



First Sunday in Lent  
March 9, 2025



**Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
48 Greene Avenue  
Sayville, New York 11782  
**SUNDAY 9:30AM**

# Welcome to Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Rejoice in God's grace. Live as disciples. Love one another.

## Our Purpose

The family of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, gathered around Word and Sacrament, enhanced by liturgy and music, exists to encourage its members in a life of discipleship in Christ Jesus and fellowship with one another.

Utilizing the gifts that God has entrusted to us, we engage in acts of mercy, attending to the spiritual and physical needs within our congregation and community.

We bear witness to the Grace of God through living in His Word thus demonstrating the love Christ has shown us.

## To Those Visiting with Us Today

We welcome you among us as we gather in God's presence to receive his benefits towards us. If this is your first time visiting, please introduce yourself to the Pastor on the way out. We pray God's blessings upon you in this time, and invite you to continue to join us in the future. Please contact the Pastor if you have any needs or questions about St. John's and the work for which he has called us.

## A Guide to the Symbols in the Service

**P** = Pastor; **L** = Lector; **C** = Congregation

Anywhere the symbol ✠ appears, the sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism. Please move in and out of the sanctuary at places marked with an asterisk (\*).

## As We Gather

The devil is called the Father of Lies, and he is very indiscriminate about who he lies to. He lies to Adam and Eve in the Garden, he lies to Jesus three times in the wilderness, and he lies to you daily, all in an effort to get people to turn away from God and the sure and certain Word of the Father. Yet in the midst of those lies, Christ shines through having endured lies and temptation without sin, and giving us his Word to guide and bless us. *Invocabit* is the Latin word which begins Psalm 19, encouraging us to invoke, or call upon the name of the Lord in times of trouble and temptation. Even though the devil may lie to us, we have the truth from and in Christ, and that truth has set us free to life now and eternally.

## Today in the Church Year

Lent is a season of reflective meditation upon the sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, as well as a time of intentional consideration of our sinfulness and our need for a Savior. The color for the season is violet, which is the color of repentance. It is also a color of royalty which connects us to the our Savior King, the one who has taken upon himself our sinfulness and shame and borne them to the cross to win forgiveness and salvation for us. Lent is 40 days long, not including Sundays, which is why the Sundays are "in" Lent, not "of" Lent. This 40 day journey connects us to the 40 day temptation of Jesus in the wilderness, and is a journey to the cross of Good Friday. Each week will focus more and more on this event, leading us all the way to Holy Week, and ultimately to joy of Easter morning!

# ✠ IN NOMINE JESU - IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠

## A Prayer upon Entering Church

*Gracious Father, we pray for thy holy catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ thy Son our Savior. Amen.*

## Opening Voluntary: A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Dietrich Buxtehude

## Announcements & Sharing of the Peace

# ✠ Service of Preparation ✠

## \*Opening Hymn: Oh Christ, You Walked the Road

LSB 424

Tune: SOUTHWELL

## Invocation, Confession and Absolution *(Matt. 28:19b)*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *(Heb. 10:22)*

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.** *(Ps. 124:8)*

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** *(Ps. 32:5)*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(Jn. 20:19-23)*

**C** Amen.

## ✠ Service of the Word ✠

### \*Kyrie (Mark 10:47)

LSB 204

(The word "Lord" is sung simultaneously by both Pastor & Congregation)

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

after each petition:



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day (2 Timothy 4:22)

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray... O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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

*Genesis 3:1–21*

**L** The Old Testament Reading for the First Sunday in Lent is taken from Genesis, the third chapter.

*<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.*

*He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" <sup>2</sup>And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup>but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" <sup>4</sup>But the*

*serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup>For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.*

*<sup>8</sup>And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup>And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” <sup>11</sup>He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” <sup>12</sup>The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”*

*<sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent,*

*“Because you have done this,  
cursed are you above all livestock  
and above all beasts of the field;  
on your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.*

*<sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and her offspring;  
he shall bruise your head,  
and you shall bruise his heel.”*

*<sup>16</sup>To the woman he said,*

*“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;  
in pain you shall bring forth children.  
Your desire shall be for your husband,  
and he shall rule over you.”*

*<sup>17</sup>And to Adam he said,*

“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife  
 and have eaten of the tree  
 of which I commanded you,  
 ‘You shall not eat of it,’  
 cursed is the ground because of you;  
 in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;  
<sup>18</sup>thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;  
 and you shall eat the plants of the field.  
<sup>19</sup>By the sweat of your face  
 you shall eat bread,  
 till you return to the ground,  
 for out of it you were taken;  
 for you are dust,  
 and to dust you shall return.”

