

Fifth Sunday In Lent



March 22, 2026



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

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

In John's Gospel, we have seen quite a transition from the beginning until now. The first of Jesus' signs was turning water into wine at wedding in Cana. Now, the sign is bringing the dead back to life. One might say that this is a progression from a lesser to a greater thing. Yet, all of the signs have been for the same purpose - to manifest the glory of God. From the seemingly simplest of things to the greatest of miracles, all things point to the great glory of God revealed at the cross of Jesus and his own empty tomb, and how that sign connects to us in our daily lives. As we feel the touch of God's grace, may the glory of God be seen for us and in us!

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 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: WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT BWV 647

J. S. Bach

Announcements & Sharing of the Peace

✠ Service of Preparation ✠

*Opening Hymn: Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense

LSB 741 (1-4)

Tune: JESUS, MEINE ZUVERSICHT

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*)

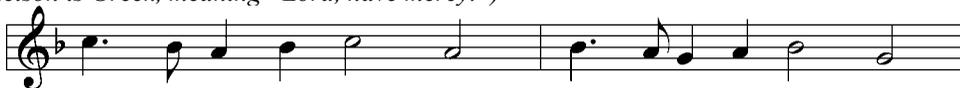
C Amen.

† Service of the Word †

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

LSB 944

(*Kyrie eleison is Greek, meaning "Lord, have mercy."*)



1 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.
3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.



Ky - ri - e e - le - - - i - son.
Chris - te e - le - - - i - son.
Ky - ri - e e - le - - - i - son.

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...Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

☒ The Old Testament Reading for The Fifth Sunday in Lent is taken from Ezekiel, the thirty-seventh chapter.

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

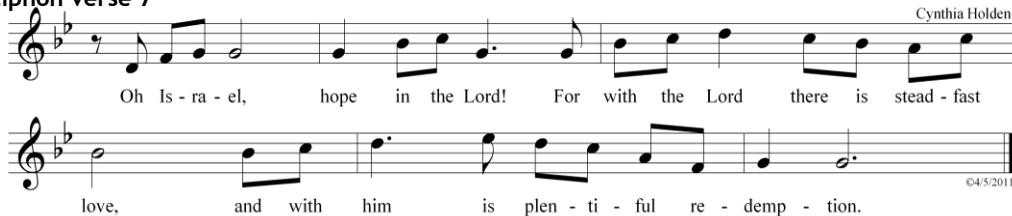
☒ This is the Word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

Psalms 130 (The Cantor introduces the antiphon, the Congregation repeats the antiphon and sings the bolded verses and antiphon as indicated)

Antiphon verse 7

Cynthia Holden



Oh Is - ra - el, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is stead - fast
love, and with him is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion.

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1 Out | of the depths*

I cry to | you, O LORD!

2 O Lord, | hear my voice!*

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my | pleas for mercy!

3 If you, O LORD, should | mark iniquities,*

O Lord, | who could stand?

4 But with you | there is forgiveness,*

that you | may be feared.

Antiphon

5 I wait for the LORD, my | sōul waits,*

and in his | word I hope;

6 my soul waits for the Lord more than | watchmen for the morning,*

more than watchmen for the | mōrning.

7 O Israel, hope in the LORD!... For with the LORD there is | steadfast love,*

and with him is | plentiful redemption.

8 And he will redeem | Israel*

from all his in- | iquities.

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

Romans 8:1-11

L The Epistle is from Romans, the eighth chapter.

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Lenten Verse

John 11:26

C I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live.

Holy Gospel

John 11:1-45

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.

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

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

⁵Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. ¹⁰But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." ¹¹After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." ¹³Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, ¹⁵and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

¹⁷Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

²⁸When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. ³¹When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. ³⁴And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus wept. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." ⁴⁴The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in 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 Christ, Who Shared Our Mortal Life**

LSB 552 (1,9-10,4)

Tune: LORD OF LIFE

Sermon: Worth the Wait

***Offering: Out of the Depths I Cry Unto You**

text: Ps. 130 & George Neumark

Music: Robert Lau, incorporating WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT by George Neumark

Out of the depths I cry unto you.

Lord, hear my voice.

If you but trust in God to guide you with gentle hand through all your ways,

You'll find that God is there beside you when crosses come, in trying days.

