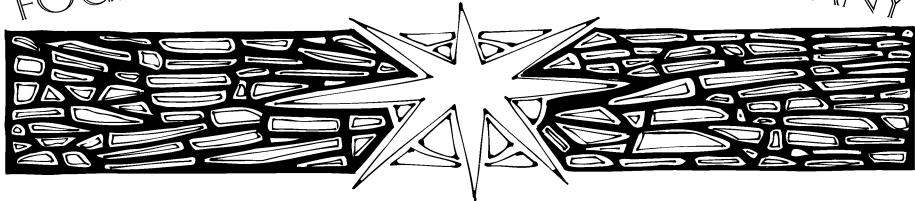


FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



February 1, 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

Initially, Jesus' words of blessing seem counter-intuitive. The lowly, the poor, the meek, and persecuted don't seem to have a very "blessed" life, and yet Jesus says that is exactly what shall be. That is because they have the gift of faith, and so they live always in the hope of the great reversal that Christ has come to work for God's people eternally. The poor will have a kingdom, the meek shall inherit a new earth, and mourners shall find eternal comfort in the resurrection. All these reversals come to us because Christ has undergone yet another, counter-intuitive action for our sake: he has borne our unrighteousness on the cross so that we would be made righteous, and he has gone through death to give us life forever. Because of this, we are truly blessed!

## Today in the Church Year

Epiphany serves as the end of the Christmas season, bridging us over from Christ's birth to the beginning of his life and ministry. On the day of Epiphany, Christ is revealed as the savior of the world. Next, we see his divinity confirmed as the Father speaks and the Spirit descends in the waters of the Jordan at his baptism. Then he will call his disciples and will perform miracles. And finally, as the hinge that leads us into the holy season of Lent, our Lord will be transfigured into a vision of light as he prepares to set his face toward Jerusalem to accomplish the salvation of the world. The season of Epiphany prepares us for this salvation, and serves to reveal the mystery of Christ's identity and his work to us. The initial color for the season is white, but yields to green to symbolize the light of Christ revealed through the growth accomplished by his word. Transfiguration Sunday will again be white to show forth the purity and holiness of the God-Man, Jesus.

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

## A Prayer upon Entering Church

*God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

**Opening Voluntary: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER**

Frederick Frahm

## Announcements & Sharing of the Peace

### † Service of Preparation †

**\*Opening Hymn: Blessed Jesus, at Your Word**

LSB 904

Tune: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER

## 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)

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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

P Glory be to God on high: C and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-  
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## 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, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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**

**L** The Old Testament Reading for The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany is taken from Micah, the sixth chapter.

<sup>1</sup>*Hear what the LORD says:*

*Arise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.*

<sup>2</sup>*Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth,  
for the LORD has an indictment against his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.*

<sup>3</sup>*“O my people, what have I done to you?  
How have I wearied you? Answer me!*

<sup>4</sup>*For I brought you up from the land of Egypt  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,  
and I sent before you Moses,  
Aaron, and Miriam.*

<sup>5</sup>*O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised,  
and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”*

<sup>6</sup>*“With what shall I come before the LORD,  
and bow myself before God on high?*

*Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?*

<sup>7</sup>*Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?*

*Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”*

<sup>8</sup>*He has told you, O man, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?*

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 15** (*The Cantor introduces the antiphon, the Congregation repeats the antiphon and sings the bolded verses and antiphon as indicated*)

Antiphon: Psalm 16:1

Pre - serve me, O God, for in you I take re - fuge. Cynthia Holden  
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<sup>1</sup>O LORD, who shall sojourn | in your tent?\*  
Who shall dwell on your | holy hill?

<sup>2</sup>**He who walks blamelessly and does | what is right\***  
**and speaks truth | in his heart;**

<sup>3</sup>who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil | to his neighbor,\*  
nor takes up a reproach a- | gainst his friend;

<sup>4</sup>**in whose eyes a vile person is despised, but who honors those who |**  
**fear the LORD;\***  
**who swears to his own hurt and | does not change;**

<sup>5</sup>who does not put out his money at interest and does not take a bribe a- |  
against the innocent.\*  
He who does these things shall | never be moved.

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

**Antiphon**

**L** The Epistle is from First Corinthians, the first chapter.

<sup>18</sup>For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

<sup>26</sup>For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. <sup>31</sup>Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

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

Musical notation for the hymn 'Glory be to Thee, O Lord.' It consists of a single line of music in G clef, common time, with a key signature of one flat. The notes are: quarter note, eighth note, eighth note, eighth note, quarter note, eighth note, eighth note. Below the music, the lyrics 'Glory be to Thee, O Lord.' are written in a bold, sans-serif font.

