

Old Testament Reading:
Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

- ¹ Thus says the LORD:
"Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be
revealed. . . .
- ⁶ "And the foreigners who join
themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the
name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
everyone who keeps the Sabbath
and does not profane it,
and holds fast my covenant—
- ⁷ these I will bring to my holy
mountain,
and make them joyful in my
house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their
sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house
of prayer
for all peoples."
- ⁸ The Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
declares,
"I will gather yet others to him
besides those already gathered."

Epistle:
Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his
people? By no means! For I myself
am an Israelite, a descendant of Abra-
ham, a member of the tribe of Benja-
min. ^{2a} God has not rejected his people
whom he foreknew. . . .

¹³ Now I am speaking to you Gen-
tiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle
to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry
¹⁴ in order somehow to make my fellow

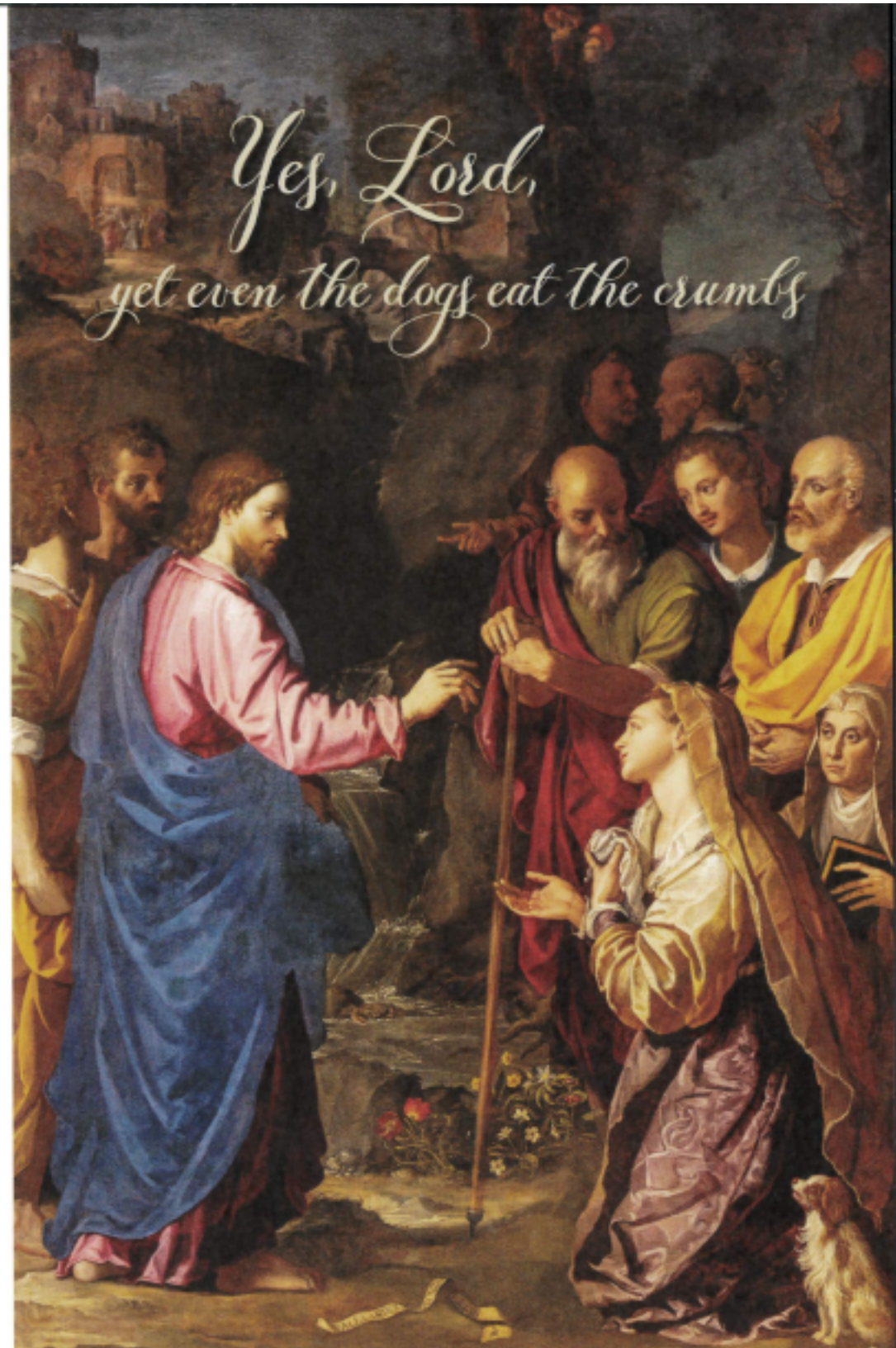
Jews jealous, and thus save some of
them. ¹⁵ For if their rejection means the
reconciliation of the world, what will
their acceptance mean but life from the
dead? . . .

