

Fourth Sunday Of Easter Jubilate

May 11, 2025



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

Praise and joy are still the themes for these weeks after Easter, and *Jubilate* invites us to do just that. The newness of life that Jesus has given reigns in all creation, thus, all creation rejoices in Christ's victory over death. It is a joy, as Jesus says, that cannot be taken away from us. As such, even when times seem to be difficult, and there appears to be little in which we can rejoice, the joy of Easter and the promise of life eternal with Christ ought always give us reason to find our joy renewed.

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!

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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:

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing (9:30am)

arr. Wayne L. Wold

Announcements & Sharing of the Peace

*Opening Hymn: Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

LSB 477
Tune: HYMN TO JOY

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** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9)

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

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- 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 Holy Spirit. (John 20:19-23)
- C Amen.

Hymn of Praise: This Is the Feast (Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9)



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

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- Let us pray...Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to 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.

∴ Service of the Word →

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Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:25-31

L The Old Testament Reading for The Fourth Sunday of Easter is taken from Isaiah, the fortieth chapter.

²⁵To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. ²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name, by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power not one is missing. ²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? ²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹He gives power to the faint,

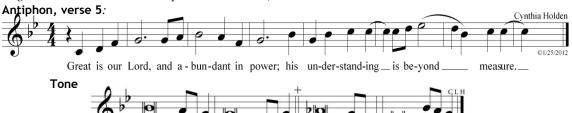
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and to him who has no might he increases strength.

³⁰Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; ³¹but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

*Psalm 147:1-11 (The Cantor introduces the antiphon, the Congregation repeats the antiphon and sings the bolded verses and antiphon as indicated)



¹Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises | to our God;* for it is pleasant, and a song of | praise is fitting.

²The Lord builds up Je - | rusalem;* he gathers the | <u>outcasts</u> of Israel.

3He heals the | broken-hearted* and | binds up their wounds.
 4He determines the | number of the stars;* he gives to | all of them their names.

⁵Great is our Lord, and a-| <u>bundant</u> in power;* his understanding is be- | yönd measure.

⁶The Lord | <u>lifts up</u> the humble;* he casts the | <u>wicked to</u> the ground.

⁺⁷Sing to the | <u>Lord with</u> thanksgiving;* make melody to our | God on the lyre! **Antiphon**

8He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares | rain for the earth;* he makes grass | grow on the hills.
9He gives to the | beasts their food,* and to the young | ravens that cry.
10His delight is not in the | strength of the horse,* nor his pleasure in the | legs of a man,
11but the Lord takes pleasure in | those who fear him,* in those who hope in his | steadfast love.

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

Epistle 1 Peter 2:11-20

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

¹¹Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹²Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

¹³Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. ¹⁵For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. ¹⁶Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. ¹⁷Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

¹⁸Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. ¹⁹For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.

- This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

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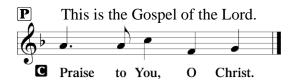




Holy Gospel John 16:16-22



¹⁶[Jesus said:] "A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." ¹⁷So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" ¹⁸So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." ¹⁹Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'? ²⁰Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²²So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."



Apostles' Creed

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: Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

<u>LSB 722</u>

Tune: SO NIMM DENN MEINE HANDE

Sermon: Experience the Joy

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

*Offering: A Jubilant Song

Mary Lynn Lightfoot

Cantate Domino canticum novum. Sing to the Lord a new jubilant song! Cantate Domino canticum novum omnis terra. Sing to the Lord all the earth!

Let the sea roar and the floods clap their hands! Let the hills sing together for joy! Let the heavens and the earth all rejoice, for the Lord is greatly to be praised! Proclaim God's salvation! Declare God's great glory! Lift up a jubilant song and make joyful noise!

Cantate...

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



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

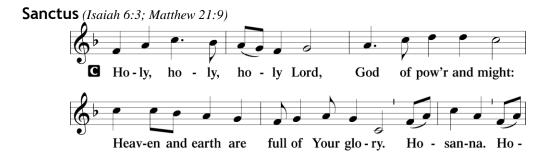
- P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

 (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.
- 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:





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 ⅓ 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 ⅙ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."
- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. (1 Corinthians 11:26)
- 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.



