



The Good News

A Publication of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church – Sayville, NY
May 2025

This is a Matters of Importance I gave in church several years ago...the need is ever greater now!

Imagine a couple of scenarios with me:

First, you and your family are traveling over summer break. Where you are headed, there is not a church nearby to attend on Sunday, but there is Wi-Fi. Luckily, shortly after the 9:30am service most weeks, you can go to our website and click on the "Service Video" link, and you will be directed to a video of St. John's entire service for that day. In the very least, you will have a chance to hear God's Word and to stay attuned to what is happening at your church. While not the same as being there, it is at least something in an area where there is not a chance to get to a church.

Scenario number two: Imagine that you came to church one week and were struck by the music or readings or hymns or the sermon. By the time you get home, you aren't quite sure you remember exactly what it was that was so moving. By going to our website, you get a chance to revisit that moment, and to bring to your remembrance the tune or word that spoke to you, and you find yourself edified in the week ahead.

Scenario number three: You are sick and you had to miss church, but upon your recovery, you run into a fellow St. John's member at the grocery store who mentions that you were missed, and that by the way, Pastor Noack gave one of the greatest sermons he has ever preached (hey, it could happen!). Upset that you missed, and cursing your illness, you suddenly remember, "Hey, I can just go on the web and see what was so great about this sermon!"

Scenario number four: Bill and Suzy Thompson move to Sayville from the great state of Iowa. They are life-long Lutherans, but are unsure what a saltwater Lutheran church might be like. So they jump on the web and to their surprise, there is a Lutheran church right in Sayville. Curious as to what to expect when they get there, they happen upon the Service Video link and watch one of our services. "It is just like our church in Iowa," Suzy says. Bill and Suzy come, and after just a few weeks, they decide to make St. John's their new church home. Had it not been for seeing a service, they may not have tried us out.

These are just a few of the reasons that the Video Ministry is such a vital part of our work here at St. John's. Each week, our 9:30am service is recorded and is available for viewing by the worldwide public. Our dedicated team of people work behind the scenes up in the balcony, often unnoticed, to make sure that what we produce online is a quality product and thus make it another avenue for getting the Gospel message out to a wider audience.

The Video Ministry team could use some more help, however. Currently, just two people do this week after week, and if one of them goes on vacation or gets sick, it is hard to make sure everything is covered. With a bigger group, we could ensure that all our services are recorded and uploaded to the web each week, and spread the work out amongst more folks. The time commitment is minimal, not much longer than attending

the regular service itself. You come a little early to make sure everything is set with the computers and equipment, and then stay a little after the service to give the video to Pastor for uploading to the website. The equipment is fairly modern, but not complicated, and once you get the hang of it, it is quite a bit of fun to do.

Please prayerfully consider becoming a part of this great work. If you might be interested, or if you have questions, please speak to Pastor, or to Bill Kopf who currently heads this ministry for us. Training will be provided and you would be doing a big service to Christ, to St. John's, and to the Church at large. This is also a great way to get youth involved: come to church and play with technology – what could be much better than that! Young or old, and anything in between, we could use your help! Please prayerfully consider it!

If you cannot be a watchman, Standing high on Zion's wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven, Off'ring life and peace to all,
With your prayers and with your bounties You can do what God commands;
You can be like faithful Aaron, Holding up the prophet's hands (LSB #826, st. 3).

~ Pastor Noack

Wednesday Bible Study – In May, the Wednesday study will be wrapping up our topic on the Resurrection of the Body and the Life Everlasting. In particular, we will explore the ending of Revelation and what heaven will be like, and then we will explore some of the common misconceptions that people have surrounding death. Even if you haven't participated thus far, you are welcome to join us. We meet on the ***first and third Wednesdays of each month at 11am.***

Sunday Bible Study – Our Sunday morning study wrapped up our exploration of the book of Acts and have begun a foray into the epistles of Peter. Please join us on ***Sundays from 8:30-9:15am*** for a look at these wonderful letters of encouragement. Coffee is always served!

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!

Official Acts at Saint John's (thru April 15):

Baptisms:

Jack Daniel Dondero April 13

Funerals:

Richard Camping April 5

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.

Music Notes

Cindy Holden, Director of Music

Years ago, I clipped a poem and tucked it in my folder of “things to hang on to”. Whether setting the verse to music is down the road, or just to have it for reflection, I don’t know, but sharing it seems timely as we have moved through the seasons from Christ’s baptism in January into this joy-filled Easter season.