²⁸ As regards the gospel, they are
enemies of God for your sake. But as
regards election, they are beloved for
the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹ For the
gifts and the calling of God are irrevoc-
able. ³⁰ Just as you were at one time
disobedient to God but now have
received mercy because of their dis-
obedience, ³¹ so they too have now
been disobedient in order that by the
mercy shown to you they also may
now receive mercy. ³² For God has con-
signed all to disobedience, that he may
have mercy on all.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

²¹ Jesus went away from there and
withdrew to the district of Tyre and
Sidon. ²² And behold, a Canaanite
woman from that region came out
and was crying, "Have mercy on me,
O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is
severely oppressed by a demon." ²³ But
he did not answer her a word. And his
disciples came and begged him, say-
ing, "Send her away, for she is crying
out after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was
sent only to the lost sheep of the house
of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt
before him, saying, "Lord, help me."
²⁶ And he answered, "It is not right to
take the children's bread and throw it
to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet
even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall
from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus
answered her, "O woman, great is your
faith! Be it done for you as you desire."
And her daughter was healed instantly.

About the Cover: As a Gentile, the Canaanite woman knelt from the
outside looking in as she begged Jesus to heal her daughter, who was
possessed by a demon. Jesus tested the woman to reveal a faith that
even crumbs from the Lord would provide for her deepest need. Jesus
does not overlook us either. To the world, it may look like crumbs, but
just a little word from Jesus works the miracle of faith to receive the
salvation and eternal life that He has accomplished for us through His
cross and resurrection.



St. John's Lutheran Church (LCMS)

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August 16, 2026 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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

**Hymn of Invocation 906 O Day of Rest and
Gladness Invocation and Versicles (p. 203)**

Introit *Psalm 28:1–2, 6–7; antiphon: v. 8* The Lord is the strength of his
people;

he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

**To you, O Lord, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me, lest, if you
be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.**

Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help,
when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.

Blessèd be the Lord!

For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts,
and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give
thanks to him.

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.

The Lord is the strength of his people;
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

Kyrie and Gloria in Excelsis (p. 204)

Salutation and Collect of the Day (p. 205)

P Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children
many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every
trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your
loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son,
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)

Nicene Creed (p. 206)

Hymn of the Day 615 When in the Hour of Deepest Need

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

After each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P ...one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Presentation of the Offering

Service of the Sacrament (p. 208)

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

Distribution Hymns

779 Come, My Soul, with Every Care

620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing

744 Amazing Grace

Nunc Dimittis (p. 211)

Hymn to Depart 918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

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 Bertso

Videographers: Joel Werling, Nicole Nerud, or Heidi Nerud

WE PRAY: Lord God, Healer and Helper of all, grant us love and faith enough to keep us persistent in our prayers for all the hurting and help less people of the world; 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 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—NA Adult Bible class— 5 Worship —40

OFFERING

Offering last Sunday \$3,600.00 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 11:30 am Youth group

Tuesday 6:30 pm SS meeting

Thursday 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study Next Sunday 10:00 am

Divine Worship

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 praise and thanksgiving at the wedding anniversary of John & Liz Neumann. May they receive many more years of serving God together. We also remember John Wilder muth and the faithful witness of Jesus shown throughout his life.

CID SCHOLARSHIP FUND—As is our custom this time of year, we 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. ***Make checks to: CID Scholarship Fund.***

Building Healthy Families: Building Healthy Families: President Harry S. Truman once said, "A pessimist is one who makes difficulties of his opportunities and an optimist is one who makes opportunities of his difficulties." *Which are you?* Pessimists...how's this working for you? It's usually true that mood follows message: what we think or tell ourselves about a situation results in how we feel about what is happening. The next time you are feeling low or having a difficult day, stop and listen to what you are telling yourself. *Is*



it true? Challenge and then replace negative, untrue thoughts with the truth. (Hint: look for truth in your Bible.) If you're stuck in a negative pattern of thought and life, you don't have to stay there. Please reach out. Your LFS counselors are available to help you learn to identify and change negative thought patterns, replacing them with truth. www.LutheranFamilyService.org **Lutheran Family Service**

Holy Cross Lutheran Church's Art Show - Highlighting 75 years of Creating and Displaying Art in God's House. The Circuit is invited to attend our upcoming Art Show and Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 16, 2-4pm. You will be able to take a self-guided tour of the church art-

work created by past and present members and commissioned by others

in memory of a loved one. Each station will have a description of the art and who created it, or who it was in memory of. Follow up your tour with an ice cream social. A free will offering will be going to LWML for Missions.

“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.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Remember God’s work through the Synod’s church workers as you pray:
MISSION—*Pray that God would raise up in our own time faithful pastors and church workers who will preach Jesus Christ crucified and risen, for the edification of His people and for the sake of those not yet of the faith.*

ST JOHN’S—Miss Bridgette Smith—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 Bridgette 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 Larry Kane Linda Lundquist Mary Jayne Nash Aaron Raschke Drew Schillinger Carolyn Werner Carolyn Wildermuth 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)

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

“The message concerning the work and person of Christ is meant to bring joy to the sorrowing and light to those in the darkness. The light of God’s mercy shines into the darkest of situations; the Holy Spirit guides people to confess their sins and brings forgiveness to those who have participated in abortions, pointed people to end their own lives, or suggested that someone be harmed in some other way.” *Rev. Dennis Norby, Grace Free Lutheran Church, Valley City, North Dakota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

ATTENTION CIRCUIT MEN The next “Brats, Bibles, & Beverages” will be held on Sunday, August 30 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 indoors. Please call St. John’s 309-792-0755 to RSVP by August 23rd so we can plan accordingly.