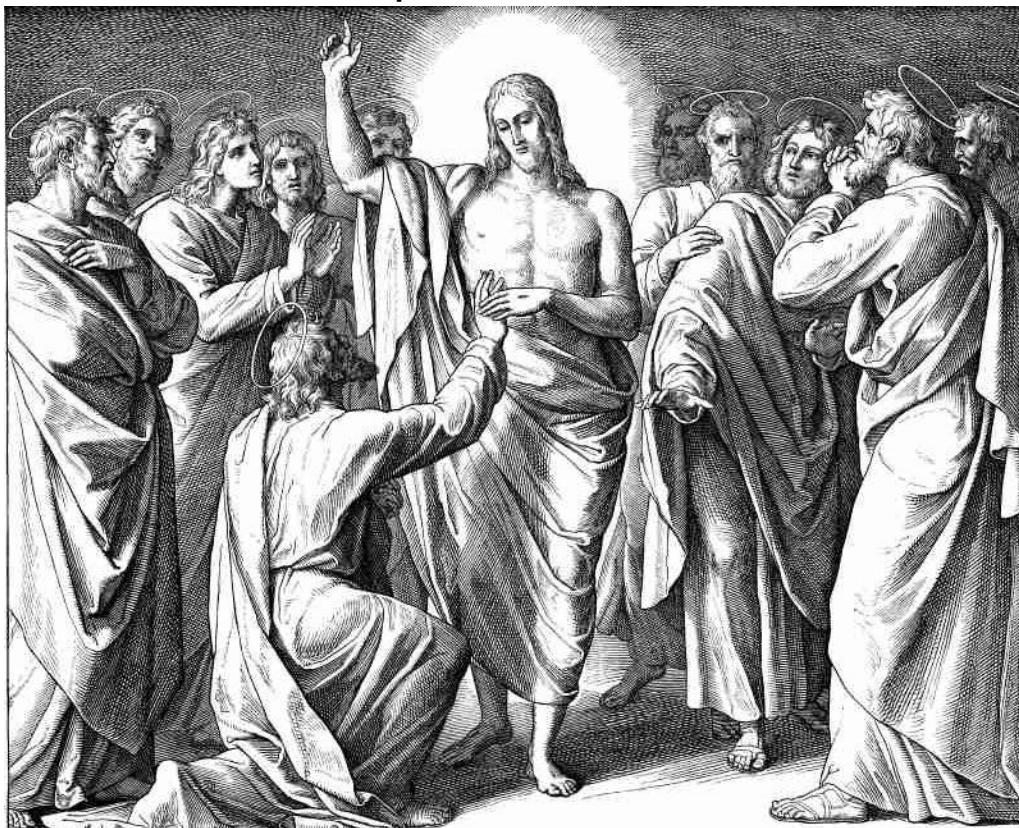


Second Sunday of Easter



April 12, 2026

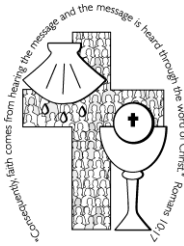


Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

48 Greene Avenue

Sayville, New York 11782

SUNDAY 9:30 AM



Welcome to Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

The family of Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church is called, gathered, and empowered by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament to confess and proclaim the gospel and love of Jesus Christ to our congregation, community, and world.

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 or out of the sanctuary only in places marked by an asterisk (*).

As We Gather

As Jesus appears to the disciples on the evening of Easter, he sets them into a very important role by establishing the Office of the Keys. They are tasked with forgiving the sins of the repentant, or retaining the sins of the unrepentant. Of course, while two keys are given, our Lord's desire is that the forgiving key be utilized most often. That is why he has gone through his Passion, death, and resurrection - to forgive us and give us life. Like the apostles, then, we also are called to forgive others when they have sinned against us, and to remind people who carry with them the guilt and burden of sin that Christ has died for them too, they are forgiven, and they have been set free by the grace of God given to us in Jesus.

Today in the Church Year

This is what we are all about as Christians. The season of Easter is the time where we recall that all the promises of what the Messiah would do find their fulfillment. Sin is gone. Death is defeated. Satan is crushed under foot. New and everlasting life is given to us and all creation. For the next 50 days, we will bask in the glory of Easter morning, singing our Alleluias, rejoicing in the resurrection of our bodies, remembering our baptism into Christ, and partaking of the unending feast. The color for the season is white and gold as a symbol of the new life, of the purity of Christ, and of the riches of heaven. This is indeed a sacred, holy, and blessed season. Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

✠ IN NOMINE JESU - IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠

A Prayer upon Entering Church

Visit this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let your blessing be upon us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Opening Voluntary: GELOBT SEI GOTT

Melchior Vulpius; setting: Mark Bender

This Joyful Eastertide (Vruechten) setting: Douglas E. Wagner

Announcements & Sharing of the Peace

✠ Service of Preparation ✠

***Opening Hymn: O Sons and Daughters of the King**

LSB 470 (sts. 1-4)

Tune: GELOBT SEI GOTT

Baptism: Zaydan David Farrouq

(Turn to p. 268 for the Rite of Holy Baptism. After the Baptism, the service continues with the readings. To our guests: please read our statement below regarding our confession and practice of the Lord's Supper.)

