

fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost



August 25, 2024



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.

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.

As We Gather

With today's sensibilities, Paul's words regarding marriage cause people to get upset. "It's the 21st century," people will decry; "This is not how wives and husbands are today." What is often ignored in this passage, however, is that Paul isn't really talking about marriage in the end...he is speaking of the relationship between Christ and the Church. Christ is our head who washes us in baptism and makes us his beautiful bride. For all of his love and care - for the life he gives to us - it is easy to submit to his headship and to follow where he leads, for his plan is to guide us to the marriage supper of the Lamb in his kingdom eternally.

Today in the Church Year

The season of Pentecost is a time of growth. Just as the world around us is turning greener and greener as the warm days yield nature's bounty, so in the Church does the seed planted of God's Word yield its bounty in lives of faith. Throughout this season, we will hear of the teachings and miracles of Jesus. By the grace of God in His Spirit, we shall be encouraged by the work our Lord has done for us, and sent out to live lives of faith, mercy, and love. The green on the altar during this long season reminds us of the growth which the Lord provides through His Word and Sacraments. In our receiving of those gifts, we grow more and more into the likeness of Christ until that glorious day when we shall see him face to face!

✠ IN NOMINE JESU - IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠

A Prayer upon Entering Church

Almighty God, your Holy Spirit equips the church with a rich variety of gifts. Grant that we may use them to bear witness to Christ in lives that are built on faith and love. Make us ready to live the gospel and eager to do your will, so that we may share with all your church in the joys of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Opening Voluntary: Andante (No.2, Trois petites pieces)

Augusta Holmès

arr. Anne Marsden Thomas

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty Joachim Neander, setting Raymond H. Haan

Announcements & Sharing of the Peace

✠ Service of Preparation ✠

*Opening Hymn: Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

LSB 901

Tune: UNSER HERRSCHER

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 Our help is in the name of the Lord,

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

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared. (*Psalm 130:3-4*)

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner. (*Luke 18:13*)

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. (*John 20:19-23*)

C Amen.

✠ Service of the Word ✠

*Kyrie (*Mark 10:47*)



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

*Gloria in Excelsis (*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*)



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

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 and merciful God, defend Your Church from all false teaching and error that Your faithful people may confess You to be the only true God and rejoice in Your good gifts of life and salvation; 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

Isaiah 29:11–19

L The Old Testament Reading for The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost is taken from Isaiah, the twenty-ninth chapter.

¹¹The vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed." ¹²And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot read."

¹³And the Lord said:

*"Because this people draw near with their mouth
and honor me with their lips,
while their hearts are far from me,
and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men,*

*¹⁴therefore, behold, I will again
do wonderful things with this people,
with wonder upon wonder;
and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish,
and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden."*

*¹⁵Ah, you who hide deep from the LORD your counsel,
whose deeds are in the dark,
and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?"*

*¹⁶You turn things upside down!
Shall the potter be regarded as the clay,
that the thing made should say of its maker,
"He did not make me";
or the thing formed say of him who formed it,
"He has no understanding"?*

¹⁷*Is it not yet a very little while
until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field,
and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?*

¹⁸*In that day the deaf shall hear
the words of a book,
and out of their gloom and darkness
the eyes of the blind shall see.*

¹⁹*The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD,
and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.*

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***Psalm 14** *(The Cantor sings antiphon; the Congregation repeats the Antiphon and sings the bolded verses and antiphon as indicated)*

Antiphon



- 1 The fool says in his heart, “There | is no God.”*
They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds, there is | none who does good.
- 2 The LORD looks down from heaven on the | children of man,*
to see if there are any who understand,... who seek | after God.
- 3 **They have all turned aside; together they have be- | come corrupt;***
there is none who does good, not | even one.
- 4 **Have they no knowledge, all the | evildoers***
who eat up my people as they eat bread and do not | call upon the LORD?
- +5 **There they are in | grëat terror,***
for God is with the gener- | ation of the righteous. Antiphon
- 6 You would shame the | plans of the poor,*
but the | LORD is his refuge.
- 7 Oh, that salvation for Israel would come | out of Zion!*
- When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,
let Jacob rejoice,... let | Israel be glad.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spīrit;
as it was in the be- | gīnning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Ämen.

Antiphon

Epistle

Ephesians 5:22–33

L The Epistle is from Ephesians, the fifth chapter.