<sup>20</sup>The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all  
 living. <sup>21</sup>And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and  
 clothed them.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**\*Psalm 32** (Cantor sings antiphon; Congregation repeats the Antiphon, sings the bolded verses and antiphon as indicated)

**Antiphon (verse 7)**

Cynthia Holden

You are a hid - ing place for me; you pre - serve me from trou - ble;  
 you sur - round me with shouts of de - liv - er - ance.

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**Tone**

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<sup>1</sup>Blessèd is the one whose transgression | is for-given,\*  
 whose | sin is covered.

**<sup>2</sup>Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts | no in-iniquity,\*  
and in whose spirit there is | no deceit.**

<sup>3</sup>For when I kept silent, my bones | wasted away\*  
through my groaning | all day long.

**<sup>4</sup>For day and night your hand was | heavy upon me;\*  
my strength was dried up as by the | heat of summer.**

<sup>5</sup>I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover | my iniquity;\*  
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,”...  
and you forgave the in- | iquity of my sin. **Antiphon**

<sup>6</sup>Therefore let everyone who is godly  
offer prayer to you at a time when | you may be found;\*  
surely in the rush of great waters, they | shall not reach him.

**<sup>7</sup>You are a hiding place for me;...you pre - | serve me from trouble;\*  
you surround me with | shouts of deliverance.**

<sup>8</sup>I will instruct you and teach you in the | way you should go;\*  
I will counsel you with my | eye upon you. **Antiphon**

<sup>9</sup>Be not like a horse or a mule, with - | out un-derstanding,\*  
which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it | will not stay near you.

**<sup>10</sup>Many are the | sorrows of the wicked,\*  
but steadfast love surrounds the one who | trusts in the LORD.**

<sup>11</sup>Be glad in the LORD, and re- | joice, O righteous,\*  
and shout for joy, all you | upright in heart!

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Ämen. **Antiphon****

# Epistle

2 Corinthians 6:1-10

**L** The Epistle is from Second Corinthians, the sixth chapter.

*<sup>1</sup>Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says,*

*“In a favorable time I listened to you,  
and in a day of salvation I have helped you.”*

*Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. <sup>3</sup>We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; <sup>7</sup>by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.*

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

## \*Lenten Verse (Joel 2:13b)

**C** Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.



## Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:1–11

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

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

*<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” <sup>4</sup>But he answered, “It is written,*

*“‘Man shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”*

*<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple <sup>6</sup>and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,*

*“‘He will command his angels concerning you,’*

*and*

*“‘On their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.’”*

*<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup>And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written,*

*“‘You shall worship the Lord your God  
and him only shall you serve.’”*

*<sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.*

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

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

## Nicene Creed

**☩ I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the  
dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

*\*The term "catholic" means the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian doctrine.*

Sit

**\*Hymn of the Day: O Lord, throughout These Forty Days**

LSB 418

Tune: CAITHNESS

**Sermon: That the evil Foe may have no power over me**

**\*Offering: Out in the Wilderness**

text & music: Jay Beech

*Driven by the Spirit, out in the wilderness; when the Spirit says, "Go," you can't say, "No."  
You listen for the voice when you're bended low;  
Driven by the Spirit, out in the wilderness.*

*Tempted by the devil out in the wilderness: though you try to be strong, it's been so long.  
He whispers in your ear and you know he's wrong; tempted by the devil...*

*Angels all around you out in the wilderness: you are far from home where wild things roam.  
There's danger everywhere but you're not alone; angels all around you...*

*"You are my beloved" out in the wilderness. When you were baptized, you realized you'd heard the voice of  
God from the opening skies: "You are my beloved" out in the wilderness.*

*(During the Offering, please fill out the green Attendance Slip in the pew. Hand the completed slip to the usher on the way forward for communion.)*

Stand

**\*Offertory: Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God (Psalm 51:10-12)**

LSB 956

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new  
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way  
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;  
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## Prayer of the Church *(1 Timothy 2:1-4)*

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.  
*(after each petition)*
- P** Lord, in your mercy...
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** ...one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## ✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

### Preface *(2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136)*

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus *(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

### Lord's Prayer (*Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4*)

**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

### The Words of Our Lord (*Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25*)

**P** *Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*

### Pax Domini (*John 20:19*)

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei (John 1:29)

Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; grant us Your peace, grant us Your peace.

