

First Sunday In Lent



February 22, 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

The story of Jesus in the wilderness is the typical text for the first weekend of Lent. It stands as a reminder that the devil is rather brash, sparing no effort to undo the plans of God. Yet Jesus was able to withstand his temptations by rightly referring to the Word of God and sending the devil away reeling and looking for another chance to throw our Lord off of his mission. If the devil will do this to Jesus, imagine what he will do to those who belong to him by baptism. Thus, it is important for us to remain in the Word as well, but more importantly, to follow our Lord who promises to lead us through temptation and keep us safe until he brings us home to himself.

Today in the Church Year

Lent is a season of reflective meditation upon the sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, as well as a time of intentional consideration of our sinfulness and our need for a Savior. The color for the season is violet, which is the color of repentance. It is also a color of royalty which connects us to our Savior King, the one who has taken upon himself our sinfulness and shame and borne them to the cross to win forgiveness and salvation for us. Lent is 40 days long, not including Sundays, which is why the Sundays are "in" Lent, not "of" Lent. This 40 day journey connects us to the 40 day temptation of Jesus in the wilderness, and is a journey to the cross of Good Friday. Each week will focus more and more on this event, leading us all the way to Holy Week, and ultimately to joy of Easter morning!

✠ IN NOMINE JESU - IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠

A Prayer upon Entering Church

Gracious Father, we pray for thy holy catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ thy Son our Savior. Amen.

Opening Voluntary: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God This is My Father's World

arr. Jason W. Krug
D. H. Eeroyd

Announcements & Sharing of the Peace

✠ Service of Preparation ✠

Opening Hymn: Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken

LSB 521
Tune: FORTUNATUS NEW

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*)

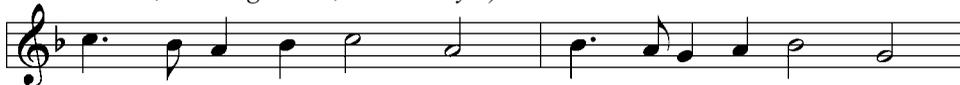
C Amen.

† Service of the Word †

Kyrie (*Mark 10:47*)

LSB 944

(*Kyrie eleison is Greek, meaning "Lord, have mercy."*)



1 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.
3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.



Ky - ri - e e - le - - - i - son.
Chris - te e - le - - - i - son.
Ky - ri - e e - le - - - i - son.

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...O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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

Genesis 3:1-21

☒ The Old Testament Reading for The First Sunday in Lent is taken from Genesis, the third chapter.

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” ²And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” ¹¹He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹²The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,

*“Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.*

*¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;*

*he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel.”*

¹⁶To the woman he said,

*“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;
in pain you shall bring forth children.
Your desire shall be for your husband,
and he shall rule over you.”*

¹⁷And to Adam he said,

*“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife
and have eaten of the tree
of which I commanded you,
‘You shall not eat of it,’
cursed is the ground because of you;
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
¹⁸thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.*

*¹⁹By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread,
till you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
for you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.”*

*²⁰The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.
²¹And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and
clothed them.*

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32:1-7 (The Cantor introduces the antiphon, the Congregation repeats the antiphon and sings the bolded verses and antiphon as indicated)

Antiphon

Cynthia Holden
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You are a hid - ing place for me; you pre - serve me from trou - ble

Tone C

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- ¹ Blessèd is the one whose transgression | is forgiven,*
whose | sin is covered.
- ² **Blessèd is the man against whom the Lord counts | no iniquity,*
and in whose spirit there is | no deceit.**
- ³ For when I kept silent, my bones | wasted away*
through my groaning | all day long.
- ⁴ **For day and night your hand was | heavy upon me;*
my strength was dried up as by the | heat of summer.** **Antiphon**
- ⁵ I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover | my iniquity;*
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
and you forgave the in- | iquity of my sin.
- ⁶ **Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when |
you may be found;*
surely in the rush of great waters, they | shall not reach him.**
- ⁷ You are a hiding place for me; you pre- | serve me from trouble;*
you surround me with | shouts of deliverance.

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

Antiphon

Epistle

Romans 5:12-19

L The Epistle is from Romans, the fifth chapter.

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Lenten Verse

Ephesians 6:11

C Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written,

*"Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."*

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you,"

and

*"On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone."*

⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

*"You shall worship the Lord your God
and him only shall you serve."*

¹¹Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

☩ 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 ☩ 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: The Tree of Life

LSB 561

Tune: TREE OF LIFE

Sermon: The Tempter's power

Offering: Remember, O Thou Man

Ravenscroft (1588-1635)

Remember O thou man, O thou man, O thou man,
Remember O thou man, thy time is spent.
Remember O thou man how thou art dead and gone,
And I did what I can, therefore repent.