Beginning here we glimpse the Three-in-one;
The river runs, the clouds are torn apart,
The Father speaks, the Spirit and the Son
Reveal to us the single loving heart
That beats behind the being of all things
And calls and keeps and kindles us to light.
The dove descends, the spirit soars and sings
“You are beloved, you are my delight!”
In that quick light and life, as water spills
And streams around the Man like quickening rain,
The voice that made the universe reveals
The God in Man who makes it new again.
*He calls us too, to step into that river
To die and rise and live and love forever.*

from, Sounding of the Seasons by Malcom Guite, quoted by The Rev. Clint Wilson, The Anglican Digest, Summer 2015

The river; the washing. Here is Christ Incarnate entering our world, baptized in the Jordan River as Father and Spirit make known their presence. It recalls our baptismal liturgy as God “condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, but preserved believing Noah and his family”; it harkens back to deliverance of the Israelites passing through the Red Sea with their enemies drowned behind them, and their passing over the Jordan River stepping into the promised land. It brings to mind Naaman’s cleansing from leprosy after swallowing pride and washing in the Jordan seven times, as instructed by Elisha, and Philip’s dialogue with the Ethiopian Eunuch, explaining the scriptures and leading to the Eunuch’s desire for baptism in the waters by which they were passing.

In the baptismal liturgy we pray that “through this saving flood all sin in us, which has been inherited from Adam and which we have committed since, would be drowned and die;... that we would be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church ... serving [God’s] name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope.”

Having just relived Christ’s passion and re-read those Old Testament stories of promise and deliverance and having experienced Christ’s victory over sin and the grave for us through his death and resurrection and having renewed our own baptismal vows at the Easter Vigil, now is the time to live with and in him, by His Spirit.

The Alleluias of Easter are exhilarating. May the Spirit “*soar and sing*” in us in every part of our lives as

“He calls us too, to step into that river
To die and rise and live and love forever!”

Thank you to all our singers, ringers and instrumentalists who continue to share talents and time to enhance the church’s prayers and praises! You help inspire and bring joy to our hearts!

This May **SŌLI (Singers of Long Island)**, a chamber choir that has a home here at St. John’s, presents a program unlike any we have ever sung before – a mix of spirituals, vocal jazz, Billy Joel, Greg Camp’s *All Star* and a lot more – something for nearly everyone!

There are three performances. If you would like to attend **SŌLI’s Spring Concert**, please join us:

Saturday, May 3 at 3pm at **The Sister of St. Dominican Mother House**, 555 Albany Ave., Amityville

Sunday, May 4 at 2:30pm at **St. Patrick’s Roman Catholic Church**, Main Street & N. Clinton Ave., Bay Shore

Sunday, May 17 at 2pm at **Smithtown Library**, 148 Smithtown Blvd, Nesconset branch.

Pre-registration is required with a library card for this concert. Contact the library at 631 360 2480.





Growing IN GOD'S grace

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Lutheran Women in Mission
41ST BIENNIAL CONVENTION
Omaha, Nebraska
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June 26–29, 2025

Lutheran Women in Mission News

Save the Date for these great events coming up!

May 3 – LWML Atlantic District Mission Festival to be held at Redeemer Lutheran Church in the Bronx.

May 16-17 – Women's Retreat at Immaculate Conception Seminary.

June 26-29 – LWML National Convention in Omaha, Nebraska!



New Location!

**Saturday, May 3, 2025
10 AM-1 PM**



**Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church
4360 Rev. Theodore Wittrock Crossing
The Bronx, New York 10466**



THE ATLANTIC DISTRICT
of THE LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD (LCMS)

LCMS Atlantic District News

District Convention – July 10-11 @ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Colonie, NY



May 2025

	1	Leviticus 23:23-44; Luke 12:35-53
	2	Leviticus 24:1-23; Luke 12:54—13:17
	3	Leviticus 26:1-20; Luke 13:18-35
Sun	4	Leviticus 26:21-33, 39-44; Luke 14:1-24
	5	Numbers 3:1-16, 39-48; Luke 14:25—15 :10
	6	Numbers 8:5-26; Luke 15:11-32
	7	Numbers 9:1-23; Luke 16:1-18
	8	Numbers 10:11-36; Luke 16:19-31
	9	Numbers 11:1-23, 31-35; Luke 17:1-19
	10	Numbers 11:24-29; 12:1-16; Luke 17:20-37
Sun	11	Numbers 13:1-3, 17-33; Luke 18:1-17
	12	Numbers 14:1-25; Luke 18:18-34
	13	Numbers 14:26-45; Luke 18:35—19:10
	14	Numbers 16:1-22; Luke 19:11-28
	15	Numbers 16:23-40; Luke 19:29-48
	16	Numbers 16:41—17:13; Luke 20:1-18
	17	Numbers 20:1-21; Luke 20:19-44
Sun	18	Numbers 20:22—21:9; Luke 20:45—21:19
	19	Numbers 21:10-35; Luke 21:20-38
	20	Numbers 22:1-20; Luke 22:1-23
	21	Numbers 22:21—23:3; Luke 22:24-46
	22	Numbers 23:4-28; Luke 22:47-71
	23	Numbers 24:1-25; Luke 23:1-25
	24	Numbers 27:12-23; Luke 23:26-56
Sun	25	Numbers 32:1-6, 16-27; Luke 24:1-27
	26	Numbers 35:9-30; Luke 24:28-53
	27	Ecclesiastes 4:1-16; John 7:32-53
	28	Ecclesiastes 5:1-20; John 8:1-20
	29	Ecclesiastes 6:1—7; John 8:21-38
	30	Ecclesiastes 7:11-29; John 8:39-59
	31	Ecclesiastes 8:1-17; John 9:1-23