First Reading

Acts 5:29-42

L The First Reading for The Second Sunday of Easter is taken from Acts, the fifth chapter.

²⁹*But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men.*

³⁰*The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree.*

³¹*God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."*

³³*When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while.*

³⁵*And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹but if it is of God, you will not be able to*

⁷ **Praise the Lord | from the earth,***
you great sea creatures | and all deeps,
⁸ **fire and hail, | snow and mist,***
stormy wind ful- | filling his word!

Antiphon

⁹ Mountains | and all hills,*
fruit trees | and all cedars!
¹⁰ Beasts | and all livestock,*
creeping things and | flying birds!

¹¹ **Kings of the earth | and all peoples,***
princes and all rulers | of the earth!
¹² **Young men and | maidens together,***
old | men and children!

¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name a-| lone is exalted;*
his majesty is above | earth and heaven.

¹⁴ He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for | all his saints,*
for the people of Israel who are near to him. | Praise the Lord!

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

1 Peter 1:3-9

L The Epistle is from First Peter, the first chapter.

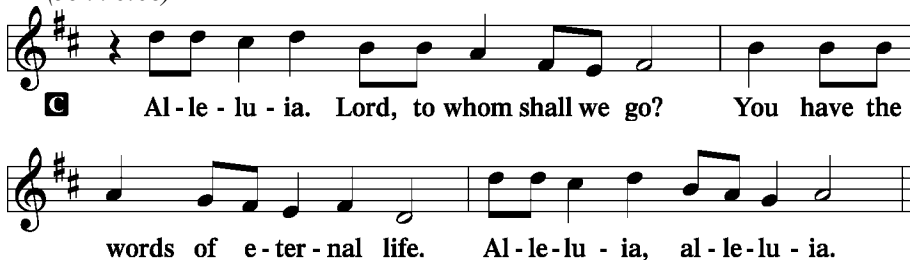
³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

***Alleluia** (John 6:68)

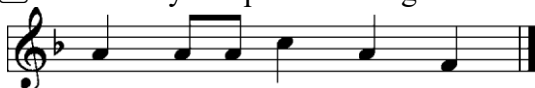


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 20:19-31

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



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that


***Offering: Give Us Your Body and Your Blood** G. F. Handel; text & ed. Don Petering

Give us, Jesus, Your holy body and Your blood in the bread and wine,
Giv'n and shed for us for the remission of all our sins,
Give us, Jesus, Your body and Your blood to take away our sins.
Send Your Spirit with Your gift of faith.
Give us grace to walk in Your ways, O Lord, to be Your own for evermore.
Let us walk in Your ways in holiness for evermore.

(Please fill out the green attendance card the pew, and then hand it to the usher on the way forward for communion.)

Stand

***Offertory** (Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19)



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, 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 pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C 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."*

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *(1 Corinthians 11:26)*

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** *(Revelation 22:20)*

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

Pax Domini *(John 20:19)*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei *(John 1:29)*



C 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 peace.

Sit

The Rite of First Holy Communion

Brooke Bartick
Giovanni DiTingo
Aiden Lundquist
Timothy Morris

Brooke Spreckels
Bridget Spreckels
Brady Spreckels
Evan Stag

***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 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

O Lord, we pray for ourselves and for all who confess the name of Christ, that we may show forth the praises of him who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. Grant that we, who do now celebrate the feast of love, may at the last be clothed with the white robes of those who shall join in the marriage supper of the Lamb; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Distribution Hymn: I Know that My Redeemer Lives**

LSB 461

Tune: DUKE STREET

***Distribution Hymn: This Joyful Eastertide**

LSB 482

Tune: VRUECHTEN

A Prayer after Receiving the Sacrament

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

Stand

Post-Communion Canticle: Splendor and Honor

LSB 950 (sts. 1 & 3)

1 Splen - dor and hon - or, maj - es - ty and pow - er
 3 To the Al - might - y, throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor,
 Are Yours, O Lord God, fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing,
 And to the Sav - ior, Christ our Lamb and Shep - herd,
 For by Your bid - ding was the whole cre -
 Be ad - o - ra - tion, praise, and glo - ry
 a - tion Called in - to be - ing.
 giv - en, Now and for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect

- 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 in 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.

Benediction (*Numbers 6:24-26*)

- 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: Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

LSB 474

Tune: EARTH AND ALL STARS

Closing Voluntary: EARTH AND ALL STARS (Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen)

Keith Kolander

A Prayer for Departure

Thanks be unto You, Lord Jesus, for Your bitter sufferings, Your shameful death, and Your joyous resurrection. Enlighten our eyes to see in You the way unto life. Uphold us by Your truth, so we may not fall into idolatry and false worship, and preserve us in the true faith unto eternal life. Amen.