²²Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰because we are members of his body. ³¹“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” ³²This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

***Alleluia and Verse** (John 20:31)



Holy Gospel

Mark 7:1–13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹When the Pharisees gathered to [Jesus], with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, ²they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³(For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands, holding to the tradition of the elders, ⁴and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) ⁵And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,

*“This people honors me with their lips,
but their heart is far from me;
⁷in vain do they worship me,
teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’*

⁸*You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.”*

⁹*And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! ¹⁰For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ ¹¹But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban’ (that is, given to God)— ¹²then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, ¹³thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”*

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Sit

***Hymn of the Day: We Know That Christ Is Raised**

LSB 603

Tune: ENGELBERG

Sermon: Walking as One with Christ: “What God has joined together”

*Offering: When God Designed Creation

text: Borghild Jacobson

tune: AURELIA Samuel S. Wesley; setting Donald Busarow

When God designed creation and on that primal day as final consummation constructed man of clay, as flesh of flesh forever He fashioned from his side a partner for endeavor, a woman for his bride.

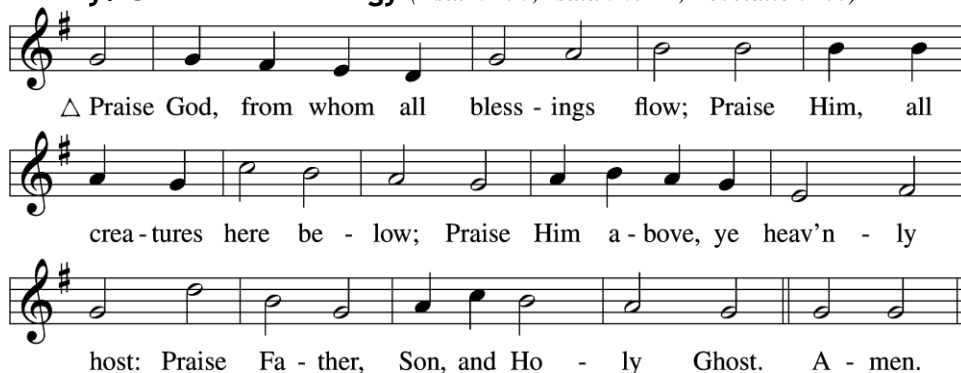
The children of that giving on earth His message heard and welcomed in their living the witness of His word, that man shall leave his mother and cleave unto his wife and they shall bring each other a whole and happy life.

May He, who with His guiding directs our mortal span, unite our hearts abiding eithin His holy plan, till we with wisdom gaining return our vows above, in union still remaining rith Him whose name is love.

(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: Common Doxology *(Psalm 150; Isaiah 6:1-4, Revelation 4:8)*



△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. 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 good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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 a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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)

G 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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 come forward, you will be invited to kneel, if able, to receive the Sacrament. Once all have received, and the pastor announces the dismissal, you may stand and 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

Lord God, we worship you, a Trinity of persons, one eternal God. May our faith and the sacrament we receive bring us health of mind and body. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Distribution Hymn: Rock of Ages**

LSB 761

Tune: TOPLADY

***Distribution Anthem: The Days of the Summer**

text: Borghild Jacobson

tune: KREMSER; setting Donald Busarow

The days of the summer with glory shall ripen the love as a seedling in spring-time begun. Till autumn
shall render its offering tender, the branches fully formed as gifts of the sun.

We grow in Your grace as the grain in the meadow, we grow in Your grace as the grapes on the vine,
creation implanted by God who has granted the marriage of the earth and heaven divine.

In this our communion new richness receiving, in this our communion new harvesting won, full fruitfulness
gaining in union remaining, with Him who is the Father, Spirit, and Son.

A Prayer after Receiving the Sacrament

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



Stand

***Nunc Dimittis** (Luke 2:29-32)

C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray...Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Benedicamus and Benediction (*Psalm 103:1; Numbers 6:24-26*)

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C Amen.