### Sit Distribution

Please read what Saint John's believes concerning the Sacrament of the Altar: As Lutherans, we believe, teach, and confess that in the Holy Supper all receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ with their mouth. Believers feed on Christ for the assurance of salvation and the strengthening of their faith.

To assure that our Lord's great gifts are received in a beneficial way, Holy Scripture says in 1 Corinthians 11:28-29 "***A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.***" Self examination includes:

- 1) The confession that we are sinful and in need of God's forgiveness. (Ps 51; Romans 3: 9-28)
  - 2) The faith that Jesus Christ is truly and actually present in the Sacrament, offering His very Body and Blood for all to eat, so that our sins are forgiven. (Mt 26: 26-28; 1 Cor 10: 16-21)
  - 3) The sincere resolve, with the Holy Spirit's help, to amend what is sinful in our life by actively belonging to a body of believers where these Scriptural truths are preached and taught. (Acts 2: 42; Ephesians 2: 8-10)
- If this reflects your belief and you are a baptized member in good standing, not under discipline, at a congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod or a church body with which we are in fellowship, we welcome you to the Lord's Table and pray that His Body and Blood will be for your soul the highest good. If you are not sure, or do not understand, we ask that you speak with the Pastor, at your earliest convenience, prior to communing. If you would like to come to the altar and receive a personal blessing instead of the Eucharist, please cross your arms over your chest as a sign to the pastor.

*Distribution will take place around the altar. Both sides of the church will be ushered forward up the center aisle at the same time with the first person in line starting at the center, and the rest fanning out along the sides. Once everyone has received, and the pastor announces the dismissal, the two people in the middle will turn and start back to their seats, with both sides following and returning via the side aisles.*

## A Prayer before Communing

*Make me, O Lord, so to perceive with lips and heart and know by faith and by love, that by virtue of this sacrament I may deserve to be planted in the likeness of your death and resurrection, by mortifying the old man, and by renewal of the life of righteousness. May I be worthy to be incorporated into your body "which is the church," so that I may be your member and you may be my head, and that I may remain in you and you in me. Then at the Resurrection you will refashion the body of my humiliation according to the body of your glory, as you promised by your apostle, and I shall rejoice in you forever to your glory, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.*

## \*Distribution Hymn: The Tree of Life

LSB 561

Tune: TREE OF LIFE

## A Prayer after Receiving the Sacrament

*O Lord Jesus Christ, who in a wonderful Sacrament hast left unto us a memorial of thy passion: Grant us, we beseech thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

*Stand*

## \*Post-Communion Canticle: On My Heart Imprint Your Image

LSB 422

Tune: DER AM KREUZ



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-raise;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

## Thanksgiving *(Psalm 107:1)*

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** and His mercy endures forever.

**P** Let us pray...O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Salutation and Benedicamus *(2 Timothy 4:22; Psalm 103:1)*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction *(Numbers 6:24-26)*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## \*Closing Hymn: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

LSB 657

Tune: EIN FESTE BURG

## Closing Voluntary: Intermezzo

Hermann Schroeder

*(You are invited, and encouraged, to stay and listen to the voluntary as a way to continue to ponder God's love for you, and consider how today's message and music can influence your life over the coming week.*

*This is also a nice way to calm yourself before heading out into the rest of the day's activities.)*

## A Prayer for Departure

*O Lord, we beseech Thee mercifully to hear the prayers of Thy Church that we, being delivered from all adversities and serving Thee with a quiet mind, may enjoy Thy peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.*



# ✠ SOLI DEO GLORIA - TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY ✠

† Look Ahead for next week:

Second Sunday in Lent: Genesis 32:22-32; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-7; Matthew 15:21-28

