

Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost



November 10, 2024



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

It is an interesting thing to consider that today, Jesus sat down in the temple and watched people. The very One who is himself the temple, sits down in the midst of the temple. What he notices is not the high and holy folks buzzing about, but a poor widow. What was significant about her was not her gift, but the totality of it. Everything she had, she gave. Here was great faith! She trusted not in earthly things, but in the provision of God, knowing that in Him, there would never really be lack. Such is the work of Christ - he comes to give all that he has and is, so that you would have the riches of heaven and the certainty of unending life.

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: Romanze, Opus 26

Johan S. Svendsen (1840-1922)

Announcements & Sharing of the Peace

✠ Service of Preparation ✠

*Opening Hymn: Come, We That Love the Lord

LSB 669

Tune: MARCHING TO ZION

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.

C **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.

C **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.**

P 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ Service of the Word ✠

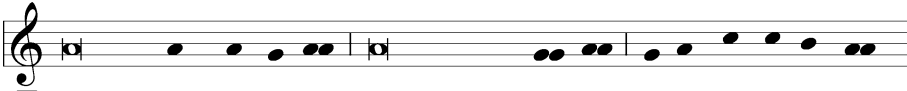
*Kyrie (Mark 10:47)



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



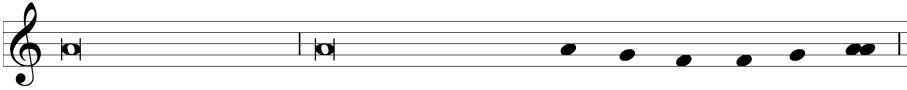
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



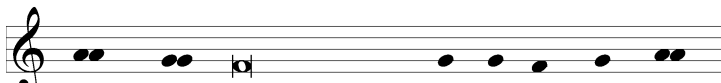
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

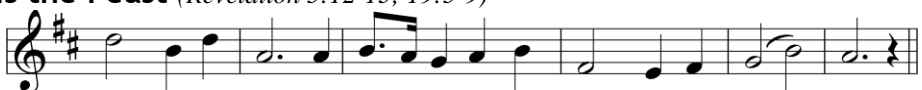


A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

***This Is the Feast** (*Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9*)



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -

lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:
 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray...Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Grant us so firmly to believe in Your Son Jesus that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 17:8–16

- L** The Old Testament Reading for The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost is taken from First Kings, the seventeenth chapter.

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], ⁹“Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” ¹¹And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” ¹³And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’” ¹⁵And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

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

***Psalm 146** *(The Cantor introduces the antiphon, the Congregation repeats the antiphon and sings the bolded verses and antiphon as indicated)*

Antiphon



The Lord watch-es o-ver the so-journ-ers; he up-holds the wid-ow and the fath-er-less.



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- ¹ Praise | thē LORD!.*
Praise the LORD, | O my soul!
- ² **I will praise the LORD as | long as I live.***
I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.
- ³ Put not your | trust in princes,*
in a son of man, in whom there is | no salvation.
- ⁴ **When his breath departs he re- | turns to the earth.***
on that very | day his plans perish. Antiphon
- ⁵ Blessèd is he whose help is the | God of Jacob,*
whose hope is in the | LORD his God,
- ⁶ **who made heaven and earth, the sea, and | all that is in them.***
who keeps | faith forever;
- ⁷ who executes justice | for the oppressed,*
who gives | food to the hungry.
- ⁸**The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the | eyes of the blind.***
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD | loves the righteous.
Antiphon
- ⁹ The LORD watches over the sojourners; ... he upholds the | widow and the fatherless,*
but the way of the wicked he | brings to ruin.
- ¹⁰ **The LORD will | reign forever,***
your God, O Zion, to all generations. | Praise the LORD!
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

Hebrews 9:24–28

L The Epistle is from Hebrews, the ninth chapter.

