. 220)**

Psalm 119:153-160 (RESH)

¹⁵³Look on my affliction and deliver me,
for I do not forget your law.

¹⁵⁴**Plead my cause and redeem me;
give me life according to your promise!**

¹⁵⁵Salvation is far from the wicked,
for they do not seek your statutes.

¹⁵⁶**Great is your mercy, O Lord;
give me life according to your just decrees.**

¹⁵⁷Many are my persecutors and my adversaries,
but I do not swerve from your testimonies.

¹⁵⁸**I look at the faithless with disgust,
because they do not keep your commands.**

¹⁵⁹Consider how I love your precepts!
Give me life according to your steadfast love.

¹⁶⁰**The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your just
and righteous decrees endures forever.**

**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.**

Office Hymn 753 All for Christ I Have Forsaken

Readings (on back of bulletin)

Responsory (Common, p. 221)

Sermon

***Te Deum* (p. 223)**

Presentation of the Offering

Kyrie (p. 227)

Collect of the Day

P Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that
we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and
follow its directing; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our
Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Prayer of the Church

After each petition:

P let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

The prayer concludes:

P ...one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction (p. 228)

Closing Hymn 685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

Silent Prayer

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WE PRAY: Almighty and holy God, we pray You who have seen us
pass through death with Christ in the holy waters of our baptism, teach us

to live for You after the example of Christ in this new life given to us by the Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit 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 always.

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.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Sunday school—1/1 Adult Bible class—8 Worship—32

OFFERING

Offering last Sunday \$2,575.00 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

Next Sunday 10:00 am Divine Worship/Holy Communion 11:30 pm Youth meeting

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

VBS—Are your children, grandchildren, or young neighbors and friends looking for a fun, faith-filled experience this summer? Check out the several incredible Vacation Bible School options available throughout our circuit! See the list on the Office window.

THE PASTORAL CARE FUND needs replenishment. This money is used to help our congregational members in times of financial need. As 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

offering plate is in the Narthex for your gifts. The plate will be available for the next 3 Sundays.

PASTOR ON VACATION—Pastor Nerud and his family are on vacation June 30 – July 13. Rev. Kent Umbarger will bring God's Word to us in Adult Bible class and worship during Pastor Nerud's absence.

If you are in need of Pastoral Care please call Rev. Leonard Asztrowski Immanuel, RI during June 28th– July 3rd @ 989-326-0199 and Rev. Stephen Mueller Concordia, Geneseo during July 4th- 13th @ 989-928-6603.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR—St. John's will be hosting a district presentation 'Exploring God's Mission Here', to our circuit congregations Saturday, August 8th from 9am—3:30 pm. All Pastors, congregational leaders **and laity** are encouraged to attend. Complete details are in the July Newsletter and coming bulletin announcements.

Building Healthy Families: Many years ago, our Lutheran ancestors left behind the familiar and came seeking religious freedom in a new land. We celebrate that freedom this week, even as we recognize growing challenges to our religious liberty. Join us in praying for our leaders, both in government and in our LCMS church. May God strengthen them to boldly speak and act in ways that secure our freedom not just to have faith, but to live out that faith in the public square. Your prayers for the staff and leadership of Lutheran Family Service as they proclaim, teach, and live out God's good plan for life, marriage and family are also appreciated. Happy 250th birthday, America! www.LutheranFamilyService.org **Lutheran Family Service**



ELECTIONS ARE COMPLETED and the Rev. Matthew Harrison has been elected to his 6th term as our Synodical President. Pray often for him and the work God has placed before him in our Synod.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Remember God's work in the Dominican Republic as you pray:

MISSION—*Pray with thanksgiving that we are one in Christ with our brothers and sisters in Christ in Latin America.*

ST JOHN'S—**Mrs. Margo Schillinger**—We offer before You our common request for the well-being of Your church throughout the world that is our custom, this account is funded by gifts from the congregation. And

faith in unity of spirit in the bond of peace, and the righteousness of life. Specifically, we pray for Margo asking Your blessings on her.

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 Linda Lundquist Mary Jayne Nash Aaron Raschke Drew Schillinger Dave Schmidt Carolyn Werner Denice Winchell Carolyn Wildermuth Larry Kane Marilyn Woods**

Jon/Anita Clausing (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)
 Ken Mirocha (brother-in-law of Terri Hock)

MILITARY—Pray for our military and their families:

Luke Thompson (son of John/Kindra Thompson)
Karl Flynn (son of Mr/Mrs Paul Flynn)
Casey Powers Jr. (step son of Lisa Powers)
Brittany Lenni (daughter of Gabe Loenser)
Rylie Hallendorff (grand-daughter of Carolyn & Dan Werner) **Chase Werling** (nephew of Joel Werling)
Carter Martwig (nephew of Joel Werling)

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“God always makes life, and He always makes life worth it. The Good Giver of Life also accompanies each one as the Almighty Lord of ‘my power is made perfect in weakness’ (2 Corinthians 12:9). The crucifixion forgiveness of Jesus Christ proves that He constantly populates the adversities themselves with delights.” *Rev. Michael Salemink, former Executive Director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*