*Daily Devotions for Home and Family are available on the way out*

*Offerings will be received on the way out*

## SAINT JOHN'S IN ACTION

Sun 3/9	<b>First Sunday in Lent</b>	
	7:45am	<b>Divine Service</b>
	8:30am	Bible Study
	9:30am	<b>Divine Service</b>
	9:30am	Sunday School
Mon 3/10	7:00pm	Boy Scouts
Tue 3/11	7:00pm	Basketball
		Elder's Meeting
		Judo/Women's 12 Step
Wed 3/12	12:00pm	<b>Lent Service</b>
	12:30pm	Narcotics Anonymous
	6:00pm	Confirmation
	7:00pm	<b>Lent Service</b>
	7:45pm	SōLI
Thu 3/13	7:00pm	Judo ( <i>no choirs 3/13</i> )
Fri 3/14	12:30pm	Narcotics Anonymous
Sat 3/15	9:30am	AD Festival of Workshops
Sun 3/16	<b>Second Sunday in Lent</b>	
	7:45am	<b>Divine Service</b>
	8:30am	Bible Study
	9:30am	<b>Divine Service</b>
	9:30am	Sunday School
	11:00am	Thrivent Choice Dollar Meeting

Contributions Received 2/24-3/2/25	\$8,913	Attendance: 121
Weekly Forecasted Income	\$5,209	
Monthly Mortgage Payment	\$2,554	
F.O.R. Contributions - February	\$755	



*Want to give an offering but forgot cash or a checkbook? Now you can give securely online! Simply scan the QR Code on your mobile device and you will be directed to St. John's Donation page.*

**Festival of Workshops** - On *Saturday, March 15*, the LCMS Atlantic District will hold a series of workshops on a variety of topics related to faith and life in the Church. The event is once again being held on the beautiful campus of SUNY - Maritime. This is a great event with numerous breakout sessions to pique the interest of just about everyone, bringing together people and ideas from around the district. The cost is just \$35 and refreshments and lunch are included. More information and registration is available at <https://ad-lcms.org/now/district-events/fow/fow-25-catalog>. If you would like to attend and money is an issue, please speak to Pastor. If you would like to arrange a carpool with other members attending, please let Pastor know that as well. I hope you will consider attending this event and bringing some ideas back to St. John's for consideration. If you have any questions, please speak to Pastor.

**Thrivent Choice Dollars Meeting** - On *Sunday, March 16* following the 9:30am service, there will be a Thrivent Choice Dollar meeting, and I hope you can make it. You have made St. John's the recipient of your Choice Dollar funds, so it is important for you to be included in the decision-making process of how that money might be spent. Please RSVP to Honey at [arthon@aol.com](mailto:arthon@aol.com) so we know who many to plan for. Or sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex. There will be refreshments. If you know others who are Thrivent members, please let them know. Hope to see you there!

**Stay Balanced for Life Workshop** - On *Friday, March 21*, Long Island Community Hospital is hosting a Fall Prevention Workshop here at St. John's at 1:30pm. Falls are a significant concern for older adults, but they are often preventable! Come learn how to improve your balance and strength in this informative session. This session is perfect for older adults, caregivers and/or family members looking to improve balance, strength, and overall well-being. Sign up via the registration board located on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

**LI Brass & Organ Concert** - *Sunday, March 23 at 3 pm* the LI Brass Guild returns to St. John's for an afternoon of inspiring music. The event is a fundraiser for Mercy Haven, Inc. whose mission is to acknowledge the dignity and potential of people who are homeless, living with mental illness, or living in poverty by providing housing, advocacy, education and life skills development. Plan to join us and help support this worthy organization's work!

**Our Savior New American School** - Spread the word! OSNAS is looking for a couple of Christ-focused teachers and staff members for the upcoming academic year. If you or someone you know would be interested in finding out more, you can reach out to Principal Wil Stelzer by emailing him at [wil.stelzer@osnas.org](mailto:wil.stelzer@osnas.org) or by calling the school at 631-588-2757. Having a heart for kids and a gift for teaching is to be preferred over certification.

**Communion Stewards:** Robert Bayley (7:45am); Al Coppola (9:30am); **Ushers:** Charlie Erb, Lexi & Sebastian Meza (7:45am); Chuck & Judy Scott, Jack Dibble (9:30am); **Readers:** Pastor (7:45am); Al Coppola (9:30am); **Music:** Guest organist Carole Huston, (7:45 & 9:30 am), Chancel Choir (9:30am); **Counters:** Chuck & Judy Scott

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**Saint John's Divine Service Schedule:**

Sunday 7:45am & 9:30am

Wednesday Noon & 7:00pm

**Church Office Hours:**

Tuesday - Friday: 9:30am-2:30pm

**Bookkeeper Hours:**

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 11am-3pm

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