²⁴For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, ²⁸so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

***Alleluia and Verse** (John 6:68)



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 12:38-44

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the twelfth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

³⁸In his teaching [Jesus] said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces ³⁹and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, ⁴⁰who devour widows’ houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

⁴¹And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. ⁴³And he called his disciples to him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. ⁴⁴For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

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: Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart**

LSB 708

Tune: HERZLICH LIEB

Sermon: Put not your trust in princes

***Offering: In Whom I Trust**

text: Jayne Rasmussen & M.S., based on Psalm 91

Music: Mark Shepperd

All who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
all who dwell in the shadow of our God will say to the Lord,
“My refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust.”

He will deliver you if you make the Lord your dwelling.
No harm will come to you if you make the Lord your refuge. *Ref.*

Angels shall guard your way by the power of his holy hand.
Your foot shall strike no stone by his glorious command. *Ref.*

Because you love the Lord and give him adoration,
then he will rescue you and show you his salvation. *Ref.*

(During the Offering, please fill out the green Attendance Slip in the pew. Hand the completed slip to the usher on the way forward for communion.)

Stand

***Offertory** (*Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19*)



C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru - sa-lem.

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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 ✠ 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."*

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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.

Agnus Dei (*John 1:29*)

C 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 peace, grant us 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 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

Merciful God, we do not presume to come to your table trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat and drink the body and blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that we may live in him and he in us, now and forever. Amen.

*Distribution Hymn: You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

LSB 641

Distribution Voluntary on *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart* setting: David Cherwien

A Prayer after Receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you most heartily that you have fed us in these holy mysteries with the body and blood of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ; and we humbly ask you so to assist us with your grace that we may continue as true members in the mystical body of your Son and do the good works that you desire; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Stand

*Post-Communion Canticle: Thank the Lord

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -
joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-
es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray... O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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 look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn: Lord of All Hopefulness

LSB 738
Tune: SLANE

Closing Voluntary: Corrente Arcangelo Corelli (1653-1713), edit & arr. S. Drummond Wolff
(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

Almighty God, since you have called your Church to witness that in Christ you have reconciled us to yourself, grant that by your Holy Spirit we may proclaim the good news of your salvation that all who hear it may receive the gift of salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

✠ SOLI DEO GLORIA - TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY ✠

† Look Ahead for next week:

The 26th Sunday After Pentecost: Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-25; Mark 13:1-13
Daily Devotions for Home and Family are available on the way out and online

SAINT JOHN'S IN ACTION

Sun 11/10	The 25th Sunday After Pentecost	
	7:45am	Divine Service
	8:30am	Bible Study
	9:30am	Divine Service
	9:30am	Sunday School
	11:00am	Senior Ministry Meeting
	2:00pm	Circuit Forum
Mon 11/11	7:00pm	Boy Scouts
Tue 11/12	7:00pm	Council Meeting
		Judo/Women's 12 Step
Wed 11/13	12:30pm	Narcotics Anonymous
	6:00pm	Confirmation
	7:45pm	SoLI
Thu 11/14	1:00pm	Women's (soprano) rehearsal
	6:30pm	Finance Meeting
		Eagle Eye Ringers
	7:00pm	Judo
	7:30pm	Chancel Choir
Fri 11/15	12:30pm	Narcotics Anonymous
Sat 11/16	9:00am	Thanksgiving Food Boxes
Sun 11/17	The 26th Sunday After Pentecost	
	7:45am	Divine Service
	8:30am	Congregational Meeting
	9:30am	Divine Service w/ Baptism
	9:30am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Coffee Hour

Contributions Received 10/28-11/3/24	\$5,031	Sunday Attendance:116
Weekly Forecasted Income	\$5,536	
Monthly Mortgage Payment	\$2,554	
F.O.R. Contributions - October	\$915	



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.

Altar Flowers - In memory of Donald Harris from Bobbi & family.

Senior Ministry Committee - Today, following the 9:30am service, there will be a brief organizational meeting for the Senior Ministry Committee. If you would like to be part of planning events and outreach activities for our seniors, please plan to be at this meeting! If you have any questions, or would like to participate but cannot attend, please speak to Pastor. Hope you can join us!