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

† Look Ahead for next week:

The 3rd Sunday of Easter: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 1:17-25; Luke 24:13-35
Daily Devotions for Home and Family are available on the way out

SAINT JOHN'S IN ACTION

Sun 4/12	The 2nd Sunday of Easter <i>Coffee Hour hosted by the Council</i> 7:45am Divine Service 8:30am Bible Study 9:30am Divine Service w/ Baptism & First Communion 9:30am Sunday School
Mon 4/13	7:00pm Boy Scouts
Tue 4/14	7:00pm Judo/Women's 12-Step
Wed 4/15	11:00am Bible Study 12:30pm Narcotics Anonymous 4:00pm LI Brass Guild Rehearsal 7:00pm Divine Service 7:30pm Faith Renewal 7:45pm SoLI
Thu 4/16	6:00pm Thunder Girls Basketball 6:30pm Finance Meeting 6:30pm Eagle Eye Ringers 7:00pm Judo 7:30pm Chancel Choir
Fri 4/17	12:30pm Narcotics Anonymous
Sun 4/19	The 3rd Sunday of Easter 7:45am Service of Word & Prayer 9:30am Service of Word & Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 3:00pm LI Brass Guild Concert

Thursday, April 2		47
Friday, April 3		103
Saturday, April 4		35
Sunday, April 5		233
Contributions Received 3/30-4/5	\$13,185	
Weekly Forecasted Income	\$5,041	
Monthly Mortgage Payment	\$2,554	
F.O.R. Contributions - April	\$320	

Long Island Brass Guild Concert - Save the date for the LI Brass Guild benefit concert for Mercy Haven, Inc., being held on **Sunday, April 19th at 3pm** at St. John's Sayville.

Broadway Cleanup - On **Saturday, April 25, beginning at 8:30am**, we will do some cleanup at the Broadway Ave property. There is weeding, trimming, and general cleanup that will be needed. Please join us and lend a hand.

Thrivent Appreciation - We'd like to thank everyone who came together to assemble the Water Filter Kits and Solar Lite Kits. Together, we completed 17 boxes, with 3 kits in each—an excellent accomplishment! Special thanks to Tom Keller for delivering the kits to the post office; they are now on their way to support those in need. We also appreciate everyone who attended the **Thrivent Choice Dollar** meeting. It was a productive gathering where several important topics were discussed, and funds were allocated to support projects within our church. We're excited to see additional suggested projects take shape in the future. Many have expressed interest in learning more about the opportunities Thrivent provides. In response, we are planning to schedule an informational meeting. A Thrivent representative will be present to share details about programs that can benefit both our church and individual members. Please watch for upcoming announcements with more information.

Honor Our Volunteers - The Thrivent Financial Group here at St. John's invites you to join the coffee hour on **Sunday, April 26th**, to say "thank you" to the many volunteers here at our church. There will be a special gift for all volunteers, treats to enjoy, and information of interest about Thrivent and how to direct your Choice Dollars. Stop by and enjoy fellowship with everyone!

LIT - The *Lutheran Institute of Theology* is here! Beginning **Monday, April 27 at 7pm**, we will begin the first class, The Art of Biblical Reading featuring our former vicar, The Rev. Dr. Adam Koontz. If you are interested in participating, please contact the church office, or sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex. Classes will run the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 7pm.

LWML Convention - The 2026 Lutheran Women's Missionary League - Atlantic District Convention will be held on **Saturday, May 2** at the beautiful Crowne Plaza Hotel in Suffern, NY. The theme this year is: Joyful, Patient, Faithful based upon Romans 12:12. Registration is now open! The convention will feature worship, a wonderful keynote speaker, information about Mission Grants, and plenty of time for fellowship and fun. To learn more, or to register, go to www.adlwml.org. All women are welcome!

SOLES4SOULS Shoe & Sneaker Collection Drive

Dates: April 19 - May 24, 2026

Location: St. John's Lutheran Church Office (48 Greene Avenue)

Drop-off Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Contact Info: Honey Pabst - 631-897-5193

What to Donate

- Gently used or new shoes & sneakers
- For adults and children
- Please rubber band each pair together

About the Mission

This drive supports Soles4Souls, a nonprofit founded in 2006 that helps provide footwear to people in need around the world. In 2024 alone, they distributed 5.8 million pairs of shoes.

Take a few minutes to check your closets—you might make a big difference with a small donation.

Communion Stewards: Robert Bayley (7:45am), Al Coppola (9:30am); **Ushers:** Brian & Christine Kirschenheiter (7:45am), Chuck & Judy Scott (9:30am); **Readers:** Christine Kirschenheiter (7:45am), Treva Kopf (9:30am); **Musicians:** Chancel Choir; **Counters:** Chuck & Judy Scott

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Saint John's Divine Service Schedule:

Sunday 7:45am & 9:30am

Wednesday 7:00pm

Church Office Hours:

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

Bookkeeper Hours:

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 11am-3pm

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