

EIGHTH

SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 19, 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

We often think of the cross of Jesus as a victory over sin and Satan. And yet, there are many things that happen in our world that are evidence of the presence of evil. It might lead to one to wonder whether the cross is really a victory or not. As Jesus tells the Parable of the Wheat and the Weeds, he reminds us that while evil has been overcome, he allows it to remain for the sake of the wheat - he does not want any of the wheat to be lost by making the garden neater. In the end, however, he will sort things out and will deliver his wheat - his dear children - into the safety of his heavenly storehouse and in the presence of the Father forever!

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

Announcements & Sharing of the Peace

✠ Service of Preparation ✠

*Opening Hymn: O Worship the King

LSB 804

Tune: HANOVER

Baptism: GiaBella Maria Rizzo

(Turn to pg. 268 for the Rite of Holy Baptism. After the Baptism, the service continues with the readings. To our guests today: please read our communion statement before receiving the Sacrament)

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 44:6-8

- ☐ The Old Testament Reading for The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost is taken from Isaiah, the forty-fourth chapter.

*⁶Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:*

*"I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.*

*⁷Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.
Let him declare and set it before me,
since I appointed an ancient people.*

Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.

*⁸Fear not, nor be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
And you are my witnesses!*

*Is there a God besides me?
There is no Rock; I know not any."*

- ☐ This is the Word of the Lord.

- ☐ Thanks be to God.

***Psalm 119:57-64** (The Cantor introduces the antiphon, the Congregation repeats the antiphon and sings the bolded verses and antiphon as indicated)

Antiphon

For - ev - er, O Lord, your word is firm - ly fixed in the hea - vens. _____

LSB Tone J

Cynthia Holden
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⁵⁷The | LORD is my portion;*
I promise to | keep your words.
⁵⁸I entreat your favor with | all my heart;*
be gracious to me ac- | cording to your promise.

⁵⁹When I | think on my ways,*
I turn my | feet to your testimonies;

⁶⁰I hasten and | do not delay*
to | keep your commandments.

Antiphon

⁶¹Though the cords of the | wicked ensnare me,*
I do | not forget your law.

⁶²At midnight I | rise to praise you,*
because of your just and | righteous decrees.

⁶³I am a companion of | all who fear you,*
of those who | keep your precepts.

⁶⁴The earth, O LORD, is full of your | steadfast love;*
Teach | me your statutes!

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

Antiphon

Epistle

Romans 8:18-27

L The Epistle is from Romans, the eighth chapter.

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

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



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ ²⁸He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” . . .

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴²and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

***Hymn of the Day: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less**

LSB 575

Tune: MAGDALEN

Sermon

***Offering**

(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: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

LSB 805

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

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)*

- 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 *(Matt.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)*

C 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.

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, Cleft for Me

LSB 761

Tune: TOPLADY

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)



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 Gen - tiles Un -
For as in 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 (*Psalm 103:1*)

P Let us bless 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 to you.

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

C Amen.

Closing Hymn: How Firm a Foundation

LSB 728

Tune: FOUNDATION

Closing Voluntary

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 9th Sunday after Pentecost: Deuteronomy 7:6-9; Romans 8:28-39; Matthew 13:44-52

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

SAINT JOHN'S IN ACTION

Sun 7/19	The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	
	Coffee Hour Hosted by Habeeb Family	
	7:45am	Divine Service
	9:30am	Divine Service
Mon 7/20	6:00pm	Basketball
Tue 7/21	6:30pm	Basketball
	7:00pm	Judo/Women's 12 Step
Wed 7/22	6:00pm	Basketball
Thu 7/23	7:00pm	Judo
Fri 7/24	6:00pm	Basketball
Sun 7/26	The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	
	Coffee Hour Hosted by Church Council	
	7:45am	Divine Service
	9:30am	Divine Service



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.

Prayer Garden - In loving memory of Artie Pabst on the anniversary of his passing from his wife Honey.

Ferry Bake Sale - The Mary Martha Guild will be selling breakfast-type pastries at the ferry in Sayville on ***Friday afternoon, August 14, 2026***. We would appreciate any of your homemade Banana Bread, Date Nut Bread, Muffins, Coffee Cake, or other breakfast-type pastries for our event, even cookies. If anything contains nuts, label accordingly. Please wrap the items with clear wrap and label them so we know what they are. *Your baked goods should be brought to the church no later than 11:00am on Friday, August 14th.* Donations from this sale will go to help support our missions here at St. John's. For more information, call Pam Kennard at 678-3246.

Mahjongg Social Club - Deanna Suckow is looking to put together a social club here at St. John's playing the game of Mahjongg. Open to all ages! If interested, please reach out to Deanna Suckow at deannasuckow@yahoo.com or 631-316-0447 for more information.

Golf Outing - Sign up now for our annual golf outing at St. John's on ***August 19, 2026 at 2pm***. We will once again be at the Timber Point Golf Course in Great River, prayerfully without the absolute deluge we had last year. Brochures are now available for registration or sponsorship information. All materials are also available on our website. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Giacoia or Kristin Noack, Golf Committee Chairs.

Tag Sale “Save the Date” - Now is the time to start putting aside those items you want to donate to our Treasure & Tag Sale on **August 8**. Please save your items at home for now. Please keep your eyes out for more information about this great event. - The Tag Sale Committee

Communion Stewards: Greg Calvano (7:45); Paul Erath (9:30); **Ushers:** Marcus & Annie Habeeb (7:45); Lloyd & Pam Arrasate (9:30am); **Readers:** Jim Farrell (7:45); Paul Erath (9:30); **Musician:** Henry Finnegan, guest organist; **Counters:** Richard & Ann Frenz

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Sunday 7:45am & 9:30am

Church Office Hours:

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

Bookkeeper Hours:

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 11am-3pm

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