The Ascension of **OUR LORD** *Divine Service*



THURSDAY, MAY 29TH AT 7:30PM

The congregations and clergy of LCMS Atlantic District Circuits 8 & 9 are cordially invited to a joint service celebrating the Ascension of our Lord. Members of the clergy are welcome to process and participate in the service. You may also participate in the massed choir bringing together singers from our various churches. Reception to follow.

Join us as we celebrate Christ's ascended triumph!

SAINT JOHN'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH | 48 GREENE AVENUE | SAYVILLE, NY 11782

SOLES4 SOULS



*give shoes.
give love.*

You can help by simply donating your shoes!

Souls4Souls has 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.

Souls4Souls had an impact of 5.8 million shoes supplied to needed areas in 2024. St. John's Lutheran Church of Sayville, along with other members of the community, have the opportunity to help in this special way. Many of us have shoes or sneakers in our closets that we no longer use and this is the perfect opportunity to donate them to an incredible cause!

*Shoe collection dates:
April 27-May 18th*

*Drop off location:
St. John's Lutheran Church
48 Greene Avenue, Sayville, NY*

Please contact Honey Pabst with questions at 631-897-5193 or arthon@aol.com



REGISTER BY
6/25

ST. JOHN'S GOLF OUTING

Thursday, July 31, 2025

TIMBER POINT GOLF COURSE, GREAT RIVER, NY

- SIGN UP TO BE A PLAYER
- ATTEND THE RECEPTION & DINNER ONLY PORTION
- SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE



> LEARN MORE

EVENT PROCEEDS WILL GO TO BENEFIT "SHARING A MEAL"; THE FOOD PANTRY AT ST. JOHN'S IN HOLBROOK & OUR NEW PRAYER GARDEN



REGISTER NOW >

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION:
STJOHNSAYVILLE.ORG/2025GOLFOUTING

May 2025

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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May Divine Service Assistant Schedule

May 4	Sunday 7:45am	Sunday 9:30am
Communion Stewards	Bill Audia	Leo Rigaud
Ushers	Charlie Erb Jim Farrell	Jane Emmel & Kristin Noack
Reader	Jim Farrell	Dorothy Bauer
May 11	Sunday 7:45am	Sunday 9:30am
Communion Stewards	Robert Bayley	Al Coppola
Ushers	Brian & Christine Kirschenheiter	Chuck & Judy Scott
Reader	Christine Kirschenheiter	Al Coppola
May 18	Sunday 7:45am	Sunday 9:30am
Communion Stewards	Greg Calvano	Paul Erath
Ushers	Marcus & Annie Habeeb	Lloyd & Pam Arrasate
Reader	Jim Farrell	Paul Erath
May 25	Sunday 7:45am	Sunday 9:30am
Communion Stewards	Charlie Erb	Al Coppola
Ushers	Steve & Janet Lindfors	Kevin Paul & Barbara Dahlgren
Reader	Pastor	Elaine Whitehouse

If you are unable to serve where assigned, please find someone you can switch with or someone who can take your place. Please let the Church Office know of any changes you make. Thank you.

May Readings

<p>May 4: Ezekiel 34:11-16; 1 Peter 2:21-25</p> <p>May 11: Isaiah 40:25-31; 1 Peter 2:11-20</p> <p>May 18: Isaiah 12:1-6; James 1:16-21</p> <p>May 25: Numbers 21:4-9; 1 Timothy 2:1-6</p>
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Saint John's Divine Service Schedule

Sunday 7:45am & 9:30am

Church Office Hours:
Tuesday - Friday, 9:30am-2:30pm
Bookkeeper Hours:
Tuesdays & Thursdays 11am-3pm

Our Mission

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.

**A Congregation of
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod**

The *Good News* is published by the church office of Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church to keep its members and friends informed of church news and activities. Newsletter deadline for the June 2025 issue will be May 15th.