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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 Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

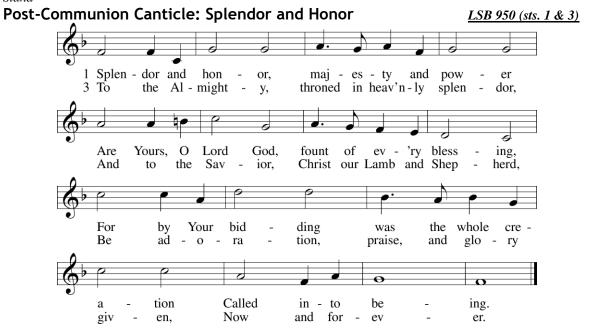
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Tune: ICH STREBE TAGLICH

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 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.

Benediction (Numbers 6:24-26)

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: In Thee Is Gladness

LSB 818

Tune: IN DIR IST FREUDE

setting: Douglas E. Wagner

Closing Voluntary: Fanfare & Procession

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

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:

5th Sunday of Easter: Isaiah 12:1-6; James 1:16-21; John 16:5-15 *Daily Devotions for Home and Family are available on the way out*

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Contributions Received 4/28-5/4/25	\$4,507	Sunday Attendance: 122
Weekly Forecasted Income	\$5,209	
Monthly Mortgage Payment	\$2,554	
F.O.R. Contributions - May	\$10	



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Congregational Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on *Sunday*, *May 18* following the 7:45am service, prior to the 9:30am service. The agenda includes election of new Council members, updates on projects being conducted around church, and other important information about future plans. All members are encouraged to attend. If you would like to serve on Church Council and help shape the future of our congregation, please speak to Pastor or Kevin Paul, Council President, prior to the meeting.

General Fund - In honor of Addison Mercedes from Tom & Lisa Lackemann.

<u>Soles4Souls</u> - They have a simple mission - to collect new and gently worn shoes or sneakers to donate to victims of natural disasters and those living in extreme poverty. Soles4Souls, with the support of company and community donations, had an impact of 5.8 million shoes supplied to needed areas in 2024. Now, you can help! Many of us have shoes or sneakers in our closets that we don't wear much. Even if you have one sneaker or shoe, those can be donated as well. Please look in your closets and spread the word that we will be collecting shoes and sneakers for this cause. Shoes can be for both adults or children. Each pair should be rubber banded together and brought to St. John's *by May 18*. For more information, contact Honey at 631-897-5193 or arthon@aol.com. The Lord reminds us in 1 Peter 4:10, *Each one should use whatever gift you have received to serve others as faithful stewards of God's grace in various forms*.

<u>Mary Martha Christian Service Award</u> - Each year, the Mary Martha Guild presents a Christian Service Award to a graduating high school senior. We are thankful for the many young people who have received this award in the past and look forward to the many who will be recipients in the future. Applications are now available in the church office. The completed application must be received in the church office *NO LATER than June 8*.

Ascension Service - Save the date of *Thursday*, *May 29* for our Ascension Day Divine Service *at* 7:30pm. The other Lutheran Churches from Suffolk County have been invited to participate in this service, and not only is it an important day on the calendar, it is also a great way to interact with members from other local congregations. A light reception will be held afterward. Mark your calendar now and plan to join us!

<u>St. John's Golf Outing</u> - Save the date! *Thursday, July 31*st has been secured for the 2025 St. John's Golf Outing at Timber Point Golf Course, located in Great River, NY. The group had a great time last year and we look forward to another great experience this summer. We are always looking for people to assist. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact us. Knowledge of golf is not a requirement; many hands make for less work. Please call the Church office 631.589.3202, Charlie Erb 631.472.8939 or speak to Pastor Noack.

<u>Communion Stewards:</u> Robert Bayley (7:45am), Leo Rigaud (9:30am); <u>Ushers:</u> Brian & Christine Kirschenheiter (7:45am), Chuck & Judy Scott (9:30am); <u>Readers:</u> Christine Kirschenheiter (7:4am), Leo Rigaud (9:30am); <u>Music:</u> Chancel Choir (9:30); <u>Counters:</u> Chuck & Judy Scott

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<u>Church Office Hours:</u> Tuesday - Friday: 9:30am-2:30pm

Bookkeeper Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays: 11am-3pm

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