Trust then in God's unchanging love; and build on the rock that will not move.

Out of the depths I cry unto you.

Lord, hear my voice.

(Please fill out the green attendance card in the pew, and then hand it 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)*

LSB 961

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

heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Bless - ed, bless - ed, bless - ed is He who comes in the
name of the Lord. 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.

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, 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 member in good standing at a congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod or a church body in 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: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

LSB 575

Tune: MAGDALEN

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 - scription 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... We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; 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: Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious

LSB 548

Tune: WERDE MUNTER

Closing Voluntary: Toccata à 4 Voc.

Jan Pieters Sweelinck (1562-1621)

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:**

Palm/Passion Sunday: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11; John 12:12-19; Matthew 26-27
Daily Devotions for Home and Family are available on the way out

SAINT JOHN'S IN ACTION

Sun 3/22	The Fifth Sunday in Lent Coffee Hour Hosted by the Elders 7:45am Divine Service 8:30am LIT Promo 9:30am Divine Service 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Thrivent Choice Dollars Meeting
Mon 3/23	7:00pm Boy Scouts 8:00pm Men's Basketball
Tues 3/24	6:00pm First Communion Class w/ Parent 7:00pm Judo/12 Step
Wed 3/25	12:00pm Divine Service 12:30pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00pm Divine Service 7:30pm Faith Renewal 7:45pm SoLI
Thu 3/26	6:00pm Thunder Girls Basketball 6:30pm Bells 7:30pm Chancel Choir
Fri 3/27	12:30pm Narcotics Anonymous
Sun 3/29	Palm/Passion Sunday 7:45am Divine Service 8:30am Bible Study 9:30am Divine Service 9:30am Sunday School



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.

General Donation - In memory of Fred Unz from the Hawkins Family.

Thrivent Choice Dollar Meeting - On **Sunday, March 22**, following the late service, we will be having our Thrivent Choice Dollar Meeting. The meeting will be held in the room across the gym. We look forward to having all members attend so that decisions can be made about what we should vote on. I am looking forward to all suggestions on what we need to do and how we should direct the considerable funds in the account. We also want to remind everyone that if they haven't donated their Choice Dollars for 2025, they have until March 31, 2026, to do so. Please let me know if you plan to attend. Honey Pabst arthon@aol.com

Thrivent Water Filter Kits Or Solar Light Build Kits - I have heard back from some of you that you received your kits. If you haven't ordered, there is still time to order your kit. We will be gathering in the room off the gym following the late service on **March 29** to assemble our kits. Hope more of you will get your kits and be part of our assembly process and enjoy the fellowship there as well. I am looking forward to hearing from you and adding your name to the growing list of people who have already received their kits. Let me know when you can. Honey Pabst arthon@aol.com

Stations of the Cross - An opportunity to pray through the Stations of the Cross will take place on **Friday, April 3 at 3pm** at the St. Ann's Cemetery in Sayville of Middle Road. No RSVP is necessary, and all are welcome.

Communion Stewards: Charlie Erb (7:45am), Al Coppola (9:30am); **Ushers:** Steve & Janet Lindfors (7:45am), Kevin Paul, Pat Arrigo, & Andrew Rooney (9:30am); **Readers:** Pastor (7:45am), Al Coppola (9:30am); **Musicians:** Chancel Choir (9:30am); **Counters:** Gene & Lisa Giacoia

Lenten & Holy Week Services

Passion History

In this worship series for Lent, we will explore the various scenes of the Passion narrative as drawn from a mix of all four Gospels. This is a wonderful way to meditate on the work of salvation that Christ has done for us, preparing us for the events of Holy Week and the joy of Easter. Please join us as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus and consider all that he has done to bring us life and salvation eternally.

Calvary (3/25)	noon & 7pm
Palm/Passion Sunday (3/29)	7:45am & 9:30am
Holy Wednesday (4/1)	7pm
Maundy Thursday (4/2)	noon & 7pm
Good Friday (4/3)	noon & 7pm
Holy Saturday (4/4)	7pm
Easter Sunrise (4/5) @ Sayville Marina Beach Park	6:00am
Easter Divine Service (4/5)	7:45am & 9:30am

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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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