<sup>1</sup>Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

<sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

<sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

<sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

Musical notation for the hymn 'Praise be to Thee, O Christ.' It consists of a single line of music in G clef, common time, with a key signature of one flat. The notes are: quarter note, eighth note, eighth note, eighth note, quarter note, eighth note, eighth note. Below the music, the lyrics 'Praise be to Thee, O Christ.' are written in a bold, sans-serif font.

## **Nicene Creed**

**C 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  $\ddagger$  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: Jesus Sat with His Disciples

LSB 932

Tune: JOYOUS LIGHT

### Sermon: Rejoice in God's grace

### \*Offering: That Priceless Grace

text: Emmanuel F. Y. Grantson

music: Ghanaian Traditional, arr. John Helgen

That priceless grace which gave me life:  
Jesus' life is priceless grace. That priceless grace is life for me

That priceless blood which gave me life:  
Jesus' blood is priceless grace. That priceless grace is life for me.

That painful death took sins away:  
Jesus' death is priceless grace. Jesus' death is life for me.

That precious word which brought me light:  
Jesus' word is priceless grace, that priceless grace is life for me.

*(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 (Psalm 51:10-12)

C 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.

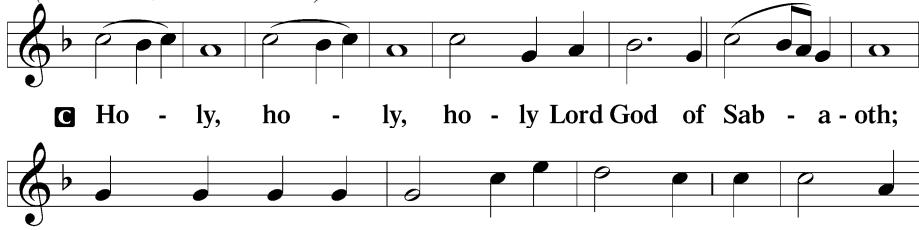
**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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 cometh 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.

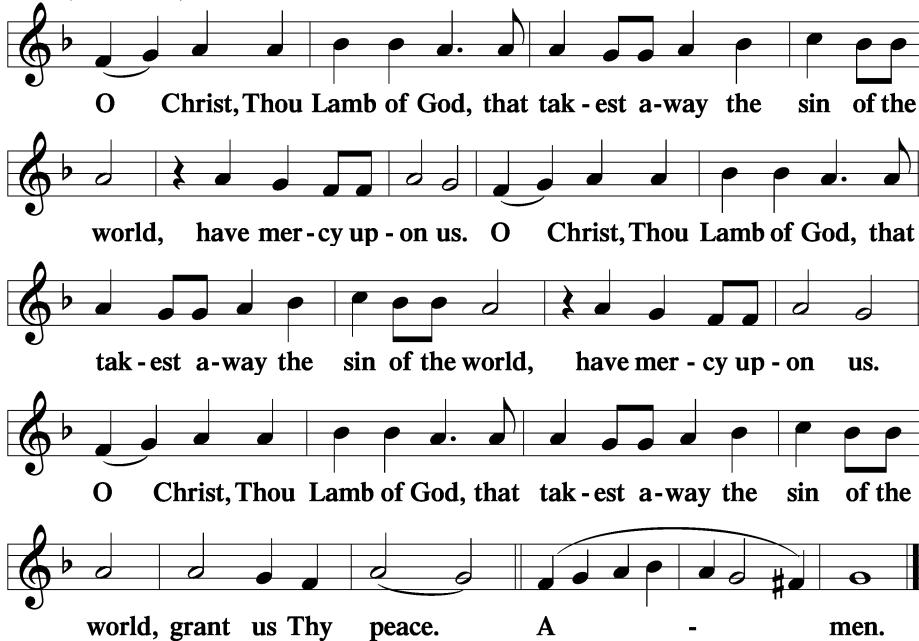
**The Words of Our Lord** (*Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25*)

**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  $\text{\tfrac{1}{2}}$  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  $\text{\tfrac{1}{2}}$  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)



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*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, 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**

*Holy Father, we ask you now, by this blessed food and drink, to deliver your church from every evil, to teach it to love you perfectly, and make it truly one, even as this bread was made from many grains of wheat to become the carrier of the body of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

## **\*Distribution Hymn: In the Cross of Christ I Glory**

**LSB 427**

Tune: RATHBUN

## **A Prayer after Receiving the Sacrament**

*Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

*Stand*

## **\*Post-Communion Canticle: Nunc Dimittus (Luke 2:29-32)**



C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-  
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light-en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

### 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: Son of God, Eternal Savior

LSB 842

Tune: IN BABILON

### Closing Voluntary: Recessional March

Roland Rogers (1847-1927)

(*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:

The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany:

Isaiah 58:3-9a; 1 Corinthians 2:1-12; Matthew 5:13-20

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

## SAINT JOHN'S IN ACTION

Sun 2/1	<b>The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany</b> <b>Coffee Hour hosted by Church Council - Lutheran Hour Ministries</b>	
	7:45am	Divine Service
	8:30am	Bible Study
	9:30am	Divine Service Sunday School
Mon 2/2	7:00pm	Boy Scouts
Tue 2/3	6:00pm	First Communion Class
	7:00pm	Elders Meeting
	7:00pm	Judo/Women's 12-Step
Wed 2/4	11:00am	Bible Study
	12:30pm	Narcotics Anonymous
	6:00pm	Confirmation Class
	7:00pm	Divine Service
	7:45pm	SoLI
Thu 2/5	6:30pm	Bells
	7:30pm	Chancel Choir
Fri 2/6	12:30pm	Narcotics Anonymous
Sun 2/8	<b>The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany</b> <b>Coffee Hour hosted by Debbie Donaldson</b>	
	7:45am	Divine Service
	8:30am	Bible Study
	9:30am	Divine Service 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.*

Contributions Received 1/19-1/25/26	\$3,550	Sunday Attendance: 43
Weekly Forecasted Income	\$5,041	
Monthly Mortgage Payment	\$2,554	
F.O.R. Contributions - January	\$585	

**LHM Sunday** - Today is LHM Sunday! We hope you will join the celebration following the service at coffee hour. Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) equips Gospel proclamation at home and abroad and offers free resources to help you in your daily walk. A \$25,000 matching grant can DOUBLE your LHM Sunday gift today. Visit [lhm.org/discoverlhm](http://lhm.org/discoverlhm) to donate ... or just to learn more and receive a free gift!

**1, 2, 3...** - Do you know how to count? Would you like to support the work of the Church using your counting skills? We are currently looking for some additional people (at least 2) to help with the count of our offerings. You would count once a month or so, and it doesn't take a huge amount of time. If you are interested, or would like more information, please speak to Chuck Scott or Pastor Noack.

**Souper Bowl of Caring** - The weekend of **February 8, 2026** the Mary Martha ladies will be holding a "SOUP POT" to collect money for our local soup kitchen in Sayville - Sharing a Meal. Sharing a Meal serves a hot meal and provides some extra bags of sandwiches to help those who are their guests. Our collection will help with their expenses and enable them to continue to do what they can to benefit those in our community. Our blessings and thanks for whatever you can give. If donating by check, please make the check out to Mary Martha Guild. For more information, contact Pam Kennard, President of the Mary Martha Guild, at 631-678-3246.

**Thrivent Associate Membership** - Some of you have asked about Associate Membership Forms. I have these forms available for you every Sunday at church. Although you might not want to purchase a product, you might want to consider being an Associate Member for \$20 a year. This would enable you to be part of Thrivent's Generosity Program, which allows you to be able to be part of doing one Action Team and receive \$250 to spend on a project per year. Additionally, you would be eligible to obtain a Water Filter Kit or a Solar Kit free of charge that would help someone in another part of God's world to have a better life. It is what we can do with all the benefits that God has given us. I am happy to help you with this or any questions you might have about Thrivent. - Honey Pabst, Thrivent Champion

**Service Help** - The signup sheet to assist with Lent and Holy Week services has been posted. Please take a look and help out where you can. Thanks!

**Golf Committee** - Do you love coordinating and planning events? Would you like to utilize that joy in assisting our Church to support the community? Consider joining the Golf Committee! We are currently looking for a new chair to help lead our merry band of volunteers. Knowledge of golf or ability to play is not required. If you are interested, or have questions, please speak to Charlie Erb or Pastor Noack. It is a lot of fun, so please consider joining us!

**Faith Renewal** - The next set of classes for new members, or as a refresher for current members, will begin on **Wednesday, February 25**, following the 7pm service each week through Lent. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board, or you may contact the Church Office, if you wish to participate. All are welcome!

**LCMS Atlantic District Festival of Workshops** - Save the date for this annual event to be held on **March 7** on the campus of SUNY Maritime. This is a great day of learning and networking with leaders and congregants from churches all over our district. More information will be forthcoming once registration is available, and plans for carpooling will also be arranged. Please consider joining us!

**Communion Stewards:** Bill Audia (7:45am); Leo Rigaud (9:30am); **Ushers:** Charlie Erb & Jim Farrell (7:45am); Jane Emmel & Kristin Noack (9:30am); **Readers:** Jim Farrell (7:45am); Dorothy Bauer (9:30am); **Musicians:** Chancel Choir (9:30); **Counters:** Steve & Janet Lindfors

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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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