***Closing Hymn: Praise the Almighty**

LSB 797

Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN, O MEINE SEELE

Closing Voluntary: ENGELBERG

tune: Charles V. Stanford, setting: Robert J. Powell

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

Draw your church together, O God, into one great company of disciples, together following our teacher Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving in Christ's mission to the world, together witnessing to your love wherever you will send us; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

† Look Ahead for Next Week:

The 15th Sunday after Pentecost: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Ephesians 6:10-20; Mark 7:14-23

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

SAINT JOHN'S IN ACTION

Sun 8/25	The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	
	7:45am	Divine Service
	9:30am	Divine Service
	11:00am	E1HW
Tue 8/27	7:00pm	Judo/Women's 12-Step
Wed 8/28	12:30pm	Narcotics Anonymous
Thu 8/29	7:00pm	Judo
Fri 8/30	12:30pm	Narcotics Anonymous
	5:30pm	Holy Happy Hour
Sun 9/1	The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost	
	7:45am	Divine Service
	9:30am	Divine Service

Contributions Received 8/12-8/18/24	\$3,786	Sunday Attendance: 80
Weekly Forecasted Income	\$5,962	
Monthly Mortgage Payment	\$2,554	
F.O.R. Contributions - August	\$640	



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.

E1HW, Part 2 - Due to the good conversation that was ongoing at our last session, we will hold a second part of the Everyone His Witness module on *Witnessing to LGBTQ People*. This will be held on **Sunday, August 25 from 11am-12:30pm**. You are welcome to attend, even if you did not attend the first part. Hope to see you there!

Holy Happy Hour - Perhaps you might remember in the days of COVID that we held our first-ever Holy Happy Hour in the backyard with beverages, individually wrapped snacks, and social distancing. Well, it was such fun that we're doing it again! Join us on **Friday, August 30 from 5:30-7:30pm** for the second-ever Holy Happy Hour! This time we can socialize in a more comfortable fashion. Beverages and snacks will be provided, but bring a lawn chair and come down for a little bit and enjoy some fellowship to kick off the Labor Day weekend. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend. Hope to see you there!

Chancel Choir & Bell Choir: Rehearsals begin for the fall on **Thursday evening, September 5**. New singers & ringers are welcome! Interested? Please speak to Cindy Holden, Director of Music 631 589 3202 x 105.

Scarf Sisters - The Mary Martha Guild will be knitting or crocheting scarves as part of the "SCARF SISTERS" project of the Suffolk Zone. The scarves will be given out in December so we have lots of time to do this. Adult scarves can be approximately 55-60 inches long and may be 6-8 inches wide. Children scarves can be about 43 inches long and 3-5 inches wide. There is an ample supply of yarn in our closet downstairs so please help yourself. When all the scarves are collected, we will be distributing them to several missions here in Suffolk County. For more information contact Honey Pabst at 631-589-8353 or at arthon@aol.com.

Grandparents' Day - On **Sunday, September 8, 2024**, Thrivent Financial will be honoring these very special people in our lives. Following each service there will be a little something for all the grandparents to take home. And as always if you have any questions about Choice Dollars, monthly reflections or anything else Thrivent, I will be happy to help you. You can call me at 631-589-8353 or use my email: arthon@aol.com God Bless, Honey Pabst.

Mums for you - Just a reminder that you are able to order your mums from now until ***September 10th***. These mums are just a beautiful way for us to welcome in Fall in all its glory. Order forms are on the bulletin board in the Narthex as you come in...or as you go out. For questions contact Mary Martha President, Pam Kennard at 631-678-3246.

Sight & Sound's "Daniel" Comes to Theaters - The Sight & Sound Theater, located in Lancaster, PA, has regularly put on live productions of various stories of the Bible for years. Many of our members have made the trip to see these shows and have been amazed by the production value and moved by the stories as they are told. On August 30, local theaters will be showing a livestream production of Daniel, with additional viewings through September 2. Long Island theaters participating in this are: Island 16 in Holtsville, AMC Stony Brook 17, Regal Deer Park, Showcase Cinema in Farmingdale, and Regal Westbury. Tickets are available online through the various theaters' websites, or at the box office. This should be a wonderful event and pray that many of you are able to see it.

From Annunciation to Incarnation: A Journey with Jesus from the Womb to the Manger



Week 23 - The baby continues to develop his senses, especially that of hearing as he will likely begin to respond to voices. Regular movement is expected now, even though the baby spends a great deal of time sleeping and growing. Much of that sleep is what is called REM sleep, where the eyelids are closed but the eye balls are rapidly moving. Skin and fat also continue to develop and grow. Jesus hears our cries of mercy, and will be born to save us and redeem us!

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ~ Colossians 1:15

Communion Stewards: Charlie Erb (7:45am), Paul Erath (9:30am); **Ushers:** Steve & Janet Lindfors (7:45am), Kevin Paul & Barbara Dahlgren (9:30am); **Reader:** Pastor Noack (7:45am), Jenn Rooney (9:30am); **Music:** Chancel Choir (9:30am); **Counters:** Gene & Lisa Giacoia

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