Operation Christmas Child - Christmas Shoebox Dropoff: For those who took the shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, the closest drop-off location is at the Gospel Community Church on Greeley Avenue, across from the school administration building. The dates and times are as follows: Mon, Nov. 18: 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM; Tue, Nov. 19: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM; Wed, Nov. 20: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM; Thu, Nov. 21: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM; Fri, Nov. 22: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM; Sat, Nov. 23: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM; Sun, Nov. 24: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM; Mon, Nov. 25: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Don't forget to include your check, and thank you for your participation in this wonderful program again this year!

Angela's House Stuffed Animal Drive - What could be more warm and fuzzy than a stuffed animal for a child? We hope you will join Mary Martha in collecting NEW stuffed animals (around 6-7 inches tall) for the children who reside in one of the 3 Angela Houses in Suffolk County. These wonderful homes provide love, medical care, and a staff of caring people for medically challenged children. There will be a dinner for the children and their families the first week in December. Help us bring smiles to the faces of the children. You can leave your donation in the Narthex from November 3 through November 16. For more information speak to Pam Kennard or Honey Pabst. To learn more about Angela's house go to www.angelashouse.org. There is a sample animal in the Narthex.

Thrivent Choice Dollars - Can You Make a Difference? I think we can all make a difference in everything we do, especially with Thrivent Choice Dollars. Just having a Thrivent product enables you to designate the Choice Dollars you receive to an organization of your choice or...YOUR CHURCH. Many things can be done at the church that are outside of the budget; your donation can make that difference! That is a power you and other Thrivent members at our church have to help with things needed. If you haven't designated your Choice Dollars yet, and don't know how, you can contact me, and I will be happy to help you. Alternatively, you can call Thrivent at 800-236-3736 for additional help. God bless you as you become a person who makes a difference. Honey Pabst, Thrivent Champion: arthon@aol.com

Social Ministries - Thank you to all of you who have contributed to the food pantry for the past few months! As we begin to prepare for our busy season here, we need to replenish many of our supplies. Our food pantry shelves need the following: *green beans, corn, peas, dried beans, tomatoes, pasta, stuffing, gravy, instant potatoes, canned yams, mini-marshmallows, mac & cheese, apple juice, apple sauce, hot cocoa mix, cereal, peanut butter, canned fruit, canned tuna, cake mix and icing, rice-aroni, and cookies.* As always turkey donations are also helpful. Donations of non-perishable items can be left in the food box in the narthex. If you have questions, please contact Annie Habeeb at 631-626-5439 or rollingwood07@gmail.com. Thank you!

Christmas Mail - This year the Mary Martha Guild is offering a Christmas Mailbox at church. This will be for those of us who attend church and would like to send Christmas cards only to people in our church family. Look for more information coming your way very soon.

From Annunciation to Incarnation: A Journey with Jesus from the Womb to the Manger



Week 33 - The baby's skin is starting to smooth out even more as fat is added in and the beginning of the chubby "baby fat." The coloring of the skin is also becoming more pink. The baby's movements are felt even more by the mother now, not because the baby is moving more, but because there is less room and the baby is gaining in strength. By now, the baby should be upside down, preparing for the typical head-first delivery, even though it is still a few weeks ahead. Our Lord is making ready to greet the world with His salvation!

Listen to your father who gave you life. - Proverbs 23:22a

Communion Stewards: Greg Calvano (7:45), Al Coppola (9:30); **Ushers:** Brian & Christine Kirschenheiter, Lexi & Sebastian Meza (7:45), Chuck & Judy Scott, Shayna Franco (9:30); **Readers:** Christine Kirschenheiter (7:45), Al Coppola (9:30); **Acolytes:** Ryan Stahlhut (7:45), Gavin Lundquist (9:30); **Musicians:** Kristen Johnson, violin (7:45 & 9:30), Chancel Choir, Rex Holden, clarinet (9:30); **Counters:** Chuck & Judy Scott

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Sunday 7:45am & 9:30am

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

Bookkeeper Hours:

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 11am-3pm

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