Remember Adam's fall ... from heaven to hell.
Remember Adam's fall, how we were condemned all
In hell perpetual therefore to dwell.

Remember God's goodness...and promise made
Remember God's goodness, how he sent his Son doubtless
Our sins for to redress; Be not afraid.

In Bethlehem was he born...for mankind dear;
In Bethlehem was he born for us that were forlorn.
And therefore took no scorn our sins to bear.

(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: Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God *(Psalm 51:10-12)*

LSB 956

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.**

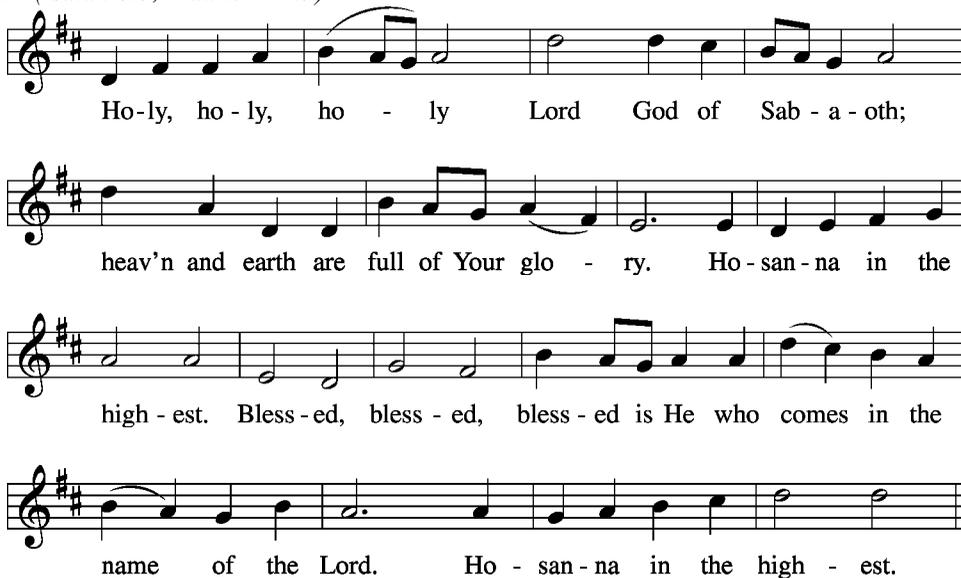
✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

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, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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*)

LSB 961



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed, bless - ed, bless - ed is He who comes in the
name of the Lord. 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 ✠ 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)*

LSB 962

Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a -
way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
God, You take a-way the sin of the world; grant us Your
peace, grant us Your peace, grant us Your peace.

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 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 received, and the pastor announces the dismissal, 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

Make me, O Lord, so to perceive with lips and heart and know by faith and by love, that by virtue of this sacrament I may deserve to be planted in the likeness of your death and resurrection, by mortifying the old man, and by renewal of the life of righteousness. May I be worthy to be incorporated into your body "which is the church," so that I may be your member and you may be my head, and that I may remain in you and you in me. Then at the Resurrection you will refashion the body of my humiliation according to the body of your glory, as you promised by your apostle, and I shall rejoice in you forever to your glory, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.

Distribution Hymn: O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

LSB 418

Tune: CAITHNESS

Distribution Hymn: All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall

LSB 562

Tune: WENN WIR IN HOCHSTEN NOTEN SEIN

A Prayer after Receiving the Sacrament

O Lord Jesus Christ, who in a wonderful Sacrament hast left unto us a memorial of thy passion: Grant us, we beseech thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Stand

Post-Communion Canticle: On My Heart Imprint Your Image

LSB 422

Tune: DER AM KREUZ



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-raise;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

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... We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

LSB 657
Tune: EIN FESTE BURG

Closing Voluntary: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Mark Sedio

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 Second Sunday in Lent: Genesis 12:1–9; Romans 4:1–8, 13–17; John 3:1–17
Daily Devotions for Home and Family are available on the way out

SAINT JOHN'S IN ACTION

Sun 2/22	The First Sunday in Lent Coffee Hour hosted by The Burns Family 7:45am Divine Service 8:30am Bible Study 9:30am Divine Service 9:30am Sunday School
Mon 2/23	7:00pm Boy Scouts
Tues 2/24	6:00pm First Communion Class 7:00pm Council Meeting 7:00pm Judo/12 Step
Wed 2/25	12:00pm Divine Service 12:30pm Narcotics Anonymous 6:00pm Confirmation Class 7:00pm Divine Service
Thu 2/26	7:45pm SoLI 6:30pm Bells 7:30pm Chancel Choir
Fri 2/27	12:30pm Narcotics Anonymous
Sun 3/1	The Second Sunday in Lent Coffee Hour hosted by Debbie Donaldson 7:45am Divine Service 8:30am Bible Study 9:30am Divine Service 9:30am 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 2/9-2/15/26	\$5,214	Wednesday Attendance: 13 Sunday Attendance: 99
Weekly Forecasted Income	\$5,041	
Monthly Mortgage Payment	\$2,554	
F.O.R. Contributions - February	\$430	

Thank You - VBS was a great success this past week. The kids had a great time learning about Jesus as the ultimate superhero, and getting a chance to meet a few local superheroes as well: Abraham the Comfort Dog, Community Ambulance members, Suffolk County Police Officers, and Sayville FD members. Thank you to all who helped spread the word about the program, and who donated snacks for the week. A special thank you to our wonderful volunteers who made all this possible: Lisa Lackemann, Lisa Giacoia, Karen Paul, Rex & Cindy Holden, Beverly Schmidt, Elaine Whitehouse, Robert Bayley, Rebecca, Emily, & Brooke Bartik, as well as Whitney Dale in the office.

Souper Bowl Of Caring Thank You - the Mary Martha ladies would like to thank everyone for their generosity to help Sharing a Meal, the soup kitchen in Sayville. On Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, we collected \$600 in our soup pot. In the next couple of weeks, Mary Martha President, Pam Kennard, will be presenting a check to Joanne Rowland, President of Sharing a Meal. We have been blessed with all you gave and those who are fed will be blessed too.

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

Trustees - We are looking to reignite the Trustees, a group of people who help with the ongoing maintenance and repair of our building and houses. The goal is to create a pool of people who have skills in certain areas who would be willing to do some work around the church as needed. A list of projects would be made known on a regular basis, and if you are available and able to handle something, you could volunteer to do it when it is convenient for you. Or, it may be as simple as recommending a particular contractor that you have used in the past and think might do a good job

for the church if the project is bigger than a Home Depot repair. If you are interested in being included in this group, please speak to Pastor.

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. Registration is now open! See the flyer on the bulletin board for a QR code, or go to www.ad-lcms.org for more information. Please consider joining us!

Thrivent Water Filter Kits Or Solar Light Build Kits - I have heard back from some of you that you received your kits. I am looking to set a date towards the end of March when we can meet and assemble our kits together as we did last year. Hope you will be part of this group so order your kits as soon as you can. I am looking forward to hearing from you and adding your name to the growing list of people who have already received their kits. Honey Pabst arthon@aol.com

Lenten & Holy Week Services

Passion History

In this worship series for Lent, we will explore the various scenes of the Passion narrative as drawn from a mix of all four Gospels. This is a wonderful way to meditate on the work of salvation that Christ has done for us, preparing us for the events of Holy Week and the joy of Easter. Please join us as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus and consider all that he has done to bring us life and salvation eternally.

The Lord's Supper (2/25)	noon & 7pm
Gethsemane (3/4)	noon & 7pm
The Palace of the High Priest (3/11)	noon & 7pm
The Praetorium (3/18)	noon & 7pm
Calvary (3/25)	noon & 7pm
Palm/Passion Sunday (3/29)	7:45am & 9:30am
Holy Wednesday (4/1)	7pm
Maundy Thursday (4/2)	noon & 7pm
Good Friday (4/3)	noon & 7pm
Holy Saturday (4/4)	7pm
Easter Sunrise (4/5) @ Sayville Marina Beach Park	6:00am
Easter Divine Service (4/5)	7:45am & 9:30am

Communion Stewards: Charlie Erb (7:45am), Al Coppola (9:30am); **Ushers:** Marcus & Annie Habeeb (7:45am), Kevin Paul & Barbara Dahlgren (9:30am); **Readers:** Pastor (7:45am), Al Coppola (9:30am); **Musicians:** Chancel Choir & Eagle Eye Ringers (9:30am); **Counters:** Gene & Lisa Giacoia

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Saint John's Divine Service Schedule:

Sunday 7:45am & 9:30am

Wednesday Noon & 7:00pm

Church Office Hours:

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

Bookkeeper Hours:

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